

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
July 25, 2007
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 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Robert Horne, Chair, Water Commission
Dave Chaulk, Member, Water Commission
Les Barrett, Member, Water Commission
Maynard Stevens, Vice-Chair, Water Commission
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer
Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Water & Public Works
Doug Seamone, Engineer
Gerard Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works
George Baker, Engineer

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by, Maynard Stevens, seconded by Dave Chaulk to approve the minutes of June 27, 2007 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by, Les Barrett, seconded by Maynard Stevens to approve the agenda as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Business arising from minutes:

Mr. George Baker presented the second draft of the Water Rate Study to the Water Commission.

Water Rate Study

Second Draft:

It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by Maynard Stevens, that the water rate study be approved, and further that an application be made to the Nova Scotia Utility And Review Board to increase the rates pursuant to the completed Water Rate Study, and that the Secretary-Treasurer petition the NSUARB for this purpose. MOTION CARRIED

Sewer Treatment Alternatives Update:

Clerk Terry Silver presented her report outlining the cost and feasibility of each alternative to the Water Commission for review.

It was moved by, Marnard Stevens, seconded by Dave Chaulk to accept Terry Silver's report in principle. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by Maynard Stevens to request a letter be written to the Regional Sewer Treatment Plant to inform them of our displeasure at the cost of plant expansion, and inform them if expenses aren't restructured (re-the expansion), consider this our three year notification to withdraw our partnership. MOTION CARRIED

Water Budgets:

It was moved by, Les Barrett, seconded by Dave Chaulk to approve the budgets for 2007/2008 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Monthly Report:

Peter Pothier presented this months Water report to the Water Commission (attached to original minutes).

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

Other Business August Meeting (consider canceling):

It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by Les Barrett that August meeting will be cancelled and if anything pressing comes up, a meeting be called. MOTION CARRIED

Citizen Appointment to fill vacancy:

The Water Commission received Two applications from citizens to serve on the water commission from the newspaper advertising in July 10th, 12th, and 17th editions of the Advertiser and Register.

It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by Maynard Stevens to appoint James Redmond as a citizen member of the New Minas Water Commission. MOTION CARRIED

Les Barrett then stated that both applicants had controversy with the Village and neither applicant should be considered. It was called - point of order and the Chair called the discussion closed.

Adjournment:

Maynard Stevens moved for adjournment.

Approved

Robert Horne, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Admin Assistant