VILLAGE OF MINTO
MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Minto Village Council was held in the Council Room at 7:00 PM on April 13, 2010 with Mayor Barnett presiding.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Michael Richardson (DM)
Jane Wasson
Dwain Barton

PRESS: Sandra Hennessey, Daily Gleaner and Brenda Despres, Grand Lake Mirror

PUBLIC: Janette Gullison, Jennifer Brown, Theresa West, Alton Morrell, Ruth Drost-Barton, Eldon Barton, Mary Scribner, Edith Storey, Nancy Daamen, Jason Brogan, Norman Vautour, and Darla Richardson.

MAYOR BARNETT is pleased to advise that under the Province of New Brunswick's 2010 program for improvements to provincially designated highways in municipalities, the Department of Transportation is prepared to assist the Village of Minto in an estimated amount of $280,000.00 for asphalt paving on Main Street from Route 10 to Northside Drive, a distance of approximately 1.4 km. As well as, an estimated amount of $40,000.00 for a chipseal reseal on the Post Road from the Village limits towards Route 10 for a distance of 1.3 km.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Wasson that the minutes of special meetings of March 15th, March 23rd (2), April 6th, 12th and the regular council meeting of March 9th be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE READ

RCMP: Cpl. Boileau attended the meeting. During the month of March, members of the Minto and Chipman detachments responded to 116 calls for service. Of those, 45 were within the Village limits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILLOR WASSON:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: The March meeting for Minlak, Citizens on Patrol meeting, met with Gary DiPaolo to see what our next steps for the Minto Performing Arts Center should be. An official in the Education Department is looking at the document to see how we can get a formal lease agreement with District 17.
Attended the event where the NBCC satellite campus and Minto Machine & Welding announcement was made. Part of a meeting held with Rogers to discuss the future of local programming. To date, any local broadcasts will have to originate in Fredericton. The local

channels in this area, Minto & Chipman will be done as of November 30th. Attended 2 library meetings, went to the open house for Ed Farris, and attended four (4) special meetings of council.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: One (1) development permits ($100,000) issued for the month of March, and 1 demolition permit issued. This is the season where council will again review properties in the village to see if some could be improved or removed.

MUSEUM: Councillor Wasson is looking for any retired miners to help out this summer at the Museum for one day a week.

MINLAK: During the month of March total recyclables were 7340 kgs. There is one (1) new client at Minlak. They are having a good year budget wise, but they would like to increase their client numbers.

DEPUTY MAYOR RICHARDSON:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Meeting with Village Legal Council, 4 special meetings of council, meeting with Fire Chief Miller and Deputy Fire Chief Wilson, tour of new firehall with Fire Chief Miller, monthly meeting of Fire Dept (late), Retirement party for Chipman Mayor Ed Farris.

SEWER REPORT: Sewer problem on Hill Street corrected, ADI and Promax electrical work done on lift station, serviced auto sampler, new gas meter purchased, met with ADI on Diamond Drive expansion, flushed sewer line on Centennial Drive, UV lights replaced and cleaned, monthly sewer tests and annual correlations done

MINTO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER: Diabetes Education Sessions began on March 23rd with 25 participants in attendance. Sessions continue weekly until April 27th.
Outreach Education was held at Shopper's in Minto on March 24th. Quit kits were distributed to 8 interested individuals by RT, Heather Giroux, and 12 individuals visited with Dale Knox from nursing for blood pressures and education.
Taste Buds Program is set to begin on April 12th.

PARTY Program (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) is being held in Chipman on April 27th. The staff from QNCHC are all participating in the program which is for grade 9 students in Minto, Chipman and Cambridge Narrows.

EXTENDS Program, a new smoking cessation program, is being brought into the community through the health center. Three staff from the center received training in March and will be launching the program within the next month.
Senior's Health afternoon is being planned for May 5th at the Minto Senior's Club. Seniors will have the opportunity for blood pressure and glucose monitoring as well as a chance to speak with

nurses from the health center regarding health issues.

CHEER (Children's Healthy Eating and Exercising Right) Program planning is underway with a planned launch at spring fling. Nursing staff will be running this physical activity based program for 5 – 12 year olds weekly in the spring.
Spring Fling will be held on May 15th from 10 am until noon at QNCHC. There will be a scavenger hunt, musical entertainment, healthy snacks and a Nordic Pole Walking session. Both the CHEER program and a five week fitness program will be launched at this event. Grand Lake in Motion is the new fitness program that will run from May 15 – June 22. Cost is $5 and participants can choose which method of exercise they would like to engage in (walking, running, swimming, biking, etc.)

MINTO COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER: Fundraising breakfast on May 15th from 8:00 am – 11:00 am at the Minto Rec Center. Tickets are $6.00 and are available from any board member. The center is available for rent on Saturdays and Sundays. Plans are currently underway for a teen dance and a country show in the near future.

W.G. BISHOP NURSING HOME: Nursing Home continues to be full with a waiting list.` The annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st at the Minto Senior's Hall. There will be a fundraiser for the FOR bus.
A Workshop "Forget Me Not: Spiritual Care of People with Alzheimer's" will be held on Saturday, April 17th, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm at the QN Community Health Center. Registration deadline is April 15th.

MINTO FIRE DEPARTMENT: Rescue van will be delivered around month's end, grand opening of new firehall will be May 29th @ 2 PM, new chairs and tables for the main room (on agenda), looking at epoxy covering for floors in the bay area. There were 2 fire calls for the month of March – 1 greenhouse fire and 1 grass fire. No fire dept. team in this year's relay, but they will be. Looking to organize a bottle drive – proceeds to cancer relay. Village employee Brad Wilson did demonstration on gas detector.

MINTO/CHIPMAN GROWTH COMMITTEE: Meeting on Wednesday April 14th @ Minto council chambers.

COUNCILLOR BARTON

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Several special meetings of council, wrap-up ice fishing meeting, year-end ice show hosted by the Grand Lake Figure Skating Association, attended the event where the NBCC satellite campus and Minto Machine & Welding announcement was made, and two (2) festival meetings.

DOG REPORT: 8 calls for the month and traveled 450 kms.

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Library visits were made to the two local daycares. The preschoolers at the A 2 Z Learning Center enjoyed the tiger themed program which included stories, songs and

tiger mask craft. The Early World of Learning Daycare children liked the puppet show The Monster Who Loved Easter Eggs. Afterwards they made a bunny mask, played games and sang the Bunny Pokey.

Mary was delighted with the turnout for our Children's Easter Evening held on March 24th. The children laughed at the antics of a monster in the puppet show "The Monster Who Loved Easter Eggs." Afterwards, they coloured their bunny mask to wear for the library egg hunt. We were happy to see new children attend this event and hope they will join us next month for our May Day evening set for April 28th at 6:30 PM.
The library hosted a Senior's Easter Tea which included a light lunch and refreshments. I read the short story Beauty of Lily by Frances Jenkins Olcott. Games included an Easter Crossword, an Outburst Game and concluded with the popular egg tapping contest. Mary Thurrott won the door prize, a yellow potted mum.

Mary is also planning a Puppetry Workshop for children in grades 4 – 6. This will begin on Saturday, April 17th at 1:00 PM and will run until May 15th. The children will make various types of puppets, as well as develop voices and other puppetry skills.

Once again this year, the library is continuing the Teen Promotion Reading Campaign, by visiting with students at both the middle and high school levels. Currently, Mary is arranging library visits that will include book talks on new titles and an overview of the library online catalogue Vision. She will also see if the teens are interested in forming a Teen Book Club at the library or if anyone has an interest in participating on a committee to set up Teen Zone at the library.

GARBAGE CONTRACT: Only one complaint during the month of March. Councillor Barton met with Alternate Waste regarding Main Street being their priority and done first thing in the morning.

FESTIVAL: Matthew Richardson and Councillor Barton will co-chair the festival this year. The theme will be the wild, wild, west. Next meeting will be May 2 at 7:00 pm in the council chambers. Canada Day will pay honour to the men and women of the Arm Forces. The festival will run from June 27 to July 4.

ICE FISHING: Family Day at the Keyhole was a huge success this year with over 60 fish caught. The following changes will be made to next year's tournament.
The tournament will now be known as Family Day, it will be run again at the keyhole, and there will be three (3) divisions:

1. 0-15 years.
2. 16-60 years.
3. 61 & over.

All categories will have 3 plaques awarded for fish caught, along with three (3) cash prizes for the largest fish caught, with the largest fish being declared King of the lake. They will receive the Mac Bongard Memorial trophy.

BALL FIELD: Councillor Barton reminded interested groups to submit their applications to the

Village Office.

SPRING CLEAN UP will be held May 5th, and 6th.

MAYOR BARNETT:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Citizens on Patrol meeting, Announcement by Premier, Shawn Graham on the new NBCC satellite campus and Minto Machine & Welding announcement, met with Arena Manager, attended dinner for Keith Ashfield, all special meetings, the official opening of the under 9 Ringette tournament, Fredericton Region Solid Waste meeting, summer festival meeting, Grand Lake Figure Skating annual ice show, Fire Department meeting, attended two Birthday celebrations, as well as a retirement party.

ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE is still working on a few other projects that they hope will be announced in the near future, which will mean more jobs for the Grand Lake Area.

MAINTENANCE: Ploughed snow, checked streets for potholes, repaired nets from outdoor rink, helped Brad with UV lights, new sign for wheelchair parking, replaced damaged crosswalk signs, repaired safety tripod, repaired bump at high school, removed wood from around heater at care & share, checked street lights, repaired handrail on Main Street, scraped and painted trailer, repaired dump truck hub, worked on backhoe, swept streets, removed stump on Main Street, chipped x-mas trees, did our spring drive-around.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR AT 7:25PM.

Ruth Drost read a letter she addressed to Council regarding her wish to have the new Community College Campus named "The A. D. Taylor School of Technology." after her Grandfather. Mayor Barnett advised that Council would support this letter and present it to the NBCC and the Economic Growth Committee during upcoming meetings with both groups later this week.

Citizen wanted to know if the arena would be available for festival events this year due to the upcoming renovations. Mayor Barnett advised that the arena will be available for the festival events to take place. The washroom renovation will take place prior to the festival, while the roof renovation will begin after the festival.

Citizen asked for an update on the Palliative Care Unit re-opening. Council members advised that the opening of this unit, along with the need for a 3rd ambulance is still their priority.

Grand Lake United representative wanted to remind everyone that the group will be holding another rally this summer at the Grand Lake Park. The rally will take place on June 19th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. The next meeting of the Grand Lake United will be held at the Village Chambers on April 28th at 7:00 pm.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT LISTS:

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wasson that the Sewer Fund Check disbursements for March in the sum of $50,663.48 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Robichaud that the General Fund Check Disbursements for March in the sum of $203,191.68 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

SPRING CLEAN-UP – SET DATE: The annual spring clean-up will be held on May 5th and 6th this year.

YCAP SUGGESTIONS FOR 2010 APPLICATION: Council suggested that an application be submitted for the following projects:

1. Gary Richard Ball Park – New roof on canteen and washrooms
2. Gilbert Park – New cement pad placed under one of the small children's play equipment.
3. Tennis Court – Pavement Markings.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wasson that a YCAP Application be submitted for the above mentioned projects.

Motion Carried.

DOG BY-LAW LATE FEE: This item was tabled, and will be returned to a future agenda.

GAS TAX PROJECTS: Mayor Barnett advised that the total Gas Tax Funds for 2010-2013 will be $833,404. Council will consider projects that fall within the guidelines of the Gas Tax Agreement, and return their ideas to a future agenda. The clerk advised that the 1st allotment could be received as early as August if an application was submitted in the near future.

PROCLAMATION – DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK: Mayor Barnett proclaimed Disability Awareness week, May 30th to June 5th, 2010.

PROCLAMATION – CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: Mayor Barnett proclaimed the month of April 2010 as Cancer Awareness Month in the Village of Minto.

FIREHALL: Three quotes were obtained for the purchase of (20) new tables and (50) new chairs for the new fire hall. They were: Staples $3,249.30 + HST, EZ Prints Photography $5,125.00 + HST, and Ven Rez $5,294.50 + HST.

Deputy Mayor Richardson also obtained a quote from Staples for (10) new tables and (50) chairs at a cost of $2,399.40 + HST.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Barton that (10) new tables and (50) new chairs be purchased for the new fire hall at a cost of $2,711.32 + HST from Staples.

Motion Carried.

NEW BOARD MEMBER NEEDED: Deputy Mayor Richardson advised that Hazel McKenzie has represented Council on the W.G. Bishop Nursing Home Board for the past nine (9) years, which is the maximum amount of years this position can be held by the same person. If anyone on Council knows of anyone that would be interested, please let Deputy Mayor Richardson know, as a new Board Member must be found.