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# Council Advisory Committee

## MINUTES

### April 10, 2012

#### PRESENT

Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl, Councilor Tony Bentley, Councilor Bernie Cooper, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Eric Bolland, Solicitor Tom MacEwan, CAO Mark Phillips and Town Clerk Carol Harmes

Also present: Finance Director Debra Crowell, Chief of Police Mark Mander, Director Bev Gentleman and Town Engineer Fred Whynot.

Absent with approval - Councilor Bill Boyd

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor David Corkum called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and CAO Mark Phillips reported that all members of Council were present (except for Councilor Bill Boyd who was away on vacation). Also present were all directors, Solicitor MacEwan, Town Clerk Harmes and himself, as CAO.

#### NOTE

*“Points from Discussion” below show various comments made by individual councilors during debate. They do not necessarily represent the opinion of the group, nor do they always reflect accurate information.*

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

**that the agenda be approved with the addition of:  
5 (d) VIC update**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### PRESENTATION

##### **(a) Dr. Lynn Harrigan – Valley Health**

Mayor Corkum introduced Dr. Lynn Harrigan, Vice President of Medicine, Valley Regional Health, who was in attendance to respond to a number of questions regarding Valley Health’s request for funding for the Family Practice Residency Program.

##### Points from Presentation

- The Residency Program will address the current and future shortage of family doctors in the area.
- A recent survey indicated that 28% of the current doctors in the area will retire in the near future. Many are relatively young doctors (50 year olds), planning early retirement.

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- The Valley qualifies for the family residency program and 5 residents will begin in July, with 5 additional the following July,
- 2 residents have been designated for Kentville.
- This program is the first of its kind in Canada.
- The anticipated outcome would be that some of the doctors would remain in the area and open a practice.
- Funds from municipal units in the Valley will be used for infrastructure items – equipment, supplies, video recording equipment and the like.
- Housing will be provided and Valley Health will be sending RFPs for furnished apartments in the area.
- The residents must be made to feel welcomed and part of the community, and therefore, mentors are being sought to help with community orientation.

Points from Discussion

- Recruits cannot be told where to practice.
- \$5,000 - \$8,000 is being asked from each of the communities.
- These funds would be recruited jointly by the County and the Town.
- The ongoing costs would be between \$15,000 and \$20,000 annually and would be the responsibility of Valley Health.
- This request will be reviewed during budget deliberations.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**(a) Minutes of March 5, 2012**

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

**that the Minutes of March 5, 2012 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/OLD BUSINESS**

**(a) Webster Court / Justice Way Parking - report**

Town Engineer Fred Whynot gave an update on increasing short term parking in the Webster Court – Justice Way area. He stated that spaces have been marked and signs erected on Webster Court to identify 2 hour parking, and also, nine spaces will be made available on Justice Way, which had been previously allocated as leased parking.

To further enhance parking in this part of Town, Director Whynot noted that during discussions with County staff, approval in principle was given for the Town to lease a portion of County-owned property (near Justice Way) for a parking lot. If this

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arrangement is ratified by County Council, 38 additional parking places can be made available, 2 of which will be accessible. An estimate of \$40,000 was proposed for this project.

The COTW meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> will discuss the possibility of the Town and County entering into a 25 year lease for this purpose.

Following some discussion, it was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

***Recommendation to  
Town Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that, subject to the approval of Kings County Council, that the Town proceed with the construction of a parking lot on Justice Way, and that these costs be included in the 2012-2013 Capital Program.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- Perhaps the County should cost-share the construction of this parking lot, as it provides additional parking for their staff and visitors.
- If the Town is leasing the parking spots from the County, it does not make sense to construct the lot and then allow county staff to use the spots free of charge.
- The Town should have a full catalogue of available parking, along with the need for current and future spaces.
- Businesses should be contacted for their input on parking needs of both staff and customers.
- Leased parking originated a few years ago in response to the need for parking in this area. However, the need has changed because of development of Webster Court.
- Leased parking should be considered as a source of revenue.
- This additional parking will also be used by tenants or visitors to the Cornwallis Inn, people accessing the trail system and visiting the VIC, if it's relocated downtown.
- If the new parking lot is designated for all-day parking, it will not address the needs of businesses in the area.
- Perhaps this new parking lot could be used for other activities like a new bus stop for Kings Transit, community activities, information on Ducks Unlimited, and so on.
- Staff has been preparing a report on parking in Town and this can be made available shortly.

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

***Recommendation to***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that**

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**staff, through the CAO, prepare a catalogue of the existing parking lots and spaces available, and that both the current and future needs for additional spots of both employees and customers of businesses, also be included in this information.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) NS International Ferry Partnership**

CAO Phillips reported that this issue was brought to a previous meeting of Council, at which time it was directed to the budget process, as there did not seem a sense of urgency with the request. However, since then, contact from the organization has indicated that a reply would be appreciated as soon as possible. The project organizers will ask the province to take the lead in attracting an experienced operator, since international transportation routes are not normally within the domain of municipal government.

Currently, statistics are being gathered on the impact that the loss of the ferry has had on businesses, and to assist this project, this group is requesting a financial contribution between \$500 and \$1000.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

**the request for support from the NS International Ferry Partnership be returned to the table for discussion and consideration of a \$1,000 contribution to this group.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

***Recommendation to  
Town Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that the item be tabled again for budget deliberations.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- This issue should be part of the budget process, to be considered along with all other applications.
- The type and amount of support that this group has received at this point would be good to know.
- Perhaps the Town and County could jointly make a contribution towards this issue.
- There is an impact on our own community, as visitors from the US have decreased.

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- Although the elimination of the ferry service affects communities throughout the province, its funding is the responsibility of the Provincial Government.

**(c) Zipline Project**

Recreation Director Mark Phillips reported that he has discussed the zipline/ropes course program with the company providing this program at Martock. He showed some pictures of the “trails in the trees” along with the fee structure proposed for Martock. He added that a selling feature is the minimal impact on the environment and the physical activity that this would create. Although, this company is completely tied up until the Martock trail has been created and becomes operational in May, he will meet with Recreation staff to discuss the matter further.

Points from Discussion

- A similar project near Fredericton is a big draw to the area.
- Safety considerations must be made.
- Areas like “the gorge” have the right topography for this activity.

**(d) VIC**

CAO Phillips reported that although Lindsay Young, the Community Development Officer is on vacation, it appears that the relocation of the transfer station in Kentville remains a problem. Another of the conditions was that the County would also contribute to the costs of the VIC and it appears that this will be considered during their budget deliberations.

Points from Discussion

- It is important that we have some definite decisions made soon, as Tourist season is approaching.
- Rumour has it that the County is prepared to financially support this joint project, depending upon location.
- Kings Transit must have input into the bus stop location.

**DEPARTMENTAL  
REPORTS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Finance**

**(i) Director’s Report**

Director Debra Crowell noted some highlights from the department:

- Meters have been read for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter billing
- Work continues with bank transition
- Budget work continues
- The audit is booked for May 21, 2012

In addition, Director Crowell report that with Revenue and Expenditures, information is not available as preparation of

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financial statements is being done. 98.6% of the tax levy has been received and this compares to 97.1% last year. With Schedules E and F (Perpetual Investment Fund) the committee will meet on April 18<sup>th</sup> to review the year-end position of the fund, however, a cheque for \$750,000 has been received and has been deposited in the operating account.

Following a review of each account, it was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl

**that the report from the Director of Finance be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- The collection of tax dollars at almost 99% shows an outstanding effort by staff.
- Some municipalities do not do as well in their collections.

**(ii) CPI Salary Increases**

Director Debra Crowell reported that cost of living increases are granted at the first of each fiscal year to staff, and as the Provincial CPI for the previous year has been established at 3.7%, she recommended that in accordance with the Town's Personnel and Policy Manual, that this be granted.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

***Recommendation to Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that a cost of living increase be granted to non-bargaining employees, effective April 1, 2012 and that the rate applied to non-union employees' salary scales is based on the statistics from March 2011 to February 2012, which would be 3.7% on April 1, 2012.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(iv) Debenture Funding – Spring 2012**

Director Deb Crowell reported that Municipal Finance Corporation has advised that debenture funds will be issued this spring, and as the Town requires some debenture funding, she identified the projects and made a recommendation.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

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***Recommendation to Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that debenture funding be requested for the following:**

Resolution #	Purpose	Funding requested
TBR 11/12-02	Various	\$975,600
TBR 11/12-03	Land	\$200,000
<b>Total Town</b>		<b>\$1,175,600</b>

Resolution #	Purpose	Funding requested
TBR 11/12-04	Refinancing	\$460,000
<b>Total Water</b>		<b>\$460,000</b>

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(v) Withdrawals – Town Capital Reserves**

Finance Director Crowell noted that costs for the 2011-12 capital projects ran over the budget allocations and therefore, require withdrawals. The projects identified involved land acquisition and the soccer field. She made a recommendation for each project, following which, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

***Recommendation to Town Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that the attached resolution be approved for the withdrawal of \$59,433 from Capital Reserve – General Allocation, to fund a project overrun in 2011-12 relating to land acquisition.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was also moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

***Recommendation to Town Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that the attached resolution be approved for the withdrawal of \$30,508 from the Capital Reserve Recreation Soccer Field, to fund the construction completed to March 31, 2012.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) Planning and Development**

**(i) Director’s Report**

Director Bev Gentleman reported that 6 permits were issued the previous month with a building valuation of \$991,000, thereby increasing the yearly total to \$1,188,500. In addition, she provided an update on the following issues:

Blackberry Ridge – The final plans for this subdivision have been received, although an application remains outstanding.

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SD Bylaw Amendments – The province has approved the amendments to the Subdivision Bylaw relating to the Primary Services (paving, installation of curb and gutter) to allow this responsibility to be resumed by developers.

Kings 2050 – A website has been launched and is being widely advertised. ([www.kings2050.ca](http://www.kings2050.ca))

Salvation Army Expansion –The Development Agreement has been approved and signed and construction will begin soon.

Colliers International – Catherine Baillie of Colliers reported that real estate transactions outside of HRM have been slow.

Industrial Lands Study – Nothing further to report.

Rafuse Machine Shop - Staff has been in discussions with the property owner to consider amendments to the MPS and LUB to allow a commercial use of this property.

MPS Review – Staff continues the documentation of items in the MPS and LUB for the Review Committee.

Director Gentleman also identified a number of meetings in her report, which she attended over the last month.

It was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

**that the report from the Director of Planning and Development be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- The current status of Rafuse Machine Shop in a non-conforming commercial use in a residential zone.
- A development agreement could provide for a commercial use in another zone.

**(ii) Environmental Advisory Committee Chairman's Report**

Chairman Eric Bolland reported that a number of workshops on alternate energy sources will be offered to the public attending the Home Show. At that time, participants will be given the opportunity to win a free home energy evaluation.

He added that the Tree Canada Campaign provides funds for tree planting whereby an application can be submitted for 50 cent dollars. Lastly, he added that Earth Hour was held on March 31<sup>st</sup> and that much of the Town was in darkness for that period.

It was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley



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**that the report from the Environmental Advisory Committee be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(c) Parks, Recreation and Community Development**

**(i) Director's Report**

CAO/Director Mark Phillips reported that:

- The Home Show will be on April 20, 21, 22 this year and the website provides updates on the participating vendors and on the backyard prize package.
- On Sunday the Cheer-Leading Provincial Competitions were held at the arena, involving close to 1,000 participants.
- The World's Largest Garage Sale will be on April 28th
- SPCA Flea Market, TOPS Convention, RCMP Band, and the Picker Event are all scheduled for the arena.
- Trail Ambassadors (wardens) are being sought out and identifying t-shirts, etc. will given to these volunteers.
- Smoke Free Spaces will be promoted with new signage and some education for the general public on both the Town's bylaw and provincial legislation.
- Summer Employment – Applications will be received after May 1<sup>st</sup> , and the March Break Camp was successful.
- This year's AB Festival is between May 30 and June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Farmer's Market will start again on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The flowers and baskets have been order.
- With Special Events, the Provincial Volunteer Dinner was on April 2, Kentville's dinner will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> and the Princess Tea will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. On March 24<sup>th</sup> the Rotary Club held a community workshop to identify the community needs and to explore possible partnerships with organizations.

It was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

**that the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Community Development Coordinator's Report**

A report was presented on behalf of Community Development Coordinator Lindsay Young and CAO Phillips noted that the Kentville Business Promotion Committee is recruiting members.

In addition, upcoming promotions involve a coupon booklet,

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spring, mother's day and graduation promotions, and these initiatives have been driven forward by members of the business community, not only by the Town of Kentville staff.

**(iii) KCDC Chairman's Report**

Mayor Corkum had nothing additional to report as meetings have been difficult to arrange.

**(d) Police Report**

**(i) Chief's Report**

Police Chief Mark Mander reported that a Board meeting was held on March 22 which addressed the Police Service budget. The next meeting will be on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Following the presentation of some statistics, Chief Mander stated that the accessibility of technology allowed for the arrest of an individual suspected of break and enter, as blood left at the scene, was later identified through DNA records.

It was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl

**that the report from the Chief of Police be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- A part-time ticket administrator, taxi bylaw enforcer, etc. has been hired on a part time basis.

**(ii) Board Report**

Councilor Bernie Cooper had nothing further to report.

**(e) Transportation Services**

**(i) Directors Report**

Director Whynot reported that Public Works employees having been cleaning the streets around town, along with the renewing their traffic control certifications. Paving and line painting projects have been planned and works on the extension of Mitchell Avenue has begun. This project this will allow for the development of Seven Bridges Subdivision.

He added that 90% of the preliminary budget has been completed and the next Regional Sewer meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>, will see the approval of the Capital and Operating budgets for 2012.

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

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**that the report from the Director of Transportation Services be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- Only 60% of its snow and ice removal budget was used.
- Salt costs are up this year.

**(f) Water Commission**

**(i) Directors Report**

Director Whynot noted that water quality continues to be within the acceptable limits. A Water Commission meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> saw the approval of the Capital Budget for 2012-13 in the amount of \$1,355,000. \$1,200,000 of this is for the Belcher St. reservoir which is 2/3 funded from the Build Canada Fund. Approval from NSURB is pending on this project. He noted other projects which form part of this budget.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

**that the report from the Kentville Water Commission be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- The Town has been in a good financial position (because of reserves) to take advantage of opportunities, like the Build Canada Fund for “shovel ready” projects.
- Some municipal units are in dire straits with crumbling infrastructure and the like, because they have not saved reserves to replace these.

**(ii) Commission Report**

Mayor Corkum noted that there was a recent KWC meeting at which Hal Henderson returned to his previous position of citizen appointee.

**(g) Administration**

**(i) Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

Highlights from the report:

- AV Regional Industrial Park – Provincial programs are being investigated (ACOA, NSEDA, etc.) for economic development in the industrial park.
- KPSC – A meeting was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> and some potential agenda items were addressed.
- KDCL – The co-ordinator continues to work with this group

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- and the model for a sustainable plan will be presented to KDCL and then brought back to Council.
- Joint Fire Services Committee – Meeting held on March 27<sup>th</sup> and another for the fire area rate was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A unanimous vote was received in favour of the proposed rate for 2012-13, which funds the current year’s loans, purchases and administrative fees.
  - Kings Transit Authority – 2012-13 Capital and Operating budgets were presented on March 28<sup>th</sup> and the costs to the Town may increase by 5.8%.
  - UNSM – The Spring Workshop will take place in Truro from May 8 – 11<sup>th</sup>. Council should confirm attendance. Also, on April 19<sup>th</sup>, Kentville will host the regional Town’s Task Force meeting in the Recreation Centre at 6:30 pm and Council are asked to attend.
  - Fire Inspection Agreement with Co. of Kings – Meeting scheduled for April 23 to review current agreement.
  - Regional Sewer Committee – Meeting held to review present governance model for committee; a report is expected by mid summer.
  - HR – new payroll process in place.
  - PANS – retro pay has been processed, however the grievance regarding STAT time remains outstanding.
  - CUPE – Meeting on April 11 will address remuneration.
  - OHSW –The issue of smoking has been addressed and staff will be reminded of legislation in place
  - Electronic Voting – Work continues with this process.
  - Operating and Capital Budgets – prepared by Finance Director and some information has been posted to the Council website.

It was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii)Town Clerk’s Report**

Clerk Harmes reported that she has been working on the Electronic Voting project, and that a meeting with Scytl representatives was scheduled for earlier today. The Alternative Voting Bylaw will be brought forward for a recommendation to adopt, and an analysis will be prepared for Council on the programs and prices offered by both Scytl and Intelivote.

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She added that several old policies have also been researched and will be brought forward to be rescinded, and lastly, work has begun on the Bursary program.

It was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Bolland

**that the report from the Town Clerk be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- The bylaw enables the Town to move towards electronic voting at the October election, although having the bylaw in place does not require the Town to engage in electronic voting.
- Council has expressed interest in using electronic and paper voting at a recent strategy session, as this combination would allow a level of comfort for all demographics.

**(h) Council Reports from Workshops and Conferences**

Mayor Corkum reported that he has attended and participated in 2 presentations for the Town's Task Force for UNSM – Truro and Port Hawkesbury, with another to be held in Kentville on April 19<sup>th</sup>

Councilor Tony Bentley reported that he attended the celebration at Aldershot for Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. This was very enjoyable, with a presentation and an inspection of the troops.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that she attended 2 legal workshops however, finds attendance very difficult because of other conflicts in her schedule. She also attended the NS Association of Police Boards in Halifax and found it interesting to meet with Opposition Critics for the Liberal and the Conservatives, and the Minister of Justice. Some interesting comments (on costs and service delivery) were made.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Policy Review – Recommendation to Rescind**

Clerk Harnes presented a report on several out-of-date policies, which are either replaced by current documents or involve practices which are no longer carried out. She added that where necessary, she has discussed the policies with other staff and now recommends that they be rescinded

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

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***Recommendation to Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that the following policies be rescinded and removed from the list of current Town policies:**

- GA3 – Special Meetings of Council**
- GA4 – Rates and Taxes**
- GA5 – Yearly Closing of Roadway**
- GA7 – Deaths**
- GA9 – Reimbursement of Travel Expenses**
- GA10 – Courses for Administrative Staff**
- GA14 - Permits for Sunday Opening**
- GA15 - Mail Pick Up and Open**
- GA17 – Role of Deputy Mayor in Absence of Mayor**
- GA19 – License to Sell**
- GA 22 – Legislative Honorariums**
- GA24 – Traffic Authority**
- GA26 – Use of Private Vehicles**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***(b) Chapter 91 –Alternative Voting Bylaw***

Clerk Harmes reported that this bylaw was created by the Town’s solicitor to provide the Town with the option to offer electronic voting in future elections. The document has been reviewed by the Returning Officer and adoption would appear in order.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

***Recommendation to Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that First Reading be given to adopt Chapter 91 – Alternative Voting Bylaw.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***(c) NSP – Regional Reliability Committee***

CAO Phillips reported that a meeting had been scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> to present this issue. This project has been introduced by Nova Scotia Power, as an effort to engage municipalities in sharing ideas with representatives from NSP, that could result in better service delivery of power to the citizens in the province.

The request is for local Councils to appoint an individual and an alternate to attend meetings, and to be a conduit for questions and concerns in the community. More will follow at the next meeting which is expected in 6 months.

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**(d) Kings Partnership Steering Committee – Future Agenda Items**

CAO Phillips reported that at a recent meeting of KPSC, several items were discussed, as much time has lapsed since the last meeting. The CAOs presented some agenda items but reminded the group that each council must support the individual agenda items, prior to them being addressed at the KPSC level. He identified each item that has been proposed for group discussion and made a recommendation for Council support.

It was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

*Recommendation to Council*

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that it supports discussion at the Kings Partnership Steering Committee (as per the protocol) on the following items:**

- **Fire Services in Kings County**
- **Kings 2050**
- **Recreation Cost Sharing – Capital and Operating**
- **Videoconferencing Presence at Meetings**
- **Policing Services**
- **Electronic Voting**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- It is good to see this committee operational once again.
- Councilor Bill Boyd was elected Chairman and Warden Diana Brothers was elected Vice Chairman for KPSC.

**(e) KVFD – Area Rate Report**

CAO Phillips reported that at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the KVFD, those councillors present from the Town of Kentville and the County of Kings unanimously supported the proposed area rate and budget, as presented.

CAO Phillips advised that this area rate is levied on all properties served by the KVFD, as defined in the assessment role, and the revenue generated is used to offset capital expenditures required for the service. He further noted that the area rate expenses total \$568,800 and that this year's rate is being proposed at \$.0501/\$100 vs. last year's rate at \$.0500/\$100.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

*Recommendation to Council*

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that approval be given to the KVFD Area Rate Budget for**

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**2012-2013 in the amount of \$568,800, with an area rate of \$.0501/\$100 of assessed value, which reflects Kentville's share (40.2% of the area rate collected) of \$208,900.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Ipsos Reid – Citizen Satisfaction Syndicated Study**

CAO Phillips reported that a letter from Ipsos Reid invited the Town to participate in a Citizen Satisfaction survey which would address issues like quality of life, perceptions of staff and council, satisfaction with services, value delivered from taxes paid, funding options, communication and information needs. Two additional modules – Customer Service and Community Safety can be added at additional costs. The subscription date is April 25, 2012.

He noted that the costs would be \$6,900 for the core subscription and \$1,500 for each of the additional modules.

He added that the recent Rotary Workshop answered many of the questions, although some questions remain regarding satisfaction with staff and council.

It was felt that with the upcoming election and information from the Rotary Workshop, Council has a good knowledge of community feedback.

**(b) Paddys and Rosies – Sidewalk Patio and Street Closure**

This letter represents the annual request from this restaurant to expand their food and beverage service to the sidewalk in front of their establishment from May 1 until the end of September. A second request asked the Town if the street could be closed to vehicle traffic on the Saturday (June 1) of the Apple Blossom Festival, to allow for expanded food and beverage service and entertainment. A certificate of insurance accompanied the request.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

***Recommendation to Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that the letter prepared by CAO Phillips, granting approval of both requests, be sent to Paddys and Rosies.**

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Points from Discussion

- It might be a good educational opportunity for the Town to send a copy of the Smoking in Public Places Bylaw and the



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Provincial Legislation to this company.

**(c) New Glasgow – RCMP vs. Municipal Police Costs**

The Mayor of New Glasgow has submitted a copy of his letter to the Premier, the Minister of Justice, UNSM and those towns in the province that have municipal policing. The issue surrounds the unfairness to municipally policed towns, as they not only pay 100% of their own police costs, but their citizens must subsidize, through their personal income tax, those units that have engaged the RCMP.

Points from Discussion

- It appears that all other towns with a municipal police force feel that it is unfair to have RCMP costs subsidized by income tax.
- There has been some response from the Dept. of Justice stating that to off-set this, some funding has been received for projects like “Boots on the Streets” and other secondments.
- The unfairness appears to be that the percentage paid for RCMP is based on population numbers.
- The 30% is a federal subsidy, administered by the province.
- The UNSM has approached the Justice Department and it will be determined how many officers are required for specific populations. Standards of Policing will address this.
- There is a Fairness Committee of UNSM which would deal with this type of issue.

Direction was given to staff

**that a letter be sent expressing Kentville’s views that subsidization should not be based on population.**

**AGREED**

**(d) Kings Historical Society**

A letter from this organization thanked the Town for its \$5,000 paid to support its operation, however, asked if the amount could be increased to \$7,500 for the upcoming year.

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

***Recommendation to  
Town Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that the request for funding from Kings Historical Society be sent to the budget process.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the meeting adjourn at 4:15 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**