

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 3, 2007
7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee was held on October 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Centre.

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

Regrets: Pat Saulnier, Citizen Member
 Les Barrett, Village Commissioner
 Fred Whynot, DOTPW

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dean Hatt

Chair Hatt called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Oct 3, 2007

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by G. Silver, that the Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda for October 3, 2007 be approved as presented, with the following addition: “Other Business (a) Sidewalks Report”.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Monthly Meeting, July 4, 2007

It was moved by G. Silver, seconded by D. Chaulk, that the minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee held July 4, 2007 be adopted as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) **Sidewalk – Maple Avenue to Valley View Drive – Update**

T. Silver advised that member G. Silver produced a map outlining a proposed location for the sidewalk from Maple Avenue to Valley View Drive, which was agreed to by P. Pothier, and sent to Connors Holding. No response has been received to date.

(b) Traffic Study – DOTPW Response – Update

T. Silver advised that she has spoken with the new Area Manager of DOTPW, Fred Whynot, and briefed him on the process thus far respecting the Village's Traffic Study. Fred stated he did not have a copy in his files and would review it once he received a copy. Terry will forward a copy to Fred.

(c) Request to DOTPW – Guard Rails, Highbury Road - Update

The Committee viewed emails from Fred Whynot in which he addressed those issues listed in the minutes, as well as some items discussed with him by staff. Fred stated he will be viewing the site and discuss the possibility of installing a guard rail. He will follow up as soon as he has had a chance to visit the site.

(d) Walk Button – Commercial/Valley View Drive - Update

P. Pothier stated that he has measured every walk light that falls under the Village's jurisdiction, as well as those belonging to the DOTPW and provided the information to Fred Whynot. Fred looked up the specifications outlined in the suggested guidelines, and he advised in his email that he will be following up on the findings. He will provide a report on the information he has gathered.

Fred Whynot also addressed the Cloverleaf Drive drainage issue in his email. He will be conducting an on site inspection and do some research to determine what steps can be taken.

NEW BUSINESS(a) DOTPW Regional Manager – Fred Whynot

Chair Hatt stated, as everyone knows, Mr. Fred Whynot is the new Area Manager for DOTPW, and reiterated Fred's comments that he is anxious to work closely with this Committee and the Village Commission. G. Silver stated that this is a positive step forward, and that department is under a lot of financial restraints, but a good relationship with the area office is a step in the right direction.

P. Pothier stated that he has a very good working relationship with Mr. Paul Maillet, and everyone feels we are moving forward.

(b) Capital Projects for 2008/2009

The Committee were asked to make up a "wish list" of capital projects to submit to the Department of Transportation for the upcoming year. P. Pothier and D. Seamone will compile a list, submit it to the Committee members prior to the next

meeting, and each Committee member will prioritize the items on the list, and add any items they may have, for discussion at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Report – Sidewalks

P. Pothier advised that the new sidewalk construction projects have begun on Cornwallis Avenue and Lockhart Drive. The successful bidder for this project was GK Morse. He stated he has received a request from a resident to install another catch basin on Cornwallis Avenue, and Peter will look into this.

D. Seamone advised that, although the cost of the project came in a bit higher than the budget, this year the construction along Cornwallis Avenue will only go as far as the Village has funds for construction.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of D. Chaulk, the meeting adjourned.

Dean Hatt, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer