

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS**  
**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**November 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Recreation Office, Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park**

The Regular monthly meeting of the Village of New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee was held at the Recreation Office at Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Chair Dale Pineo  
Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens  
Commission Chair Dave Chaulk  
Citizen Member Christopher Shields  
Recreation Director Vince Forrestall

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA, November 13, 2007**

It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by C. Shields that the Agenda for the November 13, 2007 Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Monthly Meeting be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, October 9, 2007**

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by M. Stevens, that the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee held on October 9, 2007 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

A. **Kings Partnership Steering Committee** –

Draft version report presented by consultant Jim Morgenstern of dmA Planning and Management Services. It was presented at the Old Orchard Inn on Friday evening, October 12 at the Old Orchard Inn. Dale and Vince attended.

It was reported that for the most part funding arrangements are working at present in Kings County with a few adjustments.

One big recommendation is for communities in the County, like the Village of New Minas, to receive up to \$20,000.00 funding for employing a recreation professional.

County Staff is presently working on the low costs of the recommendations and the Report is expected to be implemented.

## **DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

V. Forrestall presented his monthly report for October (attached to original minutes). He highlighted the following items as well as other items:

- **Promotion** – of Department Programs & Events through road signage, pictures & website updates [www.newminas.com](http://www.newminas.com), fall promotions, press releases, radio ads, paper ads, school newsletters, senior flyers, program flyers: KCBA, After the Bell, Golf & Badminton/Volleyball, etc.
- **Village Voice** – Next edition will be distributed November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fall Registrations** – All pertinent information for all registrants entered into Department database.
- **Road Sign @ Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park** – Completed and ready to install. New Minas & Area Lions Club has partnered with the Department. Partner agreement to be drawn up.
- **“Fall Harvest Fest Activity Day” @ NMES** – was held on November 2 in partnership with the Department and NMES. A physical activity and school spirit for all 360 students and staff. “Find the Fall Sports Scavenger Hunt” was held.
- **Winter Programs & Events 2008** – Department has planned, organized, developed and now promoting Winter Programs & Events 2008.
- **Grants/Assistance** – Department has applied for grants of \$25,000.00 and \$5,000.00 through True Sport for Young of Heart in Action Program & New Minas Activity Academy's.
- **New Minas Festival of Lights** – Director has been meeting regularly with Stephen Bishop of Raymond James on 1<sup>st</sup> Annual event for New Minas. Planned, developed, organized and promoted. Time now to implement. Created flyers, secured sponsors, logo created, etc.
- **Recreation Nova Scotia Conference 2007** – Chair Dale and Director Vince attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Digby Pines October 17-20, 2007.
- **Gyro Club Presentation** – Director gave a presentation to the Gyro Club at the Old Orchard Inn (Invited by Bob Horne). Director gave a presentation on trends in Seniors Recreation & Leisure.
- **Halloween Spooktacular** – Department held a very successful 1<sup>st</sup> annual event with over 150 participants taking part in Al Bernard's Ghostly Magic Show, Pumpkin Drawing, Pumpkin Hunt, Scary Sounds, Monster Wheels Inflatable, Cupcakes, Witches Brew, Cotton Candy, Balloon and Blinky Toy Vendor, Costume Contest, New Minas Ghost, Prizes, etc.

**It was moved by D. Chaulk and seconded by C. Shields, to accept the Director's October Monthly Report as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) **Kevin Baltzer, Great Canadian Cleaners (AVRSB) at NMES** – Director received e-mail from Kevin Baltzer, Great Canadian Cleaners (AVRSB), on the costs associated with cleaning New Minas Elementary School (NMES) after weekend community use. Greater Canadian Cleaning can offer a reduced rate of \$10.00/hr + tax for a total of \$45.60 per visit on Sundays for a monthly billing of \$182.40 per month.

The weekday cleaning of the school and community use is part of the cleaners schedule with the AVRSB. The only cleaning arrangements presently taking place at New Minas Elementary on the weekend is to have each community user sweep, mop and pick up after their allotted time.

This has worked only satisfactory, as the main priority of the school is to have a clean facility for staff and students when they arrive at school on Monday mornings.

New Minas Recreation is a big community user of the facility on Friday evenings and most of Saturday, while other community recreation groups access NMES on Sundays.

**It was moved by D. Chaulk and seconded by M. Stevens, for the Department to pay % of cleaning bill based on its % of use.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Committee has requested updates on the above item.

- (b) **David Campbell, Executive Director, NS Golf Association** – Director received a letter from David Campbell, Executive Director, NS Golf Association, as an endorsement on behalf of the Nova Scotia Golf Association for the New Minas Born to Swing Development Golf Academy.

The endeavor is an excellent opportunity to promote and grow the game of golf in Nova Scotia. This proposed partnership with Ken-Wo Golf Club would ultimately continue the tradition in developing junior golf in the area and the province.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Eastern Kings Active Kids / Healthy Kids Funding Request**

Village received a funding request letter from Eastern Kings Active Kids / Healthy Kids Regional Grant Committee for \$500.00 which would be used as part of the Committee's 2008 Grant Program.

Director pointed out that the Village contributed to the organization in the past before his time.

It is great partnership to support local groups new initiatives in offering recreation opportunities to New Minas & area residents.

Partners include: the Municipality of Kings, Town of Kentville, Town of Wolfville, Eastern Kings Community Health Board, Central kings Community Health Board, Eastern Kings Memorial Health Foundation and the Office of NS Health Promotion & Protection.

Director pointed out that it fits into the Committee's goal of forming partnerships to share resources and in turn reducing costs.

The Committee felt that it is not a budgeted item this year and it has created an "Any Child Can Participate" Community Program specifically to participants in New Minas programs for the underprivileged.

It was recommended for the Director to include in the 2008-09 Recreation Budget.

**Village of New Minas 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – Chair of the Committee, Maynard Stevens, informed RAC that the first formal meeting of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be held November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**In Motion of C. Shields, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

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Vince Forrestall,  
Recreation Director

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**Dale Pineo, Chair**

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**Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer**