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KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 23, 2012

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL Mayor David Corkum called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and CAO Phillips reported that all Council members were in attendance, along with the Town Clerk, the Town Solicitor and himself.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA It was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Eric Bentley

that the agenda be approved as circulated.

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.*

PRESENTATIONS none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (a) **November 28, 2011 – Public Hearing**
It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the Minutes of the Public Hearing on November 28, 2011 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) **November 28, 2011**
It was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on November 28, 2011 be approved as circulated.

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**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE
MINUTES/OLD
BUSINESS**

(a) Hotel Study RFPs – update

CAO Phillips reported that RFPs have been sent out by Development Coordinator, Lindsay Young and she has reported that 3 submissions have been received. She has made contact with the Department of Economic and Development regarding funding for such a project, which may cost between \$7,000 and \$12,000. However, she has learned that the funding has expired, and therefore, as an alternative, she is pursuing other options for funding through the office of our local MLA. This project remains in the research stage at this point in time.

(b) Cultural Mapping – Other Municipal Support

CAO Phillips reported that the Development Coordinator has not been able to provide any additional information on this project, other than a rumour that one municipality is not intending to participate. As Council’s motion in support of this project indicated that *all* municipalities would be required to participate before they would contribute funding, any lack of commitment may be a “deal breaker.”

The Coordinator has reported some communication with the web designers of this project.

**REPORTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

(a) Council Advisory Committee

(i) TBR – Land \$200,000

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 12, 2011th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that this Temporary Borrowing Resolution is being brought forward for Council’s consideration, as the borrowing resolution ratified earlier this year for work on West Main Street has been entirely drawn down. As a result, the Town has requested an additional \$200,000 to ensure that all costs are captured and financed on a short-term basis.

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

that Council authorizes the following TBR:

TBR 11/12-03 – Land - \$200,000

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(ii) KDCL – Request for \$30,000 Funding

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl noted that at the January 9, 2012 meeting of CAC, Community Development Coordinator Lindsay

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Young reported that at a recent meeting of KCDC, Bill Denyar of KDCL spoke to the group regarding the need for research and investigation into a sustainable business model, which would identify a practical and permanent source of revenue to support the development, retention and expansion of business in Kentville. He asked that the Town supports the amount of \$30,000 to fund this particular project.

Although, members of KCDC supported the funding request, , Council members had some unanswered questions and were not in the position to confirm funds at this time.

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

that staff review and make a recommendation on this request for discussion at the next meeting of CAC.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) First Reading – Amendments to Subdivision Bylaw – Primary Services

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 12, 2011th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Bev Gentleman reported that in 2002, amendments were made to the Subdivision Bylaw to eliminate the responsibility of developers to provide concrete curb and gutter, as well as pavement, as part of the primary services of their development. At the time, these bylaw changes were incorporated to entice new construction in Town, and have proven to be successful in doing so.

She pointed out that paving can be very expensive by the time the Town finally assumes ownership of a street, but prior to this, additional costs may be incurred with extra plowing, re-grading, dust control and repair of wash-outs during heavy rains. As a result of this expense, both the Capital and Operating Budgets for other street renewals and maintenance have been negatively impacted.

Therefore, in consultation with the Town's Engineer, she has made a recommendation to amend the Subdivision Bylaw to bring it in line with other municipalities, while vesting those developments which are currently in progress.

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

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that First Reading be given to approve those amendments to the Subdivision Bylaw that would allow for paving and curb and gutter installations to become part of the Primary Services provided by the developer for new streets,

and further,

that a Public Hearing be set prior to the February Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Mayor Corkum reminded Council that the Public Hearing date of February 15, at 7:00 has been set for this meeting and that a Councilor will not be allowed to vote on the issue, if he or she is not present at the Public Hearing.)

(iv) First Reading – Development Agreement – Salvation Army Expansion

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 12, 2011th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Gentleman reported that the Salvation Army Citadel on Nichols Avenue has experienced an increased membership and requires more space to accommodate the parishioners and the services that the church provides. As the structure is a current legal non-conforming use, the proposed expansion would require a Development Agreement in order to proceed.

She added that the parking requirements can be met, the signage is in order and that the beautifully-designed structure will be compatible with the surrounding residential area. However, as adjacent property owners have in the past been affected with water drainage and snow melt issues, a Storm Water Management Plan and Recommendations were requested, and will become part of this Development Agreement.

Therefore, as all appears to be in order, Director Gentleman recommended that the Development Agreement be accepted as presented.

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

that First Reading be given to adopt the Development Agreement which would allow for the expansion of the Salvation Army Church on Nichols Avenue,

and further

that a Public Hearing be set prior to the Council

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Meeting in February 2012.

(Note: Again, Mayor Corkum reminded Council that the Public Hearing for this issue will also be held on February 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.)

**(v) AV Labour Council – Resolution to Enhance
Canada’s Retirement Security System**

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 12, 2011th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a request from Dean Tupper, the President of the AVLK was reviewed. In his letter, he noted that the Canadian Labour Congress is lobbying the Canadian government to adopt measures that will enhance Canada’s Retirement Security System. To facilitate this, municipal councils are being asked to pass a resolution endorsing the specific changes outlined in his letter.

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

**that Council supports the resolution presented from the
Annapolis Valley Labour Council, as attached.**

MOTION CARRIED

**(vi) Recreation Nova Scotia – Recognition of KCA
Playground Committee**

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 12, 2011th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Councilor Bill Boyd reported that at the recent Recreation Nova Scotia Conference, it was brought to light that in every community there are a number of organizations that deserve recognition for their work. Councilor Boyd felt that the KCA Playground Committee deserves to be acknowledged for its outstanding community efforts to build a larger playground at the site of the new school and therefore, he would like Council to nominate this organization for public recognition at the Fall Conference of 2012.

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

**that the KCA Playground Committee be nominated for
recognition of its outstanding community efforts, at the
Recreation Nova Scotia Conference in 2012.**

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(Note: It was pointed out that as part of the process, a nomination form would be completed for this group.)

(vii) CAC and Council Meeting Schedule 2012

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl noted that at the December 12, 2011th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Town Clerk Carol Harmes presented a schedule for the regular meetings of CAC and Council for the upcoming year. She noted that these were coordinated with other Council commitments, and further, that proposed changes were proposed where conflicts existed with holidays.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that Council approves the attached list of dates for the regular meetings of Council Advisory Committee and Town Council.

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(a) Fire

(i) Chief's report

The report from Fire Chief Shawn Ripley reported that the November statistics indicated 11 alarms in the Town of Kentville for a distance travelled of 192 kilometers, 1 mutual aid call for a distance travelled of 48 kilometers and 17 calls in the County of Kings for a distance travelled of 1402 kilometers. The alarms were for various types of fires, MVAs, public assists, power lines down and alarms sounding.

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

that the report from the Fire Chief be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Joint Fire Services Committee Report

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that this committee will meet tomorrow evening and at that time, the 2012 Operating Budget will be reviewed.

(c) Valley Waste – Resource Management Authority

Representative Mark Pearl noted that two Management Minutes have been circulated, however, he referred to the January report, noting that recycling and organics to Chester have increased from last year. The budget has been distributed and staff will attend the

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next meeting of CAC to review its content. Currently a surplus is running; the Policy committee has been reviewing several policies; as of April 1st, an increase of 5% will be imposed. This is the first increase since 2001.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Bill Boyd

that the report from Valley Waste Resource Management be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- It would be more appropriate to have the discussion on the budget for CAC, so staff are available to ask questions.

(d)Kings Regional Development Agency

(a) Representative's Report

A late report was received regarding the activities undertaken by staff at Kings RDA. Councilor Tony Bentley noted that he has arranged a meeting with Kings RDA staff regarding some of the projects this organization has. With the immigration project, he offered to help orientate any British citizens planning to settle in the Kentville area.

It was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Bill Boyd

that the report from Kings RDA be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(f)Kings Transit Authority

(i) Representative's Report

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that the report from the General Manager indicated that Annapolis has given formal notice that effective July 18th they will dissolve their agreement with Kings Transit, as they are negotiating with Trans County Transportation Society.

He added that:

- Bus shelters are being installed at the Kentville Hospital, Greenwood and Aylesford.
- Ridership is up by 2% and revenue is on par with last year; A projected deficit is being indicated at \$24,957.
- Revenue is on par with last year although repairs and maintenance costs continue to be off budget.
- An internal review is underway with Kings Transit and

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some changes can be anticipated in the future to establish efficiencies.

- Dialogue will be held with Kings Point-to-Point Transportation to explore any savings or efficiencies of scale.

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

that the report from Kings Transit Authority be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- The savings expected from Kings Transit (by having the maintenance garage for repairs) will be realized in the future. Some logistics have been considered and some changes have been made by the General Manager.
- It appears that labour and wages (being 50% of the cost of repairs) must be considered in relation to maximizing the use of the mechanics. The standards are about 85% efficiency, as there can be some unproductive time while waiting for parts, etc.

(h) Councilors' Report

Councilor Tony Bentley reported that he attended all the meetings. The Christmas party was great and as there are many meetings coming up next week, more will follow.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that she attended all meetings over the last two months. She enjoyed the Town's Party, the Town's 125 anniversary party, KDCL's open house at Kingstec, the Advertiser's Open House and the Joint Council meeting.

Councilor Eric Bolland attended all meetings, along with KDCL and an RDA meeting, a Kentville Youth Association meeting, Eco Kings meetings, a KCA/PTA meeting, a Pumpkin Mile Race and EAC meetings. He added that the idea of a corridor non-stop bus to Halifax may qualify for some environmental funding and more will follow on this. Lastly, he noted that there may be a sustainability co-ordinator being hired for Kings RDA though funding.

Councilor Bernie Cooper reported that he attended all parties and meetings and enjoyed them all.

Councilor Bill Boyd attended all meetings and social events.

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Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that he appreciates Councilor Cooper filling in for him at the Valley Waste meeting next month, and for Councilor Bentley for filling in for the Kings Transit meeting next month, during his absence from his Council duties.

(i) Mayor's Report

Mayor Corkum noted some highlights from his report:

- He attended a number of events; Christmas parties, the Town's 125 anniversary party, the New Horizons club, the Kentville Advertiser's Open House, an event at Camp Aldershot and 3 levees on New Year's Day, and worked at the Kentville Soup Kitchen for Christmas.
- Meetings were also attended for the Water Commission, KDCL, RDA Joint meeting, Mayors and Wardens', Kings 2050, EKCC, Towns Task Force, UNSM and KCDC.
- He felt the KDCL meeting was well attended and he wished that group well.

CORRESPONDENCE (a) none

NEW BUSINESS (a) none

PUBLIC COMMENTS (a) **Bill Denyar – KDCL**

Mr. Denyar noted that since the original request for funding, the letter dated December 15 was hand delivered to the Town, and a presentation was made to KCDC, following which the committee gave support to the funding. A recommendation was made to CAC, at which he was present to answer any additional questions.

At the CAC meeting, a motion was made that staff would prepare a report following further information gathering. He added that the full amount of money (\$30,000) was not required at once, nor immediately, however, it was important that the momentum be maintained so the project would not be lost.

Deputy Mayor Pearl responded that the procedure is that CAC would make a recommendation to Council, however, as further detail was needed, CAC will discuss this again on February 13th.

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

that the meeting adjourns at 7:50 p.m.

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