

Approved by Council – June 23, 2008

COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 26, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.

Note: As the recording equipment had not been properly activated, there was no audio record of this meeting.

PRESENT

Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl, Councilor Dennis Kehoe, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Bernie Cooper, Councilor Eric Bolland, CAO Bill Boyd, Solicitor Peter Muttart, Recording Secretary Lindsay Young (Minutes Prepared by Carol Harmes, Town Clerk)

Mayor David Corkum called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and CAO Boyd reported that all members of council were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded

that the Agenda be approved

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As the minutes of April 28th, had not been circulated, the minutes were not approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(a) Council Remuneration

CAO Boyd reported that work continues with the comparison of council remuneration with other municipal units, and it is hoped that up-to-date figures will be available for the June meeting of CAC.

(b) Revised Sewer Bylaw

Director Henderson submitted a draft copy of the newly proposed Sanitary Sewer Bylaw – Chapter 72, which replaces that draft bylaw proposed sometime ago. This current bylaw has been prepared by staff, the Town's engineering consultants and its solicitors, and is cross referenced to the MGA – Part 14.

He further noted that as all existing industrial sewer connection permits will expire, new permits must be applied for, and also that there will be a grace period of 6 months to allow for the installation of pre-treatment equipment.

Following further review of this bylaw, it was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

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***Recommendation to
Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that
First Reading be given to Chapter 72 – Sanitary Sewer
Bylaw,
and further
that a Public Meeting of Town Council be held on
Wednesday, July 7th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**

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FINANCE

No report

NEW BUSINESS

(a) 2008 Paving Tender

Director Henderson reported that he has received tenders for the asphalt street and sidewalk projects which are part of the 2008-2009 budget. He attached the various tenders received and pointed out that the lowest tender is within budget.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

***Recommendation to
Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Town Council that
Contract 2008-01 for Capital Paving, be awarded to
Lafarge Canada Inc. in the amount of \$154,750, plus HST.**

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**(b) Recommendation from Parking Committee – White
Family Funeral Home**

A letter from Cyril White, of the White Family Funeral Home, asked the Town to consider the sale of 7 parking places in the North End Parking Lot, near the Chapel entrance of their building. This would allow for some landscaping to be done.

A recommendation from the Parking Committee indicated that following further discussions with Mr. White, some adjustments might be possible to reduce the number of spaces required. Therefore, this new proposal was presented for discussion.

Following this, it was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

***Recommendation to
Council***

**that a recommendation be made to Council that the Town
agrees to sell four parking spaces to the White Family
Funeral Home
And further
that costs associated with this transaction, such as the land
costs, surveying, appraisal and legal work, be the**

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responsibility of the purchaser.

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(Note: It was later pointed out that the acquisition of these lots would allow the funeral home to eliminate a dangerous situation from their parking lot.)

(c) KVFD – Discussion re: Full Time Firefighters

It was noted that there was not enough information at this time to discuss the matter fully, and therefore, it was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that this matter be tabled until the June meeting of CAC.

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(d) 2008-2011 Capital Budget

Director Crowell submitted a report on the highlights for the three-year capital budget, pointing out the criteria by which the projects are evaluated. She added that the capital budget mirrors the future plans of the Town. It includes programs to maintain and improve current infrastructure, to increase the safety of its citizens, to increase efficiencies and new services.

She pointed out that for the year 2008-2009, \$2.36 million in new capital monies is being requested, which will allow for projects like the construction of the dyke system along the Cornwallis River, contribution to the Ducks Unlimited bird sanctuary, trail development and soccer field development. A breakdown of these projects accompanied the report, as did an overview of funding sources.

Following further review, it was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

***Recommendation to
Council***

that a recommendation be made to Council that the three-year Capital Budget for the Town of Kentville (along with the related funding sources) be approved as indicated below:

2008-2009	\$2,364,000
2009-2010	\$2,446,000
2010-2011	\$3,539,900

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**IN CAMERA – 7:00
p.m. – 7:13 p.m.**

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It was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl

that the meeting adjourn and go “In Camera” to discussion PANS Negotiations

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It was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

that the meeting come out of “In Camera” and return the regular meeting of Council Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

**CAC MEETING
RESUMES**

It was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

***Recommendation to
Council***

that a recommendation be made to Town Council that the 2-year Collective Agreement (April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2008) with the Police Association of Nova Scotia, be ratified.

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(e) 2008-2009 Operating Budget and Tax Rate

Director Crowell tabled several new pages regarding the Draft Town of Kentville 2008/2009 Operating Budget and informed Council that a serious claw back in revenue was received on Friday May 23, 2008, after her initial report (including proposed tax rates) was sent to CAC. The Town was informed that the NSPI Grant in Lieu received for 2008/2009 is \$ \$10,200, leaving a shortfall in expected revenue from this, (and from other sources) in the total amount of \$ 109,800. Discussions with Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations disclosed that transmission lines have been previously included in the Town’s grant for years, however, this error was corrected this year.

She noted that no prior notice had been received about this significant change, and that the Town’s grant is reflective of neighbouring towns.

With this new information, adjustments to revenue now totaled a loss of \$ 81,400, and whereas expenditure increases (which include the Provincial Mandatory- Education increase of \$ 36,400) are \$82,300, the taxation rates required to balance this draft of the budget were unacceptable to Council. Council previously agreed that there would be a small tax increase for municipal purposes and that the Provincial

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Mandatory increase would be passed on to the taxpayer. However, Council now directed management to pare more from the expenditure side of the ledger, with any shortfall from this exercise being withdrawn from the Town of Kentville Perpetual Fund.

Therefore it was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl

Recommendation to Council

that a recommendation be made to Town Council that the 2008/2009 Town of Kentville Operating budget would require a Residential tax rate increase, of NO MORE than 2.9% and further, that the required Commercial tax rate increase would be NO MORE than 4.3% (which includes the Business Occupancy phase-out).

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CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Municipality of the District of Barrington

A letter from Brian Holland of the District of Barrington, expressed concern regarding the impact that the depletion of cusk could have on the fishery industry and related businesses. He added that this fish species is now on the endangered species list and steps should be taken to protect it.

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

Recommendation to Council

that a recommendation be made to Council that the letter from the Municipality of the District of Barrington be received.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

that the meeting adjourns at 8:00 p.m.

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