

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee was held on June 7, 2006 in the Civic Centre at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance: Village Commission Chair Dave Chaulk
Village Commission Vice-Chair Dale Pineo
Village Commissioner Dean Hatt
TAC Member Gordon Silver
TAC Member Pat Saulnier
Superintendent of Public Works Peter Pothier
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

CALL TO ORDER – Dave Chaulk – Commission Chair

Village Commission Chair Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

D. Chaulk called for nominations for Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

D. Pineo nominated Dean Hatt. D. Chaulk called for nominations three more times; there being no further nominations, Dean Hatt accepted the nomination, and D. Chaulk declared D. Hatt Chair and that nominations cease.

Dean Hatt took over chairing the meeting at this time.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chair Hatt called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

D. Chaulk nominated Dale Pineo as Vice-Chair. Chair Hatt called for nominations three more time; there being no further nominations, Dale Pineo accepted the nomination, and Chair Hatt declared D. Pineo Vice-Chair and that nominations cease.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – June 7, 2006

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by G. Silver, that the Agenda for the TAC meeting of June 7, 2006 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Monthly Meeting, May 4, 2006

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo, that the minutes of the Regular Monthly meeting of the TAC held May 4, 2006 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Transportation Study Update – Doug Seamone

Engineer Doug Seamone was not present at the meeting, and T. Silver gave an update on the Transportation Study. She stated that the Village and the Department of Transportation were currently carrying out traffic counts. She gave a run-down of the schedule for the study, as proposed by Mr. Seamone, and stated that things are pretty well on schedule.

(b) Cloverleaf Drive Drainage Problem - Options, Doug Seamone

Discussion took place on the options provided by Engineer Doug Seamone to deal with the Cloverleaf Drive drainage problems. The members also viewed plans prepared in November 2005 by Mr. Seamone.

It was moved by P. Saulnier, seconded by D. Pineo, that it be recommended to the Village Commission that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Public Works requesting them to place an amount of money in their budget to correct the drainage problems on Cloverleaf Drive (per Engineer's recommendation) in 2007/2008.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the Village of New Minas has no authority to carry out this project, or to expend funds for this purpose. The Engineer's plans provided by Doug Seamone will be made available to them.

(c) Response from Brian Ward April 24, 2006 – Village's letter of concerns

T. Silver referred to Mr. Ward's letter, which is in response to her letter requesting action on several items. Discussion took place as follows:

- Sidewalks beside Scotia Bank – P. Pothier stated that Mr. Ward of DOTPW assured him that the contractor had been contacted and the sidewalk would be repaired. It is still not repaired at this time.

- Traffic Study – P. Pothier advised that traffic counters were in place this week, and that the Village hired students to do the traffic counts. They are taking place from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. DOTPW have also installed mechanical traffic counters in the Village.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) B. Ward's Response to Clerk's letter

Discussion took place with regard to B. Ward's response to the Clerk's letter (as directed by the Village Commission on recommendation of this Committee).

It was moved by D. Pineo, seconded by G. Silver, that the Committee set up a meeting with B. Ward of DOTPW to discuss traffic-related concerns. MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk reminded the Committee members that Mr. Ward stated he is unable to make evening meetings, and it was suggested that the Committee consider holding a day-time meeting for its regular monthly meeting. This will be discussed further at the next Regular TAC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of D. Chaulk, the meeting adjourned.

Dean Hatt, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer