

**NEW MINAS WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

April 23, 2003

7:00 P.M.

In attendance: Marvin Messom, Chairman
Ted Nicholson
Rod MacInnis
Robert Horne, Vice Chairman
Doug Seamone

Peter Pothier Water and Sewer Systems Operator

Absent: James Redmond
Heidi Foshay Kimball, Solicitor

Call to order: Chairman Marvin Messom called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Welcoming the electors for coming 9 in total.

Business arising from minutes: Garry Randall Re: flooding

Mr. Messom invited elector Garry Randall to speak and voice his opinions and the recent flooding of Highland Ave. Mr. Randall's concerns were mainly to get an answer on what the village was prepared to pay for the damages to his rental property. Mr. Randall couldn't supply the Commission with an estimate on the damages that his home sustained.

Mr. Randall stated that he wanted to know what the village was prepared to do and then he would supply a total cost. Mr. Randall stated that he was awaiting a response to a letter he wrote to the village with a list of questions he wanted answered. He was told that our solicitor would respond and as of today he has not received a response.

Chairman Messom then opened the floor to other questions from other electors. A discussion took place and Chairman Messom told them he would have an answer by Friday. Mrs. Himmelman insisted that Chairman Messom have an answer for her tonight.

The Commission was questioned as to what regular maintenance schedule was in place. Mr. Pothier stated that there is no regular maintenance schedule.

Business arising from minutes: continued

The Commission was questioned about the number of staff the water and sewer department employed and if they felt that 2 employees were enough in a village this size.

Mrs. Himmelman requested that somebody come and clean up her property. Mr. Messom agreed to send someone to clean it up.

Peter Pothier on Pipeline Carwash and the Milne property water meter.

Mr. Pothier stated that a letter was being drafted to send to the Pipeline as well as the Milne Property.

Peter Pothier on Occupational Health and Safety

Mr. Pothier reported that the new manual has arrived and he will report at a later date after he has studied the manual. Rob MacInnis suggested Mr. Pothier summarize and bring to the next meeting.

Doug Seamone on sewer flows

Mr. Seamone stated that they were pulling manholes when it is storming and not storming to see the differences.

Mr. Seamone stated what he considered to be the cause of problem in his report. The main problem is associated with the drainage taking place on higher land and feels that the Department of Transportation should be consulted about the way their culverts are coming out on private property.

Business arising from minutes: continued

Doug Seamone stated that they would be making a recommendation on the manhole covers. Mr. Seamone stated that some of the manhole covers needed to be replaced.

Chairman Messom asked the question can we advertise in the paper letting the village know that it is illegal to have sump pumps and other drainage linked into the sewer drains. Chairman Messom requested that Mr. Seamone check into the matter and see if there is something in the by-laws stating that it is illegal to link into the sewer drains.

Approval of Minutes:

ON MOTION OF ROBERT HORNE AND SECONDED BY TED NICHOLSON THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26 MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Peter Pothier's Monthly Report:

Mr. Pothier stated that Gerard Hamilton is scheduled write his treatment level 1-certification exams the second week of May. Peter Pothier reported that Mr. Hamilton has completed a course in Chlorine Disinfections and Repairs to Chlorine equipment.

Mr. Pothier stated that he would be attending a meeting on May 8 & 9 in Halifax for MPWANS.

Mr. Pothier stated that the flooding that occurred on Milne Ave was due to leaves and branches plugging the screens. This is being corrected with a bigger screen.

New business:

Doug Seamone stated that the new water regulations act passed a year and a half ago and stated that there is a considerable amount of things the Water Commission should be concerned about one of the things is the authority being downloaded from the province to the individual utilities. Mr. Seamone stated that all the utilities would get together and discuss this before accepting the new regulations.

New business:
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Chairman Messom brought up the subject of well protection areas. Mr. Seamone stated that Rick Ramsay is going to set up a meeting with the County of Kings, Rick Ramsay, Doug Seamone and Marvin Messom to see if they could get things rolling and bring a report back to the next meeting.

Marvin Messom discussed the subject on the West Nile virus and suggested that Doug Seamone will look into it further.

Approval of accounts: On motion of Ted Nicholson and seconded by Robert Horne the accounts in the amount of \$ 45,338.97 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting went to IN CAMERA at 8:10

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY