

KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 25, 2010

PRESENT

Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd, Councilor Bernie Cooper, Councilor Mark Pearl, Councilor Eric Bolland, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Tony Bentley, CAO Keith Robicheau, Town Solicitor Peter Muttart, and Town Clerk Carol Harmes.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor David Corkum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and CAO Robicheau reported that all Council members were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

that the agenda be approved with the addition of:
8 (c) Meeting with Solicitor Re: Educational Funding

MOTION CARRIED

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.

PRESENTATION

none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

that the minutes of November 30, 2009 be approved with no errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) **Council Advisory Committee – December 14, 2009**
(i) **AVRSB – Naming of New School**
Councilor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 14,

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2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a letter from AVRSB confirmed that the *Protocol for the Naming of a New School Facility* was approved by the Board during its November meeting, although the Town's recommendation to maintain the original name would be considered. Since receipt of that letter, however, the Town has learned that the name "KCA" will be used for the school.

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

that a letter be sent to AVRSB in appreciation for retaining the name "Kings County Academy."

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Valley Community Fibre Network

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 14, 2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, representatives from VCFN asked the Town to consider becoming a partner in this organization. Therefore, to provide an insider's view on the benefits of partnership, Fibre Network members invited Kentville Town Staff to participate on the IMITT Committee. The expectation would be that the Kentville representatives would make a recommendation to Council after a reasonable period of observation.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that staff participate on the IMITT Committee and report back to CAC after a reasonable period of observation.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) Monument for AV Labour Council

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 14, 2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a letter was read from President Dean Tupper of the Annapolis Valley Labour Council, indicating that on April 28th each year, a Day of Mourning is held to recognize those who have lost their lives or who have been injured on

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the job. Mr. Tupper added that the Labour Council would like to erect a monument to honour these workers, and asked if there was a location in the Town that could accommodate this structure.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the Town supports the construction of a monument to recognize those who have lost their lives or those who have been injured on the job, and further that staff identifies a location for this structure for later approval by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

(iv) Kings Tri-Government Complex

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 14, 2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, CAO Robicheau stated that some Kentville-based provincial offices and federal offices have been invited by the County of Kings to partner in the construction of a new facility. To establish the feasibility of this project, County Council has recently awarded a contract to consultants, who will look at a business case which will involve the construction of a new complex, the renovations of the current building, and a combination of both a new building and renovations.

Kentville Town Council and members of the business community have expressed grave concern regarding the economic impact on the Town, and the inconvenience to businesses and the general public, should these government services leave downtown Kentville.

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

that the Mayor writes a letter to each of the clients proposed as partners in the Kings Tri-Government complex, expressing the Town's concerns about moving their operations from Kentville.

MOTION CARRIED

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(v) Volunteer Firefighters' Day

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 14th, 2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a letter was read from the Warden of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis urging Premier Darrell Dexter to designate a day during Fire Prevention Week as "Volunteer Firefighters' Day." He felt that recognition of volunteer firefighters was well deserved, and asked other municipalities to support and recognize the contribution made by these individuals.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the Town of Kentville recognizes a Provincial Day to honour volunteer firefighters.

MOTION CARRIED

(vi) VWRM Authority – Changes to Municipal Agreement Re: Borrowing

Councilor Mark Pearl reported that at the December 14, 2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, it was noted that a sub-committee of Valley Waste Resource Management (comprised of partner CAOs, the Finance Working Group and the Authority's Solicitor) had approved amendments to the Inter-municipal Agreement. These changes would mean one common borrowing request to cover capital requirements.

It was further noted that as per the provisions of the *Municipal Finance Act*, the Authority must utilize the NS Municipal Finance Corporation, and all borrowings must have final Ministerial approval. However, upon approval of these amendments, the Authority would have the power to negotiate and secure a small operating line-of-credit from other financial institutions.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that Council approves the amendments to the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Valley Waste Resource Management Authority, as

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proposed.

MOTION CARRIED

**(vii) NS Transportation &
Infrastructure Renewal
(Pedestrian Signals)**

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 14, 2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Greg Kehoe reported that the Capital Budget for 2009-2010 identified items such as crosswalk signs, controllers and other related projects.

However, since then a grant for 50/50 funding with the Province has become available for the installation of brighter and larger LED lenses in push button crosswalk systems. These upgraded mechanisms will provide increased safety and energy reduction, and in addition, the shared funding will be an opportunity for the Town to curtail some of the costs.

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

that Council confirms its priorities regarding the Pedestrian Cross Walk Signal Proposal, and also approves capital funding for years 2 and 3 for this project.

MOTION CARRIED

**(viii) Kings Transit Bus Schedule –
Advertising**

Councilor Mark Pearl reported that at the December 14, 2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, it was noted that bus schedules for Kings Transit are being updated, and that the Town once again is being asked to support the costs of printing at \$1200, in return for advertising.

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

that the Town financially supports the printing costs of 15,000 copies of bus schedules at a cost of \$1200.

MOTION CARRIED

(ix) Canadian Waste Symposium – Alberta

Councilor Mark Pearl reported that at the December 14, 2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, it was noted that the 5th Annual Waste Symposium will be held this April in Alberta and will be a good opportunity for education and networking for the Town's representative on the Valley Waste Resource Management Authority. It was further noted that in the past, the costs to attend have been very reasonable, and have been shared equally between the Town and VWRM for one attendee.

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

that the Town financially supports up to 50% of the costs for one individual to attend the Canadian Waste Symposium.

MOTION CARRIED

(x) Tax Reduction Policy Review – G37

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 14, 2009th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, CAO Robicheau reported that a review of the Tax Reduction Policy was recommended, as there is no provision in that policy that allows for a tax reduction should a property owner demolish a building. Although a motion had been made to direct the Finance and Administration Committee members to review this matter, Council later felt that it might be better addressed as a land use issue by the Planning Advisory Committee.

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

that Policy Statement G-37 – Tax Reduction be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee for review and recommendations.

MOTION CARRIED

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(xi) Ice Rink Energy Program

Councilor Bernie Cooper noted that at the January 11, 2010th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Mark Phillips reported that the Kentville Centennial Arena is eligible for a grant under the Ice Rink Energy Program. Along with the Town of Kentville, five credible partners will cost-share several energy-saving enhancements to this facility.

The capital work proposed will involve the installation of low energy lighting, low-e ceilings, a heat recovery system and water treatment system. This will total \$78,125, of which the Town's contribution will be only \$16,625. He added that following Council's support, this project can become part of the 2010/2011 Capital Works Budget.

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

that the Town supports the Ice Rink Energy Project up to \$20,000 as presented, and that this project be included in the 2010-2011 Capital Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

(xii) Council Advisory Committee – April 2010

Councilor Bernie Cooper reported that at the January 11, 2010th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, it was noted that the date for the Provincial Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in Halifax has been scheduled for April 12th, which conflicts with the CAC meeting date for that month.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the April meeting of Council Advisory Committee be rescheduled to 1:30 p.m. on April 13th, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

(xiii) Eco NS Municipal Program

Councilor Bernie Cooper noted that at the January 11, 2010th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, CAO

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Robicheau reported that the deadline for applications, for those Federal funds available under the Eco NS Municipal Program, is quickly approaching, and therefore, the Town should identify some buildings as potential candidates. He recommended a number of facilities that could be upgraded with energy saving additions, and further noted that these projects could be included in the capital investment planning.

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

that staff be directed to prepare applications under the Eco NS Municipal Program for the Kentville Police Station, the Town Hall, the Recreation Centre and the Public Works building.

MOTION CARRIED

(ivx) River Street Extension – Opening

Councilor Bernie Cooper noted that at the January 11, 2010th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Town Engineer Greg Kehoe reported that under the *Municipal Government Act (Part XII), Section 308, (3)* “no road, or allowance for a road, becomes a street until the council formally accepts the road or allowance, or the road or allowance is vested in the municipality according to law.” Therefore, with the completion of the paving of a section of River Street, it would appear in order to now accept this street.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that the Town dedicates those parcels indicated on the survey plan attached, as the extension of River Street.

MOTION CARRIED

(vx) Library Site – Designation of River Street Land

Councilor Bernie Cooper noted that at the January 11, 2010th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, correspondence was read from the Friends of the Library, in which the Board of Directors asked the

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Town of Kentville to confirm in writing, the availability of the River Street location, as the site for the new Kentville Library, and to also provide an appraisal of that property.

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

that a letter of confirmation be prepared for Council's approval (see attached) in which that parcel of land formerly known as the "Welton Property" on River Street, be designated for the future construction of a new library,

And further,

that this letter also incorporates those conditions that would apply to this property, which will be later identified in the Memorandum of Understanding,

And further,

that an appraisal of the property be provided at a later date.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Fire

(i) Chief's report

Chief Shawn Ripley reported that for the month of November there were 8 calls in Kentville for a distance travelled of 104 kilometers, 9 calls in the County for a distance travelled of 494 kilometers and 4 mutual aid calls for a distance travelled of 590 kilometers. In the month of December, there were 13 calls within the Town for a distance travelled of 180 kilometers, 14 calls in the County for a distance of 936 kilometers travelled and 7 mutual aid calls for a distance travelled of 866 kilometers.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the reports from the Fire Chief be received.

MOTION CARRIED

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Points from Discussion

- UNSM approved a resolution regarding the recovery of costs relating to medical call outs.

(ii) Fire Governance Report

Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd reported that work has been completed on the ad for the fire chief, the Terms of Reference and the Selection Committee. More will follow as information becomes available.

(c) Valley Waste – Resource Management Authority

Town Representative Mark Pearl recapped some of the content of the attached report, noting that Keith Irving (Town of Wolfville) has been elected the Chairman of this organization and that he has been elected as Vice Chair. In addition, Councilor Reginald Ritchie has retired from the Chair's position after many years, although he will continue to serve on the authority.

He noted that the Draft Operating and Capital Budgets have been prepared and will be presented to Council in the near future. In addition, amendments are being proposed to the Inter-municipal Agreement and each partner Council will bring this matter forward on their respective agendas.

He further noted some statistical information regarding the various streams, (i.e. recyclables, land fill, organics) and that the calendars are ready to be sent out. Also, advertising to encourage recycling will be done of the trucks.

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

that the report from Valley Waste Resource Management Authority be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Councilor Mark Pearl will check with the Authority to see if the \$4 drop-off fee could be waived if individuals miss the garbage pick up day, or if the garbage is not picked up by the truck.)

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(d) Kings Regional Development Agency

(i) Representative's Report

Jennifer Weisner gave a recap of the report received (and attached) from Kings RDA, in which updates were given on the 2010-11 Business Plan, the UNESCO project, Immigration, the Strategic Plan for Valley Waste, the Rebranding Initiative, Eco-Kings, the Blue Beach Fossil Museum, the Business Retention and Expansion Program and the Alliance program.

It was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the report from Kings RDA be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- The new director for Kings RDA should be selected within the next two weeks,

(d) Kentville Community Development Committee

(ii) Report

Mayor David Corkum reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow evening.

(e) Kings Transit Authority

(i) Representative's Report

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that revenue is up 3%; repairs and maintenance is now 93% of the budget; ridership is down 2%; and \$575 was raised for the local Special Olympics in November. He reviewed some of the financial information relating to the Authority, noting that the costs for maintenance for the fleet has become tremendous, some costs which could be controlled if Kings Transit had a maintenance garage. The Authority anticipated a deficit in excess of \$11,000 at this time.

It was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the report from Kings Transit Authority be received.

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Points from Discussion

Acadian Lines will be asking the UARB to consider discontinuing the run from the Digby area, noting that Kings Transit serves that area.

Amongst other things, Kings Transit does not have washrooms on board for long trips like this, and will be speaking out at the hearing.

(m) Environmental Advisory Committee

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that there was a meeting on December 17, that ADI will be performing the Energy Audit which is expected to take about 8 weeks for completion. It will cover the arena, Town Hall, recreation centre and the public works depot. He added that the water cooler (to replace bottled water) has been installed, however, a filter will be added when it becomes available.

As for the Eco NS Municipal Fund, three categories exist and will be for projects like energy audits, corporate action plans and community action-based projects. The applications must be submitted by the end of January.

It was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Mark Pearl

that the report from the Environmental Advisory Committee be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(n) Councilor's Report

Councilor Tony Bentley reported that he visited Valley Waste and was amazed at the amount of streams that go through that facility. He also attended the ICSP presentation. He advised that an indoor soccer tournament to raise funds for Haiti is being scheduled and more will follow on that.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that she attended all meetings and enjoyed the Christmas break.

Councilor Mark Pearl reported that there was nothing to report.

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that he attended all meetings except two which he missed due to illness.

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His report under the EAC further indicates the projects that he has been working on.

Councilor Bernie Cooper reported that he attended all meetings.

Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd reported that he attended every meeting scheduled.

(o) Mayor's Report

Mayor Corkum submitted a list of various functions he attended since December 1, noting in particular that with the Town's Caucus project, the CAOs are working on a more fair and equitable funding formula for the towns, as the last recommendations were ignored. He attended a couple of board meetings and recommended that a task force be put together. Also the coasting party this weekend was a great deal of fun with over 200 people participating. Director Phillips and his staff did an excellent job. Lastly, he noted that he did readings at Aldershot School today to recognize Literacy Week.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Acadia University Re: Student Project

A letter of appreciation was sent to Council thanking the staff and Council members who assisted with the student interviews and research for the Environmental History of Kentville program.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) FCM Advisory – Haiti Relief

CAO Robicheau reported that municipalities have been asked by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to contribute to the restoration of Haiti, following the earthquake that has destroyed much of the country. He added that perhaps signage in Town can urge people to contribute (i.e. sign at park), and further that Council may wish to consider a contribution in the future instead.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that a formal donation of \$500 be made to the Haiti Relief Fund from the Town of Kentville.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- The CAO will research what projects

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might be of most benefit to the people of Haiti.

(b) Joint Council Presentation

CAO Robicheau reminded Council that there will be a meeting at the fire hall on February 17th, that will run from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

(c) Meeting with Lawyer

Following a notice of a proposed meeting with the lawyer representing the Town in the lawsuit with the County, it was noted that 6 out of 7 Council members are able to attend. Councilor Mark Pearl reported that he will make every effort to find a replacement for his commitment to Valley Waste at that same time.

It was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Mark Pearl

that an In Camera meeting be held on January 27th at 11:00 am regarding the education funding formula.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the meeting adjourns at 8:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED