

**VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday November 7th, 2006
7:00pm**

The regular monthly meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 7th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance:

Chair Dale Pineo
Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens
Commissioner Dave Chaulk
Member Linda Lockhart
Member Les Sequeria
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pineo called the meeting to order.

WELCOME, RECREATION DIRECTOR, VINCENT FORRESTALL

Chair Pineo and the Committee welcomed Vincent Forrestall to the Village of New Minas team. He stated that Vince has come to the Village with a lot of vision, insight and experience, and he asked Vince if he would like to give a brief run-down of his background. Vince stated that he is pleased to have been accepted as the Village's Rec Director and spoke to the Committee of his background and experience, as well as how anxious he is to work with the Committee, the Commission, and the staff to determine the needs of the community and meet those needs. The Committee enthusiastically welcomed Vince.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – November 7, 2006

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by L. Sequeria, that the Agenda for the meeting of November 7, 2006 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 4, 2006

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by Vice Chair Stevens, that the Minutes of the regular meeting held July 4, 2006 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Trail Development

Chair Pineo stated that Trail Development has been discussed over the past number of months. V. Forrestall stated that he has just received correspondence from Kieran Pathways Society, inviting representatives of the Village to a symposium on “promoting active transportation throughout Kings County”. He called the Committee’s attention to documents enclosed in the meeting package. This symposium is being held at Acadia University on November 15th, and Vince and L. Sequeria will attend.

(b) Committee Goals and Objectives

Chair Pineo stated that this Committee had gone through a strategic planning brainstorming session whereby the Committee listed goals and objectives. The results of this exercise were outlined in a report from Jennifer Coolen included in the meeting package. D. Chaulk stated that he would like to see the Committee and the Commission move forward on this. The Committee will review Jennifer’s report and will discuss it at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Director’s Report

Vince Forrestall presented a Director’s Report (attached to original minutes). Following are some of the items he highlighted in his report:

- Looking forward to working with community in implementing increased healthier living, eating and physical activity opportunities
- Building on strengths and successes
- Partnering with other organizations
- Attended RNS Annual Conference
- Met with School Representatives
- Christmas Light Up and Parade
- Village Voice
- Website maintenance
- Meetings with Program leaders
- Meeting with Provincial reps
- Applications for grants
- Upcoming training workshop – Managing Winter Recreation Risks
- Fall Programs

It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by L. Lockhart, that the Director’s report be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

(b) New Minas Elementary School – Request

Vince presented a letter to the Committee members from Mr. Eric Trahan, principal of the New Minas Elementary School, requesting the Village's support in replacing vandalized playground equipment at that school.

It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by L. Lockhart, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to grant \$2,000 to the New Minas Elementary School to assist with the replacement of vandalized playground equipment. MOTION CARRIED

Vince will advise Mr. Trahan that the New Minas Lions Club and the New Minas Rotary Club could also be contacted.

(c) The Kieran Pathways Society Proposal

This item was discussed previously in the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Seeding of Parks

L. Sequeria stated that the little park behind his house was recently re-seeded this past summer, and wanted to say how great it looks and how much it is appreciated. T. Silver explained that the Public Works staff would do this as part of their parks maintenance program. She stated that this past summer a great effort was made by the staff to try to "spruce up" the parks properties.

(b) Donation of Christmas Decorations from County Fair Mall

Vice Chair Stevens noted the decorations donated to the Village of New Minas by the County Fair Mall, and suggested a letter of thanks should be written from the Rec Advisory Committee. Everyone agreed. The Village Commission will also forward a letter of thanks.

(c) Statistics - Vince brought the Committee's attention to lifestyle statistics, which proved to be very interesting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of L. Lockhart, the meeting adjourned.

D. Pineo, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer