



**Village of New Minas**  
Minutes of a Regular Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14th, 2017  
(Re-scheduled from Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017)  
7:00 p.m.

Louis Millett Community Complex (LMCC)

**Commissioners Present:** Dave Chaulk, Chair  
Maynard Stevens, Vice-Chair  
Mary Munroe, Commissioner  
Ken Pineo, Commissioner  
James Redmond, Commissioner

**Staff Present:** Brenda Stimpson, Clerk Treasurer

**Call to Order:**

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Stevens - Pineo**

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved as amended with the amendments being the addition of item ( b) under New Business – Naming of the Highway 101 Interchange.

**CARRIED**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Redmond - Stevens**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Business arising from Minutes:**

- a) **Erosion Update** – Brenda Stimpson reported that Mr. Schmidt has not agreed to extend the lease. At the present time he is working with Wolfville to negotiate their lease agreement and with the County for other sections of the trail. All the monies have been approved (Agriculture, County of Kings and Village of New Minas) for the temporary fix and we

only require permission from Mr. Schmidt to complete the work. The group is currently working on arranging a face-to-face meeting with Mr. Schmidt to discuss his requirements as well as the requirements of those providing grants.

- b) **Training Bonus (Report Attached)** – The following motion was tabled on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Pineo – Stevens**

THAT the training bonus of \$1,000.00 be reinstated for major training programs.

**TABLED**

**Pineo – Stevens**

THAT the motion be taken from the table for consideration;

AND THAT the motion be withdrawn.

**CARRIED**

- c) **Apple Blossom Festival**

- The issue of the Leadership Candidate will be returned with the minutes of the meeting called specifically for that purpose.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the request from the Apple Blossom Festival Executive for New Minas to host the Grand Street Parade, the K-Rock Birthday Party and the Fireworks. Chair Chaulk reported on the potential clean-up costs of \$1,000.00 and that would be the extent of the commitment from the Village of New Minas for these events.

**Stevens - Munroe**

THAT the Village of New Minas agrees to host the Grand Street Parade, the K-Rock Birthday Party and the Fireworks as requested by the Apple Blossom Festival Executive.

**CARRIED**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **Water Commission Report** – Commissioner Stevens, Chair, New Minas Water Commission provided the report attached as Appendix “A”.
- b) **Regional Sewer Committee** – Commissioner Stevens provided the report attached as “Appendix “B””.

There was a brief discussion regarding the budget deliberations happening at the Regional Sewer Meetings and that until there were specific concrete numbers, Currently there are outstanding items such as a bridge re-alignment that began with an estimate of \$25,000 and is now going as high as \$65,000 by some reports. Additionally, there is the requirement to confirm that the bridge is actually a Regional Sewer responsibility. Commissioner Stevens would not be in a position to present this budget to the Water Commission and without their approval would not be in a position to support the budget at the next Regional Sewer Meeting.

There was some discussion regarding the lack of Grant Applications prepared by the Water and Sewer Operations to offset the large costs that are being encountered. Additionally, increased operating costs are partially caused by partners not in compliance, however, they are not being penalized.

The Clerk Treasurer was directed to send confirmation of this information to the appropriate County staff.

**Stevens – Redmond**

THAT the reports of the Water Commission and the Regional Sewer Committee be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

- c) **Area Advisory** – Commissioner Pineo reported that there had been no meetings since the last report.
  
- d) **Recreation & Community Development Report**
- e) **Facility Report**
- f) **Finance Report**
- g) **Administration and Clerk Treasurer Report**
- h) **Public Works Report**

Brenda Stimpson provided the Departmental Reports for all departments except Facility as it had not been received yet. The Commissioners indicated that the reports should be automatic and on time each month.

**Stevens – Munroe**

THAT the Departmental reports for Recreations, Administration & Clerk Treasurer & Finance and Public Works be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**New Business:**

- a) **Staff Replacement Plan** – Brenda Stimpson outlined a plan to replace the vacancy in the Administration Office with a position of Deputy Treasurer and further indicated that she would like to add the responsibilities of Deputy Clerk to one of the positions. This would ensure that there was a back-up person for each of the functions of the Clerk Treasurer as should be the case.
  
- b) **Naming the Highway 101 Interchange** – Commissioner Stevens provided a brief overview of his conversations with Kings County staff regarding the naming of the interchange, however, this did not result in a specific name recommendation.

Commissioner Redmond said that he had been considering the history angle for some time and had not come up with such a name to recommend. He further indicated that because this exchange would provide access to the County Fair Mall, the Home Depot area and ultimately to Commercial Street that the ideal name would be Mercantile Drive.

**Redmond - Pineo**

THAT the Village of New Minas recommend that the new interchange from the 101 Highway be named Mercantile Drive due to it providing the gateway to the County Fair Mall, the Home Depot area and ultimately to Commercial Street .

**CARRIED**

**Public Discussion Period**

There were no members of the public present and therefore, no public discussion.

**Redmond**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Dave Chaulk, Chair

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Brenda Stimpson, Clerk Treasurer

## Appendix “A”

### **Water Commission Report to the New Minas Village Commission Meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

(prepared by Water Commission Chair, Commissioner Stevens)

The Regular Meeting of the New Minas Water Commission was held on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. The main purpose of the meet was to discuss the issue arising from the Regional Sewer Committee. Chair Stevens indicated that the Town of Kentville is once again seeking consent from the partners of the Regional Sewer to allow them to use the BODs allocated to the “API” so that they will not be over their allocated usage and thus avoiding a fine. This allocation would be to cover the 2016 calendar year. Previously, the Town of Kentville was given the “API” allotment to cover this same issue for the 2015 calendar year.

Questions were asked about what the Town of Kentville is doing to solve the problem that is causing this overage each year and it was explained that they have been trying to solve the problem and hope this will be the last year that they will have to ask for this consideration.

A motion was moved and seconded that the Village should vote in favour of allowing Kentville to use these “BODs” under an agreement using the same wording as in the previous year. The motion was carried.

Gerard Hamilton gave his report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

## **Appendix “B”**

### **Regional Sewer Update**

(prepared by Water Commission Chair, Commissioner Stevens)

The initial budget document was presented on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 showing a net increase of \$52,800.00 meaning an increase to the Village of New Minas share in the amount of \$21,400 or 7percent.

There are still outstanding questions regarding a capital budget item – specifically the re-alignment of the Kentville Bridge where the costs have risen from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000 and now possibly, \$65,000.00. We are still waiting for the details and I cannot support approving a budget until the cost is justified.

There is a proposed meeting on Thursday to discuss these issues and hopefully receive a specific budget for approval.