

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2011
7:00 p.m., Civic Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

In attendance: Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice-Chair Dale Pineo
Commissioner Dean Hatt
Commissioner James Redmond
Commissioner Maynard Stevens
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Also in attendance: Supt of Public Works Peter Pothier
Mr. Chris Parker, County Councillor, District 11

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, Chair

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: February 14, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Agenda of the regular Commission meeting of February 14, 2011 be approved as submitted. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 11, 2011

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held January 11, 2011 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Boundary Expansion – Update

T. Silver advised that she has received a letter from the NS Board of Public Utilities, with a number of questions to be answered. She is doing the research and preparing the answers to their questions.

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Chair Chaulk stated that he was contacted and was interviewed lately by CBC TV News and Global News with regard to the Village's application.

b) Bylaw #1 – Update

T. Silver advised that she has received correspondence from Service Nova Scotia regarding the amendments to Bylaw #1, Meetings of Commissioners. She has responded to this correspondence and expects to receive approval of the Bylaw any day.

c) Solicitor Services – Update

T. Silver stated that the Village's Solicitor has gone with a new firm and the Commissioners were polled and it was unanimously decided to keep our files with our current solicitor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read the report of the New Minas Water Commission (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the report of the New Minas Water Commission be adopted as read. MOTION CARRIED

b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised there was no meeting of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee in December.

c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

Vice-Chair Pineo read the report of the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that \$500 be placed in the 2011/2012 Operating Budget, pending final budget approval, for the 2011 55 Plus Games. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the report of the Recreation Advisory Committee be adopted as read. MOTION CARRIED

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised there was no meeting of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee in February.

NEW BUSINESS

a) New Facility – Tender Specifications Report

T. Silver stated that the staff has worked diligently over the past number of months to develop tender specifications for the new facility. She stated the Commissioners have been forwarded a report and draft specifications. These specifications would be part of the package to be presented to any firm bidding on the project.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Tender Specifications as presented to the Commissioners be approved. MOTION CARRIED`

OTHER ADDED ITEMS

a) Meeting with Chair and Warden

Chair Chaulk advised the Commission that he has been invited to meet with Warden Diana Brothers, and stated he and the Clerk Treasurer would attend this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Clinton Shane Ekdahl, “Day of the Honey Bee”

The Commissioners referred to a letter from Mr. Clinton Shane Ekdahl, of Saskatoon, SK asking the Village to proclaim May 29 2011 as “Day of the Honey Bee”.

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the Village Commission proclaim May 29, 2011 as “Day of the Honey Bee”. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Councillor Chris Parker – Councillor Parker asked about the status of the Village’s application to expand its boundaries. Terry Silver explained that she has received a letter with a number of questions from the NS UARB, and she has been requested to forward a copy of all correspondence from here on in to the County of Kings. He wondered if the boundary expansion was to be approved, who would be responsible for services. It was explained that the Village’s services would be utilized in the expanded area, and either developers or the Village would be responsible for installation, depending on the circumstances.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer