



Village of New Minas
Water Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 24, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Louis Millett Community Complex (LMCC)

Commissioners Present: Chair, Maynard Stevens
Village Commissioner, James Redmond
Citizen Member, Scott Crowell
Village Commissioner, Dave Chaulk

Staff Present: April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer
Gerard Hamilton, Municipal Operations Manager
Krista McDonald, Deputy Clerk

Others Present: Village Commissioner, Ken Pineo
Village Commissioner, Mary Munroe
County Councillor, Jim Winsor
Doug Seamone
Ken Barrett

Call to Order:
Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcoming those in attendance.

Agenda:

Redmond-Crowell
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Chaulk-Redmond
THAT the minutes of the September 27, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes:

April Ernest noted that Citizen Member Bob Horne had resigned from the Committee and that as he was Vice-Chair, a new Vice-Chair would need to be appointed. This was dealt with under New Business.

Water Department Report:

Gerard Hamilton presented the Departmental Monthly Report. Concerns were brought up about a hydrant being damaged by an external snow plough and who is responsible to pay for the repairs. Mr. Hamilton stated that as the incident was not directly witnessed, it would be difficult to prove who was at fault and as such the village would absorb the cost of repairs.

Redmond-Crowell

THAT the staff report presented by Gerard Hamilton be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

New Business:**a) Citizen Member Resignation**

Citizen member Bob Horne resigned due to relocating outside of the New Minas village boundaries.

Redmond-Crowell

THAT the Water Commission accept the resignation of citizen member, Bob Horne.

CARRIED

Chair Stevens noted that there is a need to advertise for a new member which staff will be undertaking.

Dave Chaulk was nominated and accepted the position of Vice-Chair.

b) Ken Barrett – Presentation & Proposed Amendment to Source Water Protection Plan

Mr. Barrett explained that he was approached by a national fuel brand that is seeking to re-locate from an existing New Minas location to his property on Commercial Street. He mentioned that technology has changed greatly with new fuel storage tanks developed with double-walls, minimizing the risk of any spills or leakage and can be below or above ground. The area is in Zone C which is a protected wellfield area and has a restriction on this type of development. Mr. Barrett would like to mitigate the concerns of the Water Commission in order to create a development agreement with the county, who he has already contacted and who he says are in favour of the proposed growth. He wanted to know what the Water Commission would like to see in the development agreement, should he proceed with the plans.

Doug Seamone mentioned that the Irving gas bar development property was one that the village strongly objected to, but there was an open development agreement and there was little that could be done. He added that the wells nearest to this proposed development are sandy/gravel wells which are more susceptible to spills.

Dave Chaulk noted that he has serious concerns to allow a business of this nature into a wellfield zone and that expert advice is warranted. He also has concerns about the location the fuel brand will be moving from laying vacant as evidenced in the when fuel operations have moved in the past.

Chair Stevens stated that a development agreement would need to be presented to the Water Commission.

Dave Chaulk suggested that Doug Seamone and Gerard Hamilton prepare a preliminary report to share with Ken Barrett before moving forward.

Public Discussion Period:

Mary Munroe asked about sewer capacity for the development south of the 101 highway. Chair Stevens replied that sewer issues are not covered by the Water Commission, but that capacity would be discussed at a Regional Sewer meeting being held on January 25th and the issue could be brought to the next Village Commission meeting.

Adjournment:

Redmond

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Maynard Stevens, Chair

April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer