

**VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS**  
**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m., Civic Center**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

**In Attendance:**

Dave Chaulk, Commission Chair  
 Maynard Stevens, Commission Vice-Chair  
 Dean Hatt, Commissioner  
 Dale Pineo, Commissioner  
 James Redmond, Commissioner  
 Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

**Also in Attendance:**

John Ansara, Recreation Director  
 Kathie Brown, Co-Leadership/Protocol Director, ABF

**CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, Chair**

Chair Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: February 13, 2012**

**It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the Agenda for the February 13, 2012 Commission meeting be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Commission Meeting January 9, 2012**

**It was moved by Commissioner Pineo, seconded Vice-Chair Stevens, that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held January 9, 2012 be approved with the following amendment: under “Water Commission Report, the last sentence should be changed to read: *“He stated that County Council has accepted the allocations in Table 6”*. MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a) Boundary Expansion – Update

T. Silver advised that the finishing touches are currently being made to the Executive Summary, including the Traffic Engineer’s Report and the Planner’s report. All the Village’s reports must be submitted to the UARB by Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Facility – Update

- Presentation to County Council – Budget Workshop Feb 27 9:00 a.m. : T. Silver stated that the Commission will present its request for Capital funding from the County of Kings at a Budget Workshop meeting on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.. Chair questioned if the presentation would change, in light of new developments (that is: the County’s report that it cannot provide capital funds to Villages, as well as the more recent news that this project is not eligible for Gas Tax funding). T. Silver advised that obviously the presentation will change somewhat and she is working on the new figures.
- Fundraising – Update John Ansara – John explained that things are moving along nicely with regards to the fundraising efforts. He passed out a draft proposal for the Commissioners to peruse.

John asked the Commissioners to note February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for a meeting where he will be making contact with people from the community who may be interested in joining the fund-raising team. Once that Committee is struck, we will go forward with the fundraising program.

John stated he has met with the New Minas Sunrise Rotary Club, and had acquired some positive contacts from that meeting. He is continuing contact with this group.

The Commissioners thanked John for his on-going efforts in this regard.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### a) Water Commission Report – Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens

Vice-Chair Stevens stated that there was no Water Commission meeting, but he wanted to clarify his report from the last Commission meeting. He stated that he had reported that County Council had accepted Table 6 from the Allocation Study; however, after that he was made aware that Council’s motion was meant to use the figures Table 6 for budgeting purposes only. Vice-Chair Stevens advised he further confirmed this at a recent Regional Sewer meeting, and he was advised that Council will not deal with the allocations without the governance issue being resolved first; however, he sees this as a start.

T. Silver advised she will be meeting with County and Kentville’s CAOs on March 9<sup>th</sup> to start the discussions on the governance issue.

### b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Dean Hatt read the report of the Area Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes).

**It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Pineo that the report of the Area Advisory Committee be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

c) Recreation Director's Report – John Ansara (submitted)

Chair Chaulk stated the Commissioners had received the Recreation Director's Report, and asked if there were any questions.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Stevens that the Recreation Director's Report be approved as submitted. MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

a) Baron Drive – Resident Complaint

Chair Chaulk advised a complaint was received regarding traffic issues on Baron Drive. T. Silver stated she has forwarded these complaints along to DIR, since the Village has no authority to deal with streets in New Minas.

b) Royal Party Dinner Budget – Vice-Chair Stevens

Vice-Chair Stevens advised that the Commission did not budget for the yearly Royal Party Dinner hosted by the Village Commission, and stated the princesses and their entourage went to a local restaurant for this after-parade event. Vice-Chair Stevens feels the Village should resume hosting this event.

**It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens that an amount of \$1,000 be placed in the 2012/2013 Budget to host the Royal Party Dinner.** There being no seconder to this motion, the motion is lost.

c) Princess Committee

Chair Chaulk stated he had received notifications on events for the upcoming Apple Blossom Festival and the Village's participation. He asked that this be placed on the Agenda so the Commission could discuss whether staff time should be dedicated to organizing princess events. T. Silver advised that since she had discussed this with the Chair, several people have since come forward to be on the Princess Committee.

The Chair recognized Kathie Brown. Ms. Brown advised she has been active with her daughter, Erika Brown the Village's 2011/12 Princess. She spoke of how important it is for the Village's ambassador to show off her community, and she provided a letter of support for Apple Blossom Festival.

d) Villages' Meeting with the Minister – B/F from Villages/County Meeting

Chair Chaulk stated that the Villages were excluded from the meeting with SNSMR Minister MacDonell, and felt the Commission should discuss the next steps. The Commissioners agreed that some type of meeting would be beneficial, and the Clerk was instructed to contact other Villages in Kings County to ascertain whether they desire to also meet with the Minister.

e) Shopping Carts Problem – Commissioner Pineo

Commissioner Pineo read a statement addressing the on-going problem with abandoned shopping carts throughout the community. Discussion took place with regard to possible solutions (eg.: coin-operated carts, cart “bounty”, etc.). The Clerk was asked to write a letter to store owners requesting more diligence in keeping track of their carts.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Letter from Brian Levy – Dumping of Tree Branches from Rec Center Project

The Commission reviewed a letter from Mr. Brian Levy, resident of Sunken Lake. The Commission acknowledged the letter and asked the Clerk to thank him for same.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.**

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Dave Chaulk, Chair

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Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer