

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 26, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Water Commission was held in the Conference Room at the Civic Centre in New Minas on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance

Marvin Messom, Chair
Linda Lockhart, Member
Dave Chaulk, Member
Bob Horne, Vice Chair
Rod MacInnis, Member
Peter Pothier, Supt of Public Works
Lynn Spencer, Administrative Assistant
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

Guests

Brian Scott

Absent

Doug Seamone, Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Messom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

On Motion of Dave Chaulk, seconded by Robert Horne to approve the minutes of November 24,2004 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

**Business arising from the
minutes.
Update on Greenwich
system**

Peter Pothier reported that to date there have been approximately 20 homes hooked up to the Greenwich Water system. He stated that the only snag was the County has not signed agreements with the homeowners, and they requested that no more people be hooked up until they had their agreement in place. Everything is on track now and he suspects they will be very busy come this spring. A discussion took place on water control-how to determine how much water is used by the Fire department from hydrants.

Dual Hook-ups:

Peter Pothier reported on dual hook-ups. He stated that other Municipalities and Towns are servicing to the property line, the owner must then put in a line with service boxes on each side so that if there is a problem with one side of the duplex the water can be shut off and not affect the other. Commission will look at amending the Regulations when the next rate study is done.

**Canada NS Water Supply
Expansion Program**

Lynn Spencer stated that she talked with Doug Seamone about this matter and he said that New Minas does not qualify, because we do not supply water to agriculture lands.

**Dept of Environment
System Assessment Report
update:**

To be deferred to next meeting when Doug Seamone can be in attendance to update the Commission.

**PETER POTHIER'S
MONTHLY REPORT:**

On motion of Linda Lockhart, seconded by Robert Horne, the Superintendent's report was approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

A & W Request

Mr. Whalen from A&W requested the Water Commission write off \$ 6000.00 from his water bill. Mr. Whalen's water billing has been extremely high for quite some time. Gerard Hamilton and Peter Pothier have investigated this problem several times to find out that Mr. Whalen's problem was due to his refrigeration units. He was informed that the regulators needed to be repaired, but he did nothing about it until just recently.

On Motion of Rod MacInnis, seconded by Linda Lockhart to deny Mr. Whalen's request for a \$6000.00 write off. MOTION CARRIED

**Approval for "Protocol for
Disruptions of Water
Quality":**

On Motion of Linda Lockhart, seconded by Rod MacInnis that the "Protocol for Disruptions of Water Quality" policy be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

**Approval for "New Minas
Wellfield Emergency
Response Plan":**

On Motion for Linda Lockhart, seconded by Robert Horne that the "New Minas Wellfield Emergency Response Plan" policy be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Regulation Group
Minutes:

Rod MacInnis attended a meeting in Port Williams with concerns to the new water regulations, and the cost associated with this new process that has been passed on to the water utilities. Rod gave a brief up date to the Water Commission, and each commissioner received a copy of the report and minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Chaulk moved for adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

M. Messom, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Admin. Assistant