

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 6, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Village of New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

In Attendance: Chair Dean Hatt
Village Commission Chair Dave Chaulk
Citizen Member Gordon Silver
Superintendent of Public Works Peter Pothier
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Regrets: Citizen Member Donald Hardy
Mr. Fred Whynot, Area Manager NSDIR

Absent: Village Commissioner James Redmond

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dean Hatt

Chair Hatt called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – May 6, 2009

It was moved by G. Silver, seconded by D. Chaulk that the Agenda for the meeting of May 6, 2009 be approved as presented, with the following addition: add “NEW BUSINESS item (d) Attendance at meetings”. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Monthly Meeting, February 4 2009

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by G. Silver, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee held February 4, 2009, be held as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) NSDOTIR Projects – Update: Fred Whynot

Since Mr. Whynot was not able to attend the meeting, there was no report.

b) Delegation to Kings County re Sidewalk Funding (as recommended to the Village Commission June 2008)

Discussion took place with regard to the funding provided by the County of Kings for sidewalk maintenance and construction.

T. Silver had provided a spreadsheet to the members some time ago, which outlined the comparisons of taxes, assessments of the County and the Village for information purposes. The Committee agreed that the Village Commission should appeal to the County's sense of reason with regard to funding for sidewalk maintenance, and the Village Commission will follow through from a safety perspective.

c) Response – Connor Holdings re Sidewalk from Maple to Valley View

T. Silver advised that Connor Holdings has responded to her many letters, and has asked for a location plan of the proposed sidewalk. Doug Seamone and Gordon Silver will get together to discuss this.

d) Civic Re-numbering - Update

T. Silver advised there was a public information session at the Civic Center sponsored by the Municipality of the County of Kings to receive public input into the new civic re-number program. She has been advised that generally those attending the meeting understood why the program was necessary, and were satisfied the process is reasonable.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Sidewalk Request – Turner Drive easterly to Empire Theatre (south side of Commercial Street)

This Committee has a request to consider installing a sidewalk from Turner Drive, easterly to the Empire Theatre. Discussion took place regarding this request. This area would require expropriation of land, and DOTIR requires a five-foot setback on new sidewalk construction. P. Pother and D. Seamone would look into the cost of this for next year's budget.

b) Letter from John Gabriel Otvos – Request to change Walk signs

The Committee reviewed a letter from Mr. John Otvos regarding changing all crosswalk signage to the "walk light" sign types. Dean explained to Mr. Otvos in person that the crosswalk areas in New Minas conform to provincial regulations, and suggested he write to the Minister with the request.

- c) Resignation – Citizen Member Donald Hardy

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by G. Silver, that the resignation of citizen member Donald Hardy be accepted with regret. MOTION CARRIED

- d) Attendance at meetings – D. Chaulk

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by G. Silver, that all members of the Transportation Advisory Committee advise the Clerk Treasurer as soon as they know that they cannot attend a TAC meeting, as a courtesy. MOTION CARRIED

This item will be on the Commission Agenda as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from David Morse, MLA re Granite Drive Interchange

A letter from Hon. David Morse regarding the Granite Drive Interchange was reviewed by the Committee for information purposes.

- b) Letter from Brooke Taylor, Minister, to David Morse re Granite Drive Interchange

A letter from Hon. Brooke Taylor regarding the Granite Drive Interchange was reviewed by the Committee for information purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of G. Silver, the meeting adjourned.

Dean Hatt, Chair

**Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer
As Recording Secretary**