

**VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Village of New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair Dean Hatt  
Village Commission Chair Dave Chaulk  
Citizen Member Gordon Silver  
Superintendent of Public Works Peter Pothier  
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver, as recording Secretary

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Fred Whynot, NS Department of Transportation and IR  
Mr. Gavin Patterson, Resident  
Ms. Cathy Vey, Resident

**ABSENT:** Commissioner James Redmond

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hatt called the meeting to Order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Regular TAC meeting March 3, 2010**

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by G. Silver that the Agenda for the Regular TAC meeting of March 3, 2010 be approved as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Monthly TAC meeting held May 6, 2009**

It was moved by G. Silver, seconded by D. Chaulk, that the minutes of the Regular monthly TAC meeting held May 6, 2009 be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a) **NSDOTIR Projects Update – Fred Whynot**

- Fred advised that a proposed program is currently under review, which includes three projects within the Village with a total estimated budget of \$1,000,000.
- He stated he has been speaking with the Village Clerk about the possibility of collaborating with the Village to do a location project for storm sewer. He stated the provincial records are in great need of updating.

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- Fred agreed to investigate a complaint from Village staff about a development on Prospect Road where the Village's sidewalk was cut without the Village's knowledge and not properly repaired.
  - Chair Hatt cited a complaint from a resident on West Street regarding storm drain issues from Highland Avenue. Fred stated he has investigated this and identifies the situation.
  - Fred asked the Committee for input on projects the members would like to see done in the Village, and this should be done very soon because Fred has to submit his list.
  - D. Chaulk asked about the damage to the new asphalt curbing, particularly along Project Road. Fred stated that he does not mind asphalt in general, but asphalt curbs break up very easily, and he does not recommend asphalt for curbs.
- b) Delegation to Kings County re Sidewalk Funding (as recommended to the Village Commission in June, 2008)  
T. Silver advised that the Village Commission had instructed her to write to the County of Kings expressing a need for more funding for sidewalks and not only for new sidewalks, but for re-surfacing of sidewalks also. She stated she sent this letter, and appealed to the Council to consider this for the safety of our residents. She stated she received a response from the County which basically stated that the County Council reviews sidewalks and sidewalk funding in the County on a yearly basis and will take the Village's request into consideration.
- c) Response – Connor Holdings re Sidewalk from Maple Drive to Valley View Drive  
G. Silver stated he and Doug Seamone had discussed this sidewalk last summer, and had intentions of getting together to do up a plan, but because of family issues throughout the year, he apologized that it didn't happen. It was the consensus of the Committee that this sidewalk is low on the list of priorities right now, and would be discussed at a later date.
- d) Crosswalk – Milne Avenue/Prospect Road – DOTIR Approval  
The Committee discussed emails received with regard to the request for Crosswalk at the corner of Milne Avenue and Prospect Road. The next step will be for the Village Commission to consider the \$20K - \$25K expense in the upcoming budget discussions.  
G. Silver stated that he feels this location would require lights for sure. As well, DOTIR will have to monitor the snow banks on the corner in the winter time.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) New Member Application – Gavin Paterson

**It was moved by G. Silver, seconded by D. Chaulk, that it be recommended to the Village Commission that Mr. Gavin Paterson be approved as a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED**

b) Request for Sidewalk – letter from Mr. Donald Tanner, Burger King owner

The members reviewed the letter they had received previously from Mr. Donald Tanner, owner of Burger King Restaurant. Mr. Tanner is requesting a partnership with the Village Commission to install a sidewalk along the front of his property on the south side of Commercial Street.

Discussion took place with regard to the requirements of DOTIR (storm sewer, medians, etc.), and its proximity to the crosswalks.

**It was moved by G. Silver, seconded by D. Chaulk, that this request be referred to the Village Commission for consideration in their budget discussions for 2010/2011. MOTION CARRIED**

P. Pothier will speak with Mr. Tanner regarding the percentage of cost-sharing he would be willing to put towards the project.

c) Request for sidewalk – letter from Drs. Scott and Taiani and C. Thorsen

A letter from Drs. Scott and Taiani, and C. Thorsen of their office was reviewed. The letter was requesting a crosswalk be installed at the Kentucky Court location. Fred Whynot advised there are rules regulating the distance between crosswalks, and a crosswalk in this area, being close to the “Flower Cart” and “Empire Theatre” locations would be too close. Discussion took place with regard to installing sidewalks on the south side of Commercial Street in this area, and staff will investigate this possibility and cost.

**It was moved by G. Silver, seconded by D. Chaulk that this item be tabled to the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED**

d) Request for “Walk to School in New Minas” – email from Ms. Cathy Vey

The Committee members viewed the email from Ms. Cathy Vey, in which she requested the Village to look into constructing a trail on the south side of Commercial Street behind businesses as a safe route trail for children to walk to school.

Ms. Vey answered questions discussed her ideas with the Committee. It was the consensus of this Committee that request is really not suitable to the function of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

**It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by G. Silver that Ms. Vey's request be forwarded to the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee for discussion. MOTION CARRIED**

The Committee thanked Ms. Vey for her inquiry and information.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**On Motion of D. Chaulk, the meeting adjourned.**

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Dean Hatt, Chair

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Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer, Recording  
Secretary