

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 5, 2008
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee was held on March 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m..

In attendance: Chair Dean Hatt
Commissioner Dave Chaulk
Commissioner Les Barrett
Citizen Member Gordon Silver
Citizen Member Don Hardy
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Also in Attendance: Doug Seamone, Engineer
Fred Whynot, Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure
Renewal
Peter Pothier Superintendent of Public Works
John DeCoste, Advertiser

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dean Hatt

Chair Hatt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chair Hatt welcomed new Committee member, Mr. Don Hardy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – March 5, 2008

It was moved by L. Barrett, seconded by D. Chaulk that the Agenda for the regular TAC meeting of March 5, 2008 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Monthly Meeting, January 9, 2008

It was moved by L. Barrett, seconded by G. Silver that the minutes of the regular TAC meeting held January 9, 2008 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) NSDOTIR Projects – Update: Fred Whynot

- Request to DOTPW – Guard Rails, Highbury Road - Update

Fred stated that the installation of guard rails on Highbury Road will be in the 2008/2009 DOTIR budget

- Paving - Dow Road,
- Paving - Highbury Road
- Paving - Minasvale Subdivision

Fred stated that he will make note of the three above-mentioned areas in need of paving.

- Commercial Street upgrades

Fred noted that with the new development on Commercial Street (Home Depot), there will be a need for street lights to be located in the Granite Drive area to accommodate that project.

- Cloverleaf Drive

Fred advised he has visited the site several times and something will be in the budget for in 2009.

- Left turn at Prospect Road intersection

Fred has forwarded this request to his Head office. To date, no word has been received.

- Push Button locations at walk lights (Valley View Completed).

The balance of the push buttons will be done in 2008/2009

- Four Way Stop – Crescent Avenue

Fred stated nothing will be done in the near future; however, he has agreed to keep a close eye on the situation and if necessary, recommend changes.

(b) Traffic Study Response – NSDOTIR

Fred stated that a meeting is scheduled with David Morse regarding Alders Avenue, and Fred continues to review the Traffic Study. D. Hardy asked if there is anything in the study regarding “smart light system”. Fred stated that there are some traffic light issues and he suspects some of the loops have been compromised. DOT plans to dig these up as soon as time and money permit to repair the loops.

L. Barrett asked if a 4-way stop is being considered for Crescent Avenue. Fred reiterated his statement that nothing will be done at this point until and unless traffic volumes increase, but he will monitor it very closely.

D. Chaulk asked if the list of paving projects is limited to the list presented earlier in the meeting. Fred stated that each area is considered for money every year, and he works with his area foreman to do a “wish list”. He stated he appreciates the input from this Committee to give him a better view of the needs in New Minas.

D. Chaulk stated the Traffic Study was a big priority for the Village Commission; however, nothing has been done since the project was completed in 2006. Fred agreed to go through the study and contact Terry and/or Peter if he has any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Sidewalk Projects – 2008/2009 Season

Lockhart and Cornwallis Drive sidewalk projects will be completed after April 1st. Doug Seamone advised that the project was partially completed in 2007/2008, with a budget overrun on the Lockhart Drive section because of the issues with the storm drains. Projections for 2008/2009 will be forthcoming as soon as final payments are made for the current year.

Doug Seamone advised there is a small strip (approximately 300 feet) near the Big Stop that could be laid for approximately \$10,000.

D. Hardy asked if there should be long range plan for replacement of sidewalks in place, rather than simply going year to year. Doug and Peter will compile a priority list for consideration.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of D. Chaulk, the meeting adjourned.

Dean Hatt, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer