

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 2007
7:00 p.m.

The Regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee was held in the Conference Room of the Civic Centre on January 18, 2007.

In Attendance

Chair Dean Hatt
Village Commission Chair Dave Chaulk
Village Commission Vice-Chair Dale Pineo
Citizen Member Gordon Silver
Superintendent of Public Works Peter Pothier
Village's Engineer, Doug Seamone of Hiltz and Seamone
Consultant Al Golding
Village Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Also in Attendance: Mr. Adam Landry, Aalders Avenue North resident

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dean Hatt

Chair Dean Hatt called the meeting to order.

He welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – January 18, 2007

It was moved by D. Pineo, seconded by D. Chaulk, that the Agenda for the Regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee be approved with the following addition: under *NEW BUSINESS*, add (c) *Turner Drive Crosswalk*” MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Monthly Meeting, Nov 1, 2006

It was moved by D. Pineo, seconded by G. Silver, that the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Transportation Study Update – Doug Seamone, Hiltz and Seamone

Village Engineer, Doug Seamone gave a brief history of the Transportation Study, and advised it is 99% complete. He introduced Mr. Al Golding, the consultant conducting the Transportation Study. Mr. Golding gave a run down of the process to produce this Transportation Study for the Village, and referred to past studies carried out in the 90's.

Mr. Golding went over the study, and referred to the summary and recommendations in detail. He then provided a Traffic Simulation presentation to the Committee on his computer. The Committee found this very interesting and Mr. Golding answered a number of questions. Mr. Golding stated that the draft will be finalized in the next week or so and will be forwarded to the Commission soon thereafter.

Chair Dean Hatt thanked Mr. Golding for the very interesting presentation and stated the Committee, and the Village Commission, look forward to receiving the final report.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Sidewalks – Repairs to Commercial Street – Chair Hatt

Chair Hatt read a report to the Commission (attached to original minutes). He asked this Committee to recommend to the Village Commission that a priority be placed on repairing sidewalks on Commercial Street, starting at the eastern section. He stated they are in very poor condition. He recommended that sections of sidewalk be upgraded as determined by P. Pothier and D. Seamone to be the most important and within the Village's budget.

Doug Seamone and Peter Pothier will review all the sidewalks currently in place and make recommendations, including cost to repair.

(b) Drainage Ditch/Storm Drains, Jordan Subdivision Prospect Road – G. Silver

G. Silver stated that when the new Jordan Subdivision project had begun, a drainage ditch that drains Milne Avenue was filled in, and a new storm water system complete with drainage pipes was installed in a new location. He stated that there was an Agreement between the County of Kings and the former owner of this land, Mr. Dale, for maintenance of the open drainage ditch, however, when the developer filled this ditch in, there does not appear to be an agreement for maintenance of the new system. He asked who is responsible for the maintenance of this system. D. Seamone stated that it is private property, and the owner of the development would be responsible for any maintenance.

G. Silver stated he is concerned that if there is ever a maintenance issue, and flooding on Milne Avenue should occur, lawsuits could be initiated and the Village could be named.

D. Seamone stated that the elevation of the pipe is lower than Milne Avenue so there should never be any problems with flooding.

It was moved by G. Silver, seconded by D. Pineo that a letter be written to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the Municipality of the County of Kings to request confirmation from each, in writing, as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the drainage from Milne Avenue over the Jordan Development property on Prospect Road, and to request a guarantee that maintenance will be carried out properly so as to eliminate any possibility of flooding on Milne Avenue. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Letter from D. Anthony, Turner Drive re Crosswalk

D. Pineo read a letter from Mr. D. Anthony, Turner Drive, requesting the Committee to consider installing a crosswalk at Turner Drive across Commercial Street.

After much discussion, it was felt by the Committee that it would not be advisable to place a crosswalk in this location at this time. It was noted that this is the only request the Committee/Commission has received, there is an existing crosswalk within a short distance of Turner Drive, and this is one of the areas that could change considerably for vehicular traffic if the recommendations from the Traffic Study are considered by the Department of Transportation and Public Works. D. Pineo will advise Mr. Anthony of the Committee's decision.

(b) Snow Removal Concerns – D. Chaulk

D. Chaulk expressed concerns that the sidewalk plough driver is leaving excessively large piles of snow in the road and in driveways as he ploughs sidewalks, and feels it is not necessary. P. Pothier agreed and will advise the contractor and ask him to speak with his operator.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Copy of Letter from Hon. David Morse MLA to DOTPW

A copy of a letter from Hon. David Morse, MLA to the Department of Transportation and Public Works in response to a request from Aalders residents was presented to the Committee for information. The Committee members also viewed other letters from DOTPW for information.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Mr. Adam Landry

Mr. Landry stated that he was glad to have had the opportunity to view the presentation on the Traffic Study and is very impressed. He stated that the recommendations for Aalders Avenue are very encouraging.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of G. Silver, the meeting adjourned.

D. Hatt, Chair

T. Silver, Clerk Treasurer