

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**July 26, 2006**

**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 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

Linda Lockhart, Chair, Water Commission  
Les Barrett, Member, Water Commission  
Dave Chaulk, Member, Water Commission  
Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary  
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer  
Peter Pothier, Superintendent Public Works  
Eric Smith, County Councillor  
Ben Sivak, Planner, Municipality of the County of Kings

**Guests:**

Dean Hatt, Village Commissioner, AAC Vice Chair  
Scott and Chardell Brydon, Jerry's RV

**Regrets:**

Bob Horne, Water Commission  
Marvin Messom, Water Commission

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

**It was moved by Les Barrett, seconded by Dave Chaulk to approve the minutes of June 28, 2006 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by Les Barrett to approve the agenda as circulated. MOTION CARRIED**

**Business arising from  
minutes  
Amendment to Water  
Bylaw-Update:**

Terry Silver reported to the Commission on the status of the Amendments to the Water Bylaw. She informed them that it had been introduced in the current Session of the Nova Scotia Legislature, and an ad has been placed in the local paper and it is now awaiting final approval.

**Doug Seamone's Report on  
Step # 2 Gudi Protocol:**

Doug Seamone presented to the Commission his report on Step #2 of the Gudi Protocol

**Peter Pothier's Monthly  
Report:**

Peter Pothier presented his monthly report (attached to original minutes) He also reported that there was one application received for the position of Assistant

Superintendent of Public Works and Water. Gerard Hamilton has since been awarded the position.

**It was moved by, Les Barrett, seconded by Dave Chaulk to accept the Superintendent's report as circulated. MOTION CARRIED**

**New Business:**  
**Application for**  
**Development Agreement-**  
**Jerry's RV:**

Ben Sivak was invited to give a brief review of his report on the Application for Jerry's RV.

The Village's Engineer had some question and concerns and would like to see them addressed in development agreement. He requested that the Development Agreement be presented back to the Water Commission for them to review prior to Council's approval, and anything detrimental to the water system should be reviewed by the Water Commission.

Mr. Seamone's concerns:

1. Abandoned well on the property, must be taken out of commission.
2. The washing procedures of the vehicles.
3. Storage & repairs
4. Waste Disposal.

Scott Brydon informed Mr. Seamone that he had a small engine shop on the existing property Also; Mr. Brydon mentioned that there is a dumping station on this property, which is dumped into the New Minas sewer system.

Mr. Seamone informed Scott Brydon that he and Peter Pothier would be visiting him to discuss this dumping station.

Dave Chaulk had concerns about changing our policies to accommodate a business that is already doing something that we were unaware of. We should be concerned about letting them expand.

Scott and Chardell Brydon, and Ben Sivak left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**Motion to Initiate Water**  
**Rate Study:**

Terry Silver reported that we are at the end of the rate assessments, and a water rate study is needed.

Doug Seamone agreed that with the new expenses for

handling drinking water the study is a necessity.

**It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by Les Barrett to initiate a new Water Rate Study. MOTION CARRIED**

**Request from IUOE to Open Negotiations:**

Terry Silver informed the Water Commission that a request to open negotiations for the Union Contract has been received. They are just waiting for vacations to end to start.

**Dept. of Environment Requirements:**

Peter Pothier informed the Water Commission of the new Department of Environment requirements. The reporting has become very extensive.

**Gas Tax Funding Report:**

Terry Silver reported on the Gas Tax Funding for the Village of New Minas. She informed the Commission that the Village will receive \$174,000 each year for the next 2 years for Green Projects for New Minas. The Gas Tax list will be revisited each year, and if situations change in any of the Villages or the County, funding allocations will be reconsidered.

**Adjournment:**

Les Barrett moved for adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

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**Linda Lockhart, Chair**

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**Lynn Spencer, Admin. Assistant**