

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 5, 2006
7:00 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Village of New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee was held on July 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance: Chair Dean Hatt
Vice-Chair Dale Pineo
Village Commission Chair Dave Chaulk
Citizen Member Gordon Silver
Village Engineer Doug Seamone
Superintendent of Public Works Peter Pothier
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Absent: Citizen Member Pat Saulnier

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dean Hatt

Chair Hatt called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – July 5, 2006

On motion of D. Pineo, seconded by D. Chaulk, the Agenda was approved with the following addition: Under “Business Arising from the Minutes”, add “Sidewalk by Scotiabank – Update P. Pother”. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Monthly Meeting, June 7, 2006

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by D. Pineo, that the Regular Minutes of June 7, 2006 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Transportation Study Update – Doug Seamone

Village Engineer Doug Seamone gave an update on the Transportation Study currently being carried out. The following items were discussed:

- Study is on schedule. Draft report should be available August 1st to 15th.
- D. Seamone asked the Committee members to advise him if they had any concerns/suggestions for improvements
- Traffic Counts conducted by the Village are complete

- DOTPW are doing traffic counts and these are still on-going. The Committee members noted that there is an impressive number of DOTPW traffic counters throughout the Village.
- D. Seamone stated that DOTPW have been extremely helpful throughout the study process
- Congestion areas of interest are: connector road/Cornwallis River Crossing, west-end Village entry point, intersection by Superstore, Nova Drive, Aalders Avenue to mention some.
- Consideration should be given to more left-turn arrow lights at intersections
- Reasonable, cost-efficient solutions are a must; no one felt that it would be sensible to request changes that would be financially prohibitive to DOTPW
- G. Silver stated that stops at every intersection on Aalders Avenue might alleviate the problems there.
- It was felt that the traffic counts do not seem to indicate a severe problem on Aalders Avenue, but DOTPW will provide their results, which record at very close intervals, and will provide an even better indication of the traffic flow.
- D. Hatt noted that there have been a large number of accidents/near accidents at the intersection by Hundai.
- Suggestion was made that the public needs to be educated in the use of center lanes
- Concern was expressed that problems exist because motorists are jumping red lights, driving too fast for conditions/intersections and just not paying attention. It was suggested that the speed limits should be looked at on the Cornwallis River Crossing to minimize motorists speeding to make the green lights.

Chair Hatt thanked D. Seamone for his update.

(b) Meeting with Brian Ward, DOTPW

Chair Hatt stated that at the last meeting, a motion was passed to contact B. Ward of DOTPW to set up a daytime TAC meeting.

It was the consensus of this Committee that this meeting should wait until there is more information available from the Transportation Study.

(c) Sidewalk by Scotiabank – Update P. Pother

P. Pother stated that he has spoken to P. Maillet from DOTPW who has assured him that the contractor has agreed to repair the sidewalk by Scotiabank. Peter has spoken with Lafarge and they are going to do the repairs as soon as they are able.

(d) Cloverleaf Drive Drainage problem

D. Hatt stated that the Clerk was to write a letter to DOTPW requesting that they place money in their budget next year to repair the drainage problems from Cloverleaf Drive. T. Silver stated she forwarded the letter to Mr. Ward.

G. Silver asked if the Committee decided that the Village has no right to put money into that project, or if they were postponing it this year. D. Hatt said it was his interpretation that the Village should not be expending funds to repair DOTPW drainage problems.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of D. Chaulk, the meeting adjourned.

D. Hatt, Chair

T. Silver, Clerk Treasurer