

VILLAGE COMMISSION OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2004
7:00 p.m..

The Regular Meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on July 12, 2004 in the Civic Centre at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance Chair Dave Chaulk
 Vice Chair Linda Lockhart
 Commissioner Marvin Messom
 Commissioner Sherry Swanburg
 Commissioner Ted Nicholson
 Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Also In Attendance Bill Butler, Dir. Community Development County of Kings
 John Warden, Development Officer, County of Kings
 Peter Pothier, Supt. Of Public Works, New Minas
 Blair Coldwell, Resident
 Gordon Silver, Resident
 Les Barrett, Resident

CALL TO ORDER Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Regular Commission Meeting, June 14, 2004

It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Commissioner Nicholson that the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held June 14, 2004 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Budget Meeting, June 29, 2004

It was moved by Vice-Chair Lockhart, seconded by Commissioner Swanburg that the minutes of the Budget Meeting held June 29, 2004 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Special Meeting, July 5, 2004

It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Vice-Chair Lockhart that the minutes of the Special Meeting held July 5, 2004 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA July 12, 2004**

It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Vice-Chair Lockhart that the Agenda of July 12, 2004 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

Petty Traders' Bylaw – Bill Butler and John Warden

The Chair welcomes Mr. Butler and Mr. Warden to the meeting. Mr. Butler advised that he had met with the Clerk Treasurer to discuss amending the County of Kings Petty Traders' Bylaw as it was the Commission's request to amend the Bylaw to conform to the Land Use Bylaw. Currently, the Petty Traders' Bylaw included items which actually contravened the Land Use Bylaw. He explained the conflicts with the Bylaws, and outlined options for amendments.

It was moved by Commissioner Swanburg, seconded by Commissioner Messom that Mr. Warden be requested by the Commission to write a letter to the appropriate landowners where summer-long yard sales are being held in the Business District and advise them that this is an illegal use of the property, they are in violation of the Land Use Bylaw, and to cease the yard sales immediately. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Swanburg, seconded by Vice Chair Lockhart, that the Commission meet prior to the Regular Meeting in August to discuss changes to the Petty Traders' Bylaw which will make it conform to the Land Use Bylaw, and that John Warden and Bill Butler be invited to attend this meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Warden cautioned the Commission that consideration should be given to traffic concerns of the Dept of Transportation, signage hazards and liability issues.

Mr. Warden and Mr. Butler were thanked for their attendance and information.

Founding Fathers park – Commissioner Swanburg

Commissioner Swanburg gave a brief history of the Founding Fathers Society. She stated that in the past, donations were made to the Society in memoriam, and the money was used for scholarships for children of New Minas. There has been no activity for recent years, and

Lorraine MacPherson has inquired of the possibility of activating the Society. She noted that the Clerk Treasurer had previously given a report on the current amount of the fund.

The Clerk Treasurer will attempt to locate a list of the past donors, as well as any disbursements from the fund so that the Commission can discuss whether there is enough interest in activating the Society.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) **Expansion of Village Boundaries – Update**
Commissioner Swanburg

Commissioner Swanburg recommended that before any more decisions were made to extend the Village's Water services beyond the Village limits, public input should be sought to explore the Village boundaries.

It was moved by Commissioner Swanburg, seconded by Vice-Chair Lockhart that in the future, prior to any decision being made to provide any of the Village's water services outside the Village limits, public meetings be held to explore whether the affected potential water users would be interested in discussing expanding the Village Boundaries to include their area. MOTION CARRIED – 3 for; 2 against

(b) **Legal Services Tender - Update**

The Commissioners perused a letter from Mr. John Cameron, Q.C., in which he advised that the Commission would be in breach of a contract with Kimball Brogan if a decision was made for any reason to change the Commission's legal services at this time pursuant to Motion of March 8, 2004.

It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Commissioner Nicholson, that the Commission made a mistake in not tendering for legal services in March, 2004, but that it accept the advice of John Cameron, Q.C., that the decision of March 8, 2004 stands with regard to legal representation for the Village. MOTION CARRIED 3 votes for, 2 votes against.

(c) **Toulon Development - Update**

The Clerk Treasurer advised that a letter had been sent to Toulon Development requesting the company to clean up their property. No response has been received. T. Silver will follow up if a response is not forthcoming in the next while.

(d) Village Clean Up Update – Vice Chair Lockhart

Vice-Chair Lockhart read a notice for publication of the first annual Village clean up, which she would like to take place on July 31st, 2004 (notice attached to original minutes and to be published in the Advertiser).

Local businesses will be approached to donate refreshments for the event.

T. Silver advised that the Public Works personnel have already begun to pick up debris as time permits.

(e) Election Procedures Changes – Vice Chair Lockhart

It was moved by Vice Chair Lockhart, seconded by Commissioner Swanburg that the Clerk be instructed to inquire into the possible change from a staggered election process to a general four (4) year term for all Commissioners, keeping in mind that the present MGA pertaining to Villages is for a three (3) year term.
MOTION CARRIED

(f) Edwin Ditmars – Letter re Civic Numbering, Meadow Terrace S/D

It was moved by Commissioner Swanburg, seconded by Commissioner Messom that the Clerk Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Works investigate Mr. Ditmars' request and report to the Commission who will determine if it is prudent to apply for changes to the civic numbering in the Meadow Terrace Subdivision.
MOTION CARRIED

(g) Sign Repairs – Minasvale Subdivision

After discussion and consideration of a request from persons living in Minasvale Subdivision, it was agreed that the Clerk Treasurer would write to Mr. Hatt advising that the Village would not be able to repair the subdivision sign, but offering names of contacts of others who have successfully raised funds for this purpose.

(h) Legal Representation at Commission Meetings

Commissioner Swanburg asked if there was a need to require legal representation at all Commission Meetings.

It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Commissioner Nicholson, that the Village have legal representation at every Commission meeting.
MOTION LOST - 2 votes for; 3 votes against

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Recreation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Nicholson** There was no Recreation Advisory Committee meeting since the last Commission meeting, therefore, there was no report.

(b) **Water Commission – Commissioner Messom** Commissioner Messom gave a verbal Water Commission Report, highlighting the following:

- Robert Horne has accepted the position as Water Commission Vice Chair
- Greenwich Water Project well underway

It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Commissioner Nicholson that the report of the Water Commission Chair be accepted. MOTION CARRIED

(c) **Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Swanburg** Commissioner Swanburg gave the report of the Area Advisory Committee (copy attached to original minutes). She highlighted the following:

- The report of Wellfield Protection was adopted; County of Kings to hold Public Participation Meeting
- County personnel suggested that letter be distributed to land owners affected by the Wellfield Protection area since no one came to the public meetings thus far, and no responses have been received. It was felt by some Commissioners that the Commission and County have very well advertised its intentions and questioned the need for this.
- New Minas should consider a Risk Management Plan for any major catastrophes. Department of Environment and Emergency Measures Organization in the area would cover any procedures. It was felt that the Commission continue to investigate a Policy on public information.

It was moved by Commissioner Swanburg, seconded by Commissioner Messom, that the report of the Area Advisory Committee be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

(d) **Wellness Facility Committee – Commissioner Swanburg** Commissioner Swanburg advised that a report from the consultant will be forthcoming and she will keep the Commission apprised.

NEW BUSINESS:**(a) Annapolis Valley International Children's Games - Request**

It was moved by Vice Chair Lockhart, seconded by Commissioner Swanburg that \$100 be given to each of the five New Minas residents participating in the Annapolis Valley International Children's Games.
MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE**(a) Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce**

A letter was read from Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce (copy attached to original minutes) in which they requested the Commission to respond to them on their concerns about the "traffic situation" in New Minas. The Commission then referred to letter from G. R. Saunders Limited .

(b) G. R. Saunders Limited

A letter to Mr. Bob Bieren, Department of Transportation, from G. R. Saunders Limited, was perused by the Commissioners (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Saunders was also complaining about dangerous traffic situations in New Minas.

Discussion took place about these two concerns (EKCC and Saunders), and possible solutions. As an example, the 101 Interchange project. Hon. David Morse, at his presentation this spring, suggested the Province would be interested in entertaining any recommendations the Commission would have.

It was agreed by the Commissioners that a letter be forwarded to Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce, with a copy to G. R. Saunders Limited, suggesting that they discuss with the Commission a partnering program to hire a consultant to investigate options to alleviate the traffic congestion in New Minas.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**(a) Les Barrett**

- With regard to legal tender: he asked if the Commission will admit to making an error in their discussions about legal tenders.
- With regard to sign repairs: He suggested it might be advantageous to develop a "good neighbour liaison" with persons in subdivisions with regard to maintaining sub-division signs and advertise this in

the Village Voice.

(b) **Blair Coldwell**

- Complaining that the hanging flowers in the Village should be extended to the Village limits, and not only in the busy commercial district. He noted that everyone pays taxes and should have the benefit of the beautification of the Village.

(c) **Peter Pothier,**
Superintendent of Public
Works

- Advised that not extending the hanging flowers to the Village entry points was a financial decision: the Commission made the decision at Christmas time last year, considering the wreaths and the summer flowers, and have saved \$4000 in this regard.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Messom the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer