

**VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS**  
**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 8, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on December 8, 2008 in the Civic Center.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair Dave Chaulk  
Vice-Chair Dale Pineo  
Commissioner James Redmond  
Commissioner Maynard Stevens  
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Paula Kinley Howatt, Village Solicitor  
Chris Parker, Councillor District 10

**REGRETS:** Commissioner Dean Hatt

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. He welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** December 8, 2008

**It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the Agenda for the regular Commission meeting of December 8, 2008 be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Commission Meeting November 10, 2008

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting of November 10, 2008 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens**

Commissioner Stevens read the report of the New Minas Water Commission (attached to original minutes).

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo, that the Village Solicitor be contacted to commence the process of amending the Sewer Bylaw, including Sand and Grease Traps provisions. MOTION CARRIED**

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo to that the report of the New Minas Water Commission be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt**

Commissioner Hatt was not present to provide the report of the Area Advisory Committee, and it was decided this report would be tabled for the January meeting.

**c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo**

Vice-Chair Pineo gave the report of the Recreation Advisory Committee. He outlined the following items:

- Evangeline Recreation Society Kiosk the society is requesting to continue with the kiosk at Lockhart Ryan Park for the 2009/2010 season.
- The Rec Director and RAC Chair attended the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference.
- Santa parade took place November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Good participation
- Sentimental Journey scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- After School programs set for the winter session.

**It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that it be recommended to the Village's Budget Committee to place \$500 in the 2009/2010 Recreation Budget for the Healthy Kids/Activity Kids program. MOTION CARRIED**

**It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to accept the RAC report as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt**

There was no meeting of the TAC, therefore no report was available.

**e) Fire Services Task Force – Commissioner Redmond**

Commissioner Redmond gave a verbal report of the Fire Services Task Force. He highlighted the following:

- The monthly meeting was held on November 22 in Waterville.
- Commissioner Redmond expressed concern that fire plans for Home Depot and other buildings have not been made available to the Fire Department. He stated he has been trying to meet with the Fire Inspector for five weeks and they have not been able to meet.
- Commissioner Redmond asked if a response has been received by the Clerk Treasurer on Chair Chaulk's letter to the Fire Services Task Force regarding funding, to which T. Silver advised no response has been received.

**It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo to accept the report of the Fire Services Task Force as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

Chair Chaulk expressed concerns as well that the plans for the Home Depot building and certain apartment buildings have not been made available to the Fire Chief. All the Commissioners agreed that this is critical and the Fire Department must have access to plans for these new buildings. Commissioner Redmond feels confident he will get the plans if a meeting can just be arranged.

Solicitor Paula Kinley Howatt was invited to speak. She expressed concerns with regard to liability and requested Commissioner Redmond to make sure everything is documented. She recommended that if he is unable to meet with the Fire Inspector in the very near future, a more formal approach be taken immediately.

Councillor Chris Parker suggested that Commissioner Redmond advise the Fire Inspector that if they cannot expedite the process, County Council may have to become involved. Again, Commissioner Redmond stated he felt a meeting will happen very soon.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a) Civic Re-Numbering Project – Update (Report Attached)**

T. Silver advised the Commission that since the original presentation had been made to the Commission regarding the Civic Re-numbering project for New Minas, it has been determined that the number of properties affected has tripled (over 900). She noted information in her report sent to the Commissioners (report attached to original minutes). T. Silver asked the Commission to consider whether they are still prepared to move on with the project given the new information, and stated it could mean many more Village casual staff hours due to the number of potential inquiries, which could impact the Village's budget.

Councillor Parker was invited to speak. He stated that the County has students every spring/summer that often have very little to do, and the Village may be able to utilize their services in peak periods.

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Commission reaffirms its commitment to the civic re-numbering project being carried out by the Municipality of the County of Kings. MOTION CARRIED**

**It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the Village investigates funding options for this project. MOTION CARRIED**

**b) No Smoking Policy Lockhart Ryan Park – Vice-Chair Pineo**

The Commission agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**Councillor Chris Parker** – stated the County is starting its budget process, and if things stay exactly the same as last year, with no changes whatsoever, the tax rates will increase by 2 cents. He recommended the Village submit requests for funding as soon as possible.

He stated there would be funding available sidewalks on Commercial Street. T. Silver asked if the funding opportunities (provincial/federal) are for new sidewalks or repairs, and Councillor Parker replied funding is for new sidewalks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Vice-Chair Pineo the meeting adjourned.**

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**Dave Chaulk, Chair**

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**Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer**