

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**Sept 28, 2005
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, Sept 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance:

Dave Chaulk, Member
Linda Lockhart, Chair
Robert Horne, Vice Chair
Peter Pothier, Supt of Public Works
Rod MacInnis, Member
Sherry Swanburg, Member
Lynn Spencer, Administrative Assistant
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

Gerard Hamilton, Water Operator
Les Barrett, Village Commissioner
Steve North, Resident Prospect West
Richard Kozlowski, Resident Prospect West
Elizabeth Kozlowski, Resident Prospect West

Absent:

Doug Seamone, Engineer

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Sherry Swanburg, seconded by Robert Horne that the minutes of June 22, 2005 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Rod MacInnis, seconded by Sherry Swanburg that the agenda be approved with the following additions: 6c. Motion to apply for funding for the Water system upgrades. 6d. Red Door Carwash and 6e. Esso Station. MOTION CARRIED

**Business arising from Minutes:
Water and Sewer for Prospect Rd :**

Clerk Terry Silver informed the Water Commission that the infrastructure application has been completed, and a motion is required to go along with it.

On Motion of Rod MacInnis, seconded by Robert Horne to apply for infrastructure funding for installation of water and sewer for Prospect Rd west of hwy 101-connector road. MOTION CARRIED

Steve North on Water and Sewer for Prospect Rd :

Mr. North asked why New Minas didn't just do the work on its own without infrastructure funding. Mr. North stated that he felt strongly that it should be serviced, it is the only street in the New Minas boundary that is not on the New Minas Water system.

Clerk Terry Silver informed Mr. North that the only way the project could be considered at this time is if the Water Commission received infrastructure funding.

Mr. North asked if there were any other projects on the infrastructure application and where the Prospect Rd. project stood as to priority. Clerk Terry Silver informed him that there was one other project on the list, for upgrades to the system. The Water Commission advised him that the Prospect Rd. project is first on the list.

Land Registry:

Clerk Terry Silver informed the Commission that the information was passed on to Kimball Brogan who has since resigned and she is in the process of compiling a list for the new solicitor.

Water Billing Update:

The Clerk gave the Commission an update as to where we are with the Water billing for the end of Sept. She stated that the new system has been installed on our system, and the final download should be done tomorrow. Debit machine has been installed and will be running by Friday. We will be set up for online banking by Oct 25th 2005, and direct deposit will not be ready for this billing.

Peter Pothier's Monthly Report:

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

It was moved by Rod MacInnis, seconded by Sherry Swanburg that the Superintendent's report be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

**Other Business
Changing the Act Bill # 32**

Clerk Terry Silver informed the Water Commission that according to the Municipal Advisor Steven Feist, the New Minas Water Commission Bill # 32 has to be amended prior to any other remuneration being paid to the Water Commission members.

It was moved by R. MacInnis, seconded by S. Swanburg, that Bill #32 be amended to have the remuneration match that which is currently paid, and

housekeeping changes be made. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

T. Silver will provide a draft copy of Bill #32 to the members and once she has received feedback from the members, Hon. David Morse will be requested to submit the amendments through a Private Members Bill.

**Canaan Heights
Subdivision**

It was moved by B. Horne, seconded by S. Swanburg, that the New Minas Water Commission take over the Canaan Heights Subdivision water extension, as recommended by Hiltz and Seamone Limited. MOTION CARRIED

P. Pothier stated that a meter should be installed to determine the sewer usage from the Canaan Heights Subdivision.

**Infrastructure Application
– Water System Upgrades**

T. Silver advised that a number of upgrades to the New Minas Water and Sewer Systems have been recommended by the Village's Engineer. She gave the breakdown to those present.

It was moved by R. Horne, seconded by R. MacInnis that the Clerk apply for Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure funding for Water and Sewer System upgrades, as a second priority. MOTION CARRIED unanimously

Red Door Car Wash

L. Lockhart stated that she had been advised by somebody concerning, Red Door Car Wash held at the County Fair Mall. P. Pothier advised that he was made aware that there was a Car Wash being held where the Village's hydrant was connected with no knowledge of the Village staff. Peter stated he had gone to the site and temporarily shut the Car Wash down until they connected properly with his permission.

Esso Property

R. MacInnis inquired as to the status of the Esso Property, and stated that this property is within the Well Protection area of New Minas.

The Clerk Treasurer will advise Devon Estates, a subsidiary of Esso, and advise them of the Well Protection designation of their property.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Chaulk moved for adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Linda Lockhart, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Admin. Assistant