

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2010
7:00 p.m., Civic Center

The regular monthly meeting of New Minas Village Commission was held on Monday, November 8, 2010 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: Councillor Chris Parker, District 10
Councillor Eric Smith, District 11

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, Chair

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: November 8, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the Agenda for the November 8, 2010 meeting be approved as presented with the following addition: under “OTHER ADDED ITEMS” add (a) “Thank You Letter to New Minas Lions Club”. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 12, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held October 12, 2010 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Boundary Expansion – Update

T. Silver advised that the boundary description was completed and approved by the Engineers. The petition has been sent out for signatures.

b) Roundabout/Highway 101 – Update (Letter from Minister Estabrooks)

Chair Chaulk stated that Minister Estabrooks responded to the Village's letter requesting DOT to install exit ramps now. Minister Estabrooks' letter is attached to original minutes.

c) Bylaw#1 – Second Reading

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that Bylaw #1 be approved for second reading. MOTION CARRIED

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 accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt read the report of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo, that the report of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion took place with regard to the application by the Village of Port Williams for amendment to the Land Use By law to allow two signs on Village office properties. The AAC had recommended this to the Village Commission for comment, with their comments being forwarded back to the AAC. The Commission asked the Clerk to get clarification on the request from Port Williams' application for the December Commission meeting.

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 the report of the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt read the report of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the Commission refer the cost of construction of a crosswalk light at the existing Perrier Drive/Prospect Road crosswalk site to the Village's Budget process for 2011/2012.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

a) NO FARMS NO FOOD – Chair Chaulk

Chair Chaulk requested the Commissioners to refer to a letter received by him from Ms. Pauline Raven, Member of No Farms No Food.

Essentially, Ms. Raven is requesting the Village Commission to write a letter of concern to Kings County Council with reference to an application for the "**Greenwich Comprehensive Development District**". Chair Chaulk stated he had received a call from County Warden Dianna Brothers offering to meet with the Commission to discuss this item.

Councillor Parker was invited to comment on this item. He stated that PAC would be dealing with the issue on November 23rd, and that Margo Young and Ben Sivak would be doing a presentation at this meeting. He suggested the Commission may wish to set up a meeting directly following the PAC meeting, since Ms. Young will be in Kentville for that reason.

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Commission accept the letter as presented. MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk will discuss setting up a meeting with County reps.

OTHER ADDED ITEMS

a) Letter of Thanks to the New Minas Lion's Club – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens brought the Commission's attention to the new curtains in the Civic Center. He stated these curtains were donated by the New Minas Lion's Club, were made and installed by Lions member Mrs. Shirley Reid.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that a letter be written to the New Minas Lion's Club, thanking them for their kind donation of new curtains for the Civic Center, and particularly for Mrs. Shirley Reid for making and installing the curtains. MOTION CARRIED

b) Thanks to the Village staff – Commissioner Hatt

Commissioner Hatt asked to extend congratulations to the Village staff for doing such a great job on the Village's programs and events. He said staff is doing a great job. He said all the reports indicate they are all successful, and that has to be due to everything staff puts into it.

Chair Chaulk agreed with Commissioner Hatt's comments. He said that staff works a lot of extra hours to ensure the programs and events are successful, and very often, thanks and congratulations are not given as often as they should be given. The Commissioners all agreed that they are very pleased with the programs and events, and they asked the Clerk to pass their comments along to the staff.

The Clerk thanked the Commission for their comments, and stated the Commission has a great team that works together and respects one another; a team to be proud of.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Councillor Chris Parker – Councillor Parker asked about the status of the Windsor-Hantsport rail trail proposed by the Village. Chair Chaulk stated that the Village countered the offer made by the rail line owner, but no word has been received to date. Councillor Parker stated that the County has earmarked \$30,000 for this year for the rail trail project.

Councillor Parker also stated the County also still has funds left in their new trails budget, and he would like to see New Minas receive some of it. If there is a project that could be done prior to March 31, 2011, the Village is encouraged to submit an application (50/50 sharing).

The Commission thanked Councillor Parker for the information.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Stevens, the meeting adjourned.

