

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS**  
**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MARCH 6, 2007**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Civic Centre.

**In Attendance:** Chair Dale Pineo  
Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens  
Citizen Member Les Sequeria  
Director of Recreation Vince Forrestall  
Village Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

**Regrets:** Dave Chaulk, Village Commission Chair  
Linda Lockhart, Village Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pineo called the meeting to order

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Sequeria, that the Agenda for the meeting of March 6, 2007 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES Feb 6/07** It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by M. Stevens, that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 2007, be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. \$2,000 Presentation to N.M.E.S. Open House Feb 27 Chair Pineo advised he was present at the New Minas Elementary School open house held on February 27, 2007, to present the Village's contribution of \$2,000 for the playground equipment. V. Forrestall and RAC Member/Village Commissioner L. Lockhart also attended, and there were approximately 150 persons in attendance.

b. Facility  
Development  
Grant/Special  
Projects Program –  
LR Park

V. Forrestall advised he has submitted applications to the County of Kings for Facility Development Grant/Special Projects Program for Lockhart Ryan Park. The application has passed the first phase of approval and will be forwarded to County Council for final approval.

c. Valley Event &  
Sport Tourism  
Group Update

V. Forrestall stated that the group has broken into Committees. The NHL Committee will attempt to bring a training event to this area and Vince stated the opportunities and spin offs will be very positive

d. After the Bell  
Program @N.M.E.S.

V. Forrestall stated that the After the Bell Program is now in full swing and advised there are 50 participants, with Chris Seymour, who is top-notch with the children, is the instructor. Vince stated that this will be a six-week session; another six-week session will take place before school ends in June. The program will then be evaluated and if reports are positive, the program will continue in the fall for the next year.

e. Winter Carnival  
(Feb 23-25/07)

V. Forrestall reported that the New Minas Winter Carnival, held Feb 23 – 25, 2007, was a huge success and everyone had a great time. Chair Pineo stated that he had attended both days with his family and the Saturday sessions at LR Park were very well attended, and further the turn-out at Lonnie Milne Park was amazing. The feedback was very positive

D. Pineo, on behalf of the Commission, commended Vince Forrestall and the Public Works staff for a great job, as well as Lynn Spencer and Terry Silver for volunteering their time the entire weekend. Vince stated that the event was such a success only because of the great team work. He stated there was amazing support from Peter Pothier and his staff, Lynn and Terry, Leslie and Wayne Hopkins for their hot-dog making skills, the New Minas Fire Department volunteers and auxiliary for the great pancake breakfast, and the Lions Club for their fish chowder supper, all working tirelessly to make the event such a great success. Other special features included the Wagon Rides and Ice Cream making.

Vince stated that the kick-off for the week-end was the tug-of-war at the elementary school. The children received carnival buttons and it was great seeing these children wearing their buttons at the activities on Saturday and Sunday. Provincially-donated "*Take the Roof Off Winter*" toques were passed out to participants.

f. March Break Day  
Camp

V. Forrestall advised that 40 participants have registered for the March Break Day Camp, to be held March 12 through 16, 2007, and he reviewed the schedule with the Committee

g. Provincial  
Volunteer Week  
April 15- 21; New  
Minas Banquet

V. Forrestall advised that the New Minas Volunteer Banquet is being held on April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Civic Centre. He presented the submission received from Golfview Homeowners Association.

**It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Sequeria, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to recommend Holly Thompson, as submitted by Golfview Homeowners' Association, as the Village's Volunteer of the Year, and to recognize her as the provincial volunteer. MOTION CARRIED**

h. Staff/Commission  
Healthy  
Lifestyle/Wellness  
Incentive Program

V. Forrestall advised that the Village Commission approved of this Committee's recommendation to support the Staff/Commissioners' Healthy Lifestyle/Wellness Incentive Program with 50% program funding. He stated that several staff members and a Commissioner have already taken part in this program, and that staff is very appreciative of this Committee's support and the support of the Village Commission.

**DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

V. Forrestall gave his monthly report (attached to original minutes)

**It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by M. Stevens, that the Director's Monthly Report be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

## CORRESPONDENCE

a. Carol Inkskip,  
Kudos to Volunteers  
and Staff of Winter  
Carnival An email from Ms. Carol Inkskip was read by the members present. Ms. Inkskip expressed kind words commending the Village Staff and volunteers on a job well done for the Winter Carnival 2007

b. Lonnie Milne  
Outdoor Rink An email from Ms. Barbara Kirsch was read by the Committee. Ms. Kirsch thanked the Village Commission and staff for the skating rink on Milne Avenue.

## NEW BUSINESS

a. Provincial  
Volunteer Week  
2007 Proclamation V. Forrestall presented the Committee with specifications on Jungle Jim's New Minas and pointed out that there is a Provincial Volunteer category for corporation nominations.

**It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by M. Stevens, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to recognize Jungle Jim's New Minas as corporate nominee for the Provincial Volunteer awards. MOTION CARRIED**

b. N.S. International  
Tattoo Trip – July 4 V. Forrestall advised the Committee that New Minas is partnering with the County of Kings to have a Seniors' trip to Halifax on July for the NS International Tattoo.

c. Soccer  
Coordinator –  
Summer Position V. Forrestall advised that the Village is partnering with the Soccer Association to hire a Soccer Coordinator for the upcoming season. The maximum cost to the Village will be \$1,980, and it is anticipated funding will be forthcoming to reduce that amount. The Village Parks Department will also benefit from this position.

d. Official Magician  
of New Minas – Al  
Bernard V. Forrestall stated he has been contacted by Mr. Al Bernard, of Kentville, requesting that the Village Commission appoint him *Official Magician for New Minas*. He offered to promote New Minas when he performed in other areas.

**It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Sequeria, that Mr. Bernard's request be tabled. MOTION CARRIED**

e. Staffing (March Break, Programs & Events)

V. Forrestall presented the Committee members with his projected Winter/Spring 2007 Program and Event Staffing for information.

f. Provincial Volunteer Week (April 15 – 21)

**It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Sequeria to recommend to the Village Commission that April 15 – 21 be proclaimed Volunteer Week. MOTION CARRIED**

g. Kings County Basketball Academy - Grants

V. Forrestall outlined the status of the Kings County Basketball Academy. He stated this academy brings children/youth basketball skills to a next level. He has made two major grant applications for this program.

**It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Sequeria, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to support the Kings County Basketball Academy. MOTION CARRIED**

h. Canada Day Celebrations 2007 - Grant

V. Forrestall informed the Committee that he has applied for a Canada Day Grant. Historically, the grants have been approximately \$1,000. Vince is including several new items in the application this year, with hope they will be approved.

i. Lockhart and Ryan Memorial Park – year round usage

Vince posed the suggestion to have Lockhart Ryan Park active year round next year. He stated there are opportunities at the park for many fall/winter/spring programs to take place at the park. This will be considered as the year progresses and Vince will keep the Committee informed.

j. Corporate Packages/Sponsorship Model

Vince presented a “Sponsorship Model” to use for different events. He stated West Side Charlie’s has expressed an interest in getting involved with community sponsorship, and this prompted him to design a model.

**It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by M. Stevens that it be recommended to the Village Commission to approve the Sponsorship Model as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

k. Website: Recreation ([www.newminas.com](http://www.newminas.com))

V. Forrestall stated that he has spoken to the Village’s webmasters about integrating calendars on the website. He will continue to investigate

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of M. Stevens, the meeting adjourned.**

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**Dale Pineo, Chair**

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**Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer**