

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NEW MINAS VILLAGE COMMISSION**

**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003
7:30 P.M.**

In Attendance: Chairman Ted Nicholson
Vice-Chairman Marvin Messom
Les Barrett
James Redmond
Wayne Merrill

Councillor Dan Watters

H. Heidi Foshay Kimball, Solicitor

Special Guests: Approximately 20 Electors were in attendance.

Call to Order:

Chairman Nicholson welcomed all those in attendance, noting that Rick Ramsay is in attendance on an interim basis during the absence of the Clerk Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED BY JAMES REDMOND AND SECONDED BY MARVIN MESSOM THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 23, 2002 SPECIAL MEETING, REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2003, IN CAMERA MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2003, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2003 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

NOTICE OF MOTION: MOVED BY JIM REDMOND AND SECONDED BY MARVIN MESSON THAT THE VILLAGE COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON BRING FORWARD A LIST OF ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF ALL STANDING COMMITTEES TO THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING. FURTHER, MOVED THAT THESE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS ARE TO BE APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION, AND WILL SERVE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OR UNTIL REAPPOINTMENTS ARE MADE; AND FURTHER THAT ANY CHAIRPERSON CAN BE REMOVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMISSION.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

- Water and Sewer Commission

Mr. Messom presented a report on the activities of the Commission.

Moved by Marvin Messom and seconded by Jim Redmond the report be received.
Motion Carried

- Recreation Advisory Committee

Ted Nicholson presented a report from the March 4 meeting.

Moved by Wayne Merrill and seconded by Jim Redmond the report be received.
Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nova Scotia Transportation and Public Works – Traffic Quieting

The matter was deferred to the next meeting. Mr. Messom reported that he had been unable to discuss this with Robert Bieren.

Proposed Bylaw Respecting Licensing of Petty Traders

The Solicitor advised that she has prepared draft wording for an amendment to the Bylaw of the Municipality of the County of Kings that should be considered by the Commission.

Questions Les Barrett

Commissioners responded to Mr. Barrett on their intentions regarding responding to questions raised by Mr. Barrett.

Hilbert Fisher Lands

The Solicitor provided a letter indicating that land donated to the Village Commission would have exempt assessment status when the deed for such land is recorded in the name of the Village Commission.

Response from Valley Waste Resource Management

In response to a letter from the Village Commission requesting a more favourable rate for waste resource collection, the General Manager Ross Maybe advised that he will take the issue to the next meeting of the Authority, but he felt that all residents are being equitably treated across the region.

Municipality of the County of Kings

The Commissioners were advised of meetings to be held regarding the application of Mike Ward to enter into a development agreement to permit construction of a 9-unit residential building.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Approved Honorarium January 1 – March 31, 2003

On motion of Jim Redmond and seconded by Marvin Messom the honorarium paid to Commissioners of \$1,500 and to the Chairman of \$2,000 be approved for the period January 1 – March 31, 2003.

Motion Carried.

Request for funding – Seniors Safety Program

On Motion of Jim Redmond and seconded by Marvin Messom the request be referred to budget discussions.

Motion Carried.

Quotation for sidewalk line painting

On motion of Jim Redmond and seconded by Marvin Messom the quotation of \$1,975 from We line A Lot for painting sidewalks from the old Horton School to the Kentville Research Centre be accepted.

Motion Carried.

Funding request SPCA

On motion of Jim Redmond and seconded by Wayne Merrill the request be referred to budget discussions.

Motion Carried.

Resignation Donna Byrne

On Motion of Marvin Messom and seconded by Les Barrett the Commission accept the resignation of Donna Byrne with regret.

Motion Carried.

New Business:

Bank Signing authority

Moved by Jim Messom and seconded by Marvin Messom that Rick Ramsay be given banking signing authority for the Village of New Minas. Motion Carried.

Letter from Fire Marshall

A letter was read from the Minister of Environment and Labour advising that the Fire Safety Act has come into effect February 28, 2003, and the need for a fire inspector to be appointed by the Municipality of the County of Kings prior to September 1, 2003.

Resignation of Sherry Swanburg

On motion of Jim Redmond and seconded by Marvin Messom the Village Commission accept the resignation of Sherry Swanburg.
Motion Carried.

The Commission recessed to go in Camera.
The Commission resumed the meeting.

Proposal for Clerk Treasurer Services

The Chairman advised that the Commission has accepted a proposal from Richard G. Ramsay Management Consultants Inc. to provide Clerk Treasurer services in the absence of Linda Lockhart as per his proposal dated March 8, 2003.

Pedlar By Law

On motion of Marvin Messom and seconded by Jim Redmond the Commission recommends that the Municipality amend its petty traders by law to exempt persons, firms and organizations from fees if the purpose of the activity is for charitable, community related and/or philanthropic purposes, as per the letter from the solicitor dated Mar 7, 2003 as attached.

Motion Carried.

It was agreed that the Solicitor corresponds with the Municipality regarding this decision.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK-TREASURER