

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**July 28, 2004
7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Water Commission was held in the Conference Room at the Civic Centre in New Minas on Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance

Marvin Messom, Chair
Linda Lockhart
Bob Horne, Vice Chair
Rod MacInnis
Peter Pothier, Supt of Public Works
Lynn Spencer, Administrative Assistant
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

Absent

Dave Chaulk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Messom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

**On motion of B. Horne, seconded by L. Lockhart, the minutes of June 23, 2004 were approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of B. Horne, seconded by L. Lockhart, the Agenda for July 28, 2004 was approved, with the following addition: Add: Other Business Item 6(b) – “Greenwich Water Extension”

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Tax Assessment

Chair Messom stated that the County of Kings once again dealt with the Water Commission’s request to write off 2003/2004 taxes on the Water Utility, and exempt the 2004/2005 taxes. The Council agreed to postpone the decision until December 2004, and staff will advise Council if there is an anticipated surplus that will cover the tax exemptions for 2004/2005 for all the water utilities. The taxes for 2003/2004 will not be written off.

T. Silver advised that the Village would have to make a motion to write off their portion of the taxes owed by the Water Utility, but would have to do so by motion. She referred to a letter from Turner Drake with respect to the

Water Commission's request to investigate other avenues in this regard. She met with Mr. Richard Escott and it was his opinion that the Commission and staff had done everything possible to convince the County to write off or exempt the taxes. The only thing his company could assist with would be challenging the Act. It was felt that with the anticipated change as indicated by the Province, this would not be necessary.

(b) Union

T. Silver informed the Commission that the Union vote was in favor of forming a local for New Minas, with a vote of 3 to 2. The next step will be for the Union to contact the Village to commence negotiation talks.

P. Pothier recommended that if a professional was to be hired to assist with the negotiations, Mr. Matt MacPherson comes very highly recommended.

**PETER POTHIER'S
MONTHLY REPORT**

Superintendent of Public Works, Peter Pothier presented his written report (copy attached to original minutes).

On motion of R. MacInnis, seconded by L. Lockhart, the Superintendent's report was approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

R. MacInnis recommended that P. Pothier do a monthly report on each of the wells in the Village's system with any significant notes to be passed out to the Water Commissioners at the monthly meetings.

P. Pothier will contact D. Seamone, the Village's Engineer, to develop a monitoring report for water usage from hydrants by Fire Departments

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Budget

It was moved by R. MacInnis, seconded by L. Lockhart, that the Operating Budget for the New Minas Water Commission be approved as presented, and the Capital Budget for the New Minas Water Commission be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED

**(b) Greenwich Water
Extension**

Chair Messom reported that the Greenwich Water Extension is well under way. He stated the contract has

been signed by the County and have included the changes recommended by Mr. Doug Seamone.

It was moved by R. MacInnis, seconded by B. Horne, that the Agreement between the New Minas Water Commission and the Municipality of the County of Kings, as amended, be approved. MOTION CARRIED

T. Silver stated that originally, Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure funding was scheduled to be sent to the Commission over two years for this project; however, she has recently received notification that the funding will be forwarded to the Water Commission for this project in 2004/2005 fiscal year. She stated that this will assist the Commission in its commitment for “bridge funding”, because financing would have had to come from the Commission until final payment was received from CNSIF.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of L. Lockhart, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m..

M. Messom, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Admin. Assistant