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**VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**November 8, 2005**

A meeting of the Village of New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee was held in the Conference Room in the Village Office on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m..

**In Attendance:** Chair Les Barrett  
 Vice-Chair and Citizen Member Pat Saulnier  
 Village Commission Chair, Dave Chaulk  
 Village Commission Vice-Chair Linda Lockhart  
 Village Superintendent of Public Works  
 Village Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

**Regrets:** Gordon Silver, Citizen Member

**Also Present:** Mr. Dave Etter, Resident

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Barrett called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – November 8, 2005**

**It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by P. Saulnier, that the Agenda of the meeting of November 8, 2005 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 11, 2005**

**It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by D. Chaulk, that the minutes of the TAC meeting of October 11, 2005 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**1. Terms of Reference – Update**

Chair Barrett advised that the Village Commission approved of the Terms of Reference as recommended by the TAC at the Regular Commission meeting held October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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## **2. Aalders Avenue – Safety Concerns – Update**

Chair Barrett stated he had spoken with Mr. Dave Etter, resident of Aalders Avenue, who had expressed concerns at previous meetings about the safety on his street. He explained that the Village Commission had approved hiring someone to log vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Aalders Avenue. Discussion took place, and Mr. Etter offered comments on the problems on Aalders Avenue, based on his experience.

Although it was determined that any changes to the traffic regulations are entirely at the discretion of Department of Transportation, it was agreed that, pursuant to the Village Commission's motion in October, a person would again be hired to log the traffic on Aalders Avenue for another time period (10:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.), and those findings be brought back to this Committee. It was also agreed that Hon. David Morse, MLA for Kings South, should be advised of the local concerns, and be invited to attend meetings to be set up between the Committee and DOTPW.

## **3. Department of Transportation Request – Update**

T. Silver advised that she has written to Mr. Brian Ward of New Minas Base DOTPW requesting some response to her recent letters. Her letters requested answers to questions and concerns cited to Mr. Ward at a meeting held with him on September 9, 2005, as well as other concerns, which have been expressed to Mr. Ward in the past nine months or so. To date, no responses have been received.

## **4. Cloverleaf Drive Drainage – Update**

P. Pothier advised that he and Linda Lockhart had met with Mr. Brian Ward, DOTPW regarding flooding problems on Milne Avenue and Marina Drive from Cloverleaf Drive. He stated that Mr. Ward advised that DOTPW are not in a position to address this at this time, but perhaps at some future time.

Discussion took place regarding the history of this problem, as well as who is directly affected. It was agreed that Public Works staff will survey the homeowners in the area to determine the extent of the properties affected by water run-off from Highway 101, and that this item be placed on the Agenda for the meeting with this Committee, Hon. Morse and Mr. Ward. It was further agreed that the Village's Engineer be asked to attend this meeting as well.

## **5. Association of Nova Scotia Villages response - Crosswalks**

T. Silver advised that she had polled the members of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages with regard to their processes for Crosswalk/Median maintenance responsibility. She stated that only Bible Hill and Kingston had responded; however,

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these are the two Villages most similar to the Village of New Minas. She referred to copies of their responses, and advised their experiences are very similar to that of the Village of New Minas.

Further discussion took place, and it was decided that Chair Barrett would call Mr. Roger Larkin, Regional Manager of DOTPW, to discuss the concerns expressed by the Clerk and staff with communication with the local DOTPW office. The Clerk will follow up this call with a letter to Mr. Larkin.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Flashing Traffic Lights – 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.**

Chair Barrett advised that at the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Village Commission meeting, former Commissioner Marvin Messom requested this Committee to consider making an inquiry to DOTPW to have the street lights along Commercial Street flashing between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Chair Barrett stated that he had phoned Mr. Ward at DOTPW in New Minas, and was advised that a letter should be written to him with this request, and although he does not have the authority to make a decision, he will ensure that the Village's request is forwarded to the appropriate person. Mr. Ward did state that his Department would not consider flashing lights at the connector road.

**It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by D. Chaulk that the Clerk write a letter to Mr. Brian Ward, DOTPW requesting that the traffic lights on Commercial Street in New Minas be flashing from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily, with the exception of the lights at the 101 Connector Road. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Mr. Dave Etter

Mr. Etter thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak at this meeting. He stated that he has also experienced difficulties with DOTPW at the local level, and hoped that the Committee had some success in paving the way for better communication.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**On Motion of D. Chaulk, the meeting adjourned.**

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**Les Barrett, Chair**

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**Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer**