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# KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**July 9th, 2008**

### PRESENT

Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl, Councilor Dennis Kehoe, Councilor Bernie Cooper, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Eric Bolland, CAO Bill Boyd, Town Solicitor Peter Muttart and Recording Secretary Town Clerk, Carol Harmes

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Corkum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (for this occasion only) and CAO Boyd reported that all members of Council were present.

Julia Kirky from K-Rock was attending, along with Kirk Starratt, members of staff and public.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the agenda be approved with the addition of:  
8(g) Agreement – Bridge Study**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### **(a) June 11, 2008**

It was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the Minutes of June 11, 2008 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### **(a) Sewers Bylaw – Chapter 72**

CAO Boyd reported that First Reading of the bylaw was held in June and although Second Reading had been scheduled for this evening, feedback from some of the larger users of the system indicates some further concerns. A Public Hearing was held on July 7, 2008 and some issues appear to be still outstanding. Therefore, it was felt that Second Reading should be postponed.

It was further noted that if significant amendments are

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required in order to allow this bylaw to go forward, then the procedure would begin over again, with First Reading. If not, however, then Second Reading could be given at the September meeting.

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

**that Second Reading for approval of the Sewers Bylaw – Chapter 72 be considered at the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of Council.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Council Advisory Committee**

**(i) 3-year Sanitary Sewer Capital Budget**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Hal Henderson presented the Sanitary Sewer Capital Budget. He noted that the capital projects for 2008-2009 involve work on River Street, Elizabeth Avenue and School and Glenview Streets. In addition, he planned to install two flow meters, however, added that some of these projects may be partially funded through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program.

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

**that the 3 year Sanitary Sewer Capital Budget (as attached) be approved in the amount of \$215,000 for 2008-2009, \$225,000 for 2009-2010 and \$100,000 for 2010-2011.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) 2008-2009 Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Hal Henderson presented the Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget for 2008-2009. He noted that the revenue and expenditures for the sanitary sewer are separate from the Town's budget, and that all capital projects and operating costs are financed through the rate base for the sanitary sewer.

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During the review of the Operating Budget for 2008-2009, he pointed out that through an agreement regarding the Regional Sewer, the cost for the collection and treatment of sewage is shared with the County of Kings, Kentville, New Minas and two large industrial users.

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

**that the 2008-2009 Operating Budget (attached) be approved in the amount of \$863,500.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(iii) Force Sewer Replacement – Contract 2008-032**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Henderson reported that tenders closed recently for the replacement of a portion of the Regional Force Sewer Main. He explained that this work is necessary, as it consists of sewer lines that run through the Kentville Futures Site and under some land that has been earmarked for future development. He further noted that funding is from an approved temporary borrowing resolution and that the lowest bidder is on budget. The award of this contract was further supported by the Town's Consulting Engineers.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

**that the 2008 Force Sewer Replacement Contract 2008-032 be awarded to Mid Valley Construction (1997) Limited in the amount of \$111,500, plus HST.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(iv) 2007-2008 Financial Statements Received**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, the meeting was temporarily adjourned in order that an Audit Committee Meeting could be held. At this meeting, Darrell Richards, CA, CFP, Partner, Grant Thornton, LLP stated that the audit has been completed and the consolidated financial statements for the Town have been prepared, along with the auditor's draft report. He reviewed the auditors report and expounded upon

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the financial statements, as attached.

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

**that the attached 2007-2008 Financial Statements be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(Note: Mayor Corkum thanked the Director of Finance, Chief Accountant Robin Paish and other Finance staff for their outstanding effort with this audit, and further expressed his appreciation for the comprehensive report given by Mr. Richards.)*

**(v) Idling Control Bylaw – Chapter 77 – First Reading**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, it was noted that the proposed Idling Control Bylaw (attached) had been created to protect the health of citizens, with the long-term benefit being cleaner air for future generations.

The document had been prepared with staff and solicitor input and is clear in its definitions, general prohibitions, exemptions, administration, enforcement and penalties. He added that although some generalities do apply, these allow flexibility, where necessary.

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

**that First Reading be given to Chapter 77 - Idling Control Bylaw.**

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED**

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

**that an amendment be made under General Prohibitions 3 (a) that the wording “thirty consecutive seconds” be changed to “three minutes” and that section General Prohibitions 3**

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**(b) be deleted entirely.**

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**(vi) Policy G5 – Council Remuneration and Benefits – Amendments**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, CAO Boyd reported that although updated statistics were not yet available for the comparison report being conducted with other municipal units, part of the process would involve amendments to the policy itself.

Therefore, he identified the proposed changes, one of which would allow for a review every four years of the remuneration amounts paid, and the other to include an allowance for local travel expenses and for internet connections.

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

**that those amendments proposed, be adopted for Policy G5 – Council Remuneration and Benefits (attached), with the inclusion of up-to-date figures for remuneration in Schedule A, when they have been received.**

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED**

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

**that Schedule A also include a comparison with the Town of Wolfville and the County of Kings**

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**(vii) Paid Fire Chief**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a discussion took place regarding the recent budget for the KVFD, which included a salary for a full time fire chief. The impact of this additional cost was considered, as was the procedure by which a Fire

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Chief should be hired.

It was generally felt that in order to provide transparency in the process and governance for the position, that any newly hired full time paid fire chief should be an employee of some level of municipal government, and not responsible to a volunteer board.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

**that the Town of Kentville endorses a full time paid fire chief, only if that individual is an employee of the Town, of the County or of an inter-municipal body.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(viii) ICSP Account**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Bev Gentleman noted that meetings have been initiated with Kings CED, the Towns of Wolfville and Berwick, and the County of Kings, in an effort to work together to create an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. The procedure will involve the engagement of the public in dialogue to determine the values and future of our area, as it relates to long term sustainability.

Director Gentleman added that funding for this work and for the creation of this document would be provided through the Gas Tax Fund, however, specific criteria must be met prior to accessing these funds. In the meantime, costs associated with advertising, meetings, etc. would be ongoing, and therefore, she recommended that the ICSP be listed as an annual expenditure and linked to the revenue source.

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

**that an account be established using the gas tax money for the ICSP program, in the amount of \$2,000 for the 2008-2009 budget year.**

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*(Note: The Federal Government demands that an ICSP plan be prepared prior to distributing these funds to municipal units.)*

**(ix) Gift – Special Presentations**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Community Development Coordinator, Erin Mason identified the need to purchase a gift that would represent the area and could be used on special occasions. It was further noted that these funds would be taken from the KCDC budget.

Following some research, she contacted a well-known local artist, Twila Robar Decoste, who agreed to paint an 8 X 10 picture, depicting scenes from the Town. She noted that this original work could be reproduced as prints for future presentations.

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

**that funds, in the amount of \$400, plus the cost of framing, be allocated for the purchase a painting depicting scenes from Kentville.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(x) Outdoor Fire Bylaw – Chapter 78 – First Reading (amendments)**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a report from the Town Clerk pointed out that there is an area of the Outdoor Fire Bylaw which has caused some public confusion. It appears that the designation of *CSA or ULC approved* is not generally indicated on the types of burning units that might be purchased in stores like Home Hardware. Upon checking with the Fire Chief, he confirmed that providing the unit was constructed of fire proof materials, it would be certified for use. Subsequently, the Town Clerk recommended that the bylaw be amended to exclude the words “CSA or ULC approved.”

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

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**that First Reading be given to an amendment to the Outdoor Fire Bylaw – Chapter 74.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(xi) Resolution Re: Tidal Power Tax Benefits**

Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, it was noted that at the last Kings Partnership Steering Committee meeting, a resolution was discussed regarding the potential revenue from the generation of marine powered energy. It was hoped that all municipalities would support this resolution to UNSM, thereby strengthening the positions of the towns of Berwick and Hantsport.

During discussion, it was noted that due to wording in the resolution, only those municipalities adjacent to the nearest municipal coastal boundary would benefit from any tax benefits from the generation of tidal power. Therefore, to ensure that all municipalities (i.e. partners of KPSC) would benefit from any new Provincial legislation, some amendments were proposed to the resolution.

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

**that Kentville supports the Resolution to UNSM, that would urge the Province to examine the feasibility of creating an act, similar to the Wind Turbine Facilities Municipal Taxation Act, which would permit municipalities to collect taxes from renewable energy generation facilities.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- As the resolution was not being passed as originally presented, the KPSC should be notified of the amendments.
- This Resolution will have to be sent directly to the UNSM Resolution Committee in order to be considered at the upcoming conference.

**(xii) Immigration – Kings CED Initiative**



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Councilor Eric Bolland stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, it was noted that members of KPSC have expressed concern about the impact of labour shortages in the area, and the fact that Kings County does not receive a fair share of immigrant placement. From discussions, it appeared that because there is no organization in this area to assist potential immigrants, they are drawn to other areas.

It was further noted that Kings CED has done some preliminary work on this issue and therefore, may be in a position to assist in marketing the Kings County area to immigrants.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

**that support be given to Kings Community Economic Development Agency to assume an active role in encouraging immigration to the Kings County area, provided that this organization does not assume the role of another level of government.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- Efforts should be made, as well, to retain people in the area.

**(a) Finance**

**(i) Director's Report**

A report from Director Debra Crowell stated that the finance department has been very busy with the ratification of various budgets, preparation for the annual audit, utility bills and various reports. She added that as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the benchmark for comparison would be 25% of the budget consumed, and relating to expenditures, they are overall slightly below the average. Also, she noted that 91.8% of taxes have been collected.

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

**that the report (attached) from the Director of Finance be received.**

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Investment Advisory Committee – Recommendation**

Finance Director Debra Crowell presented a report on behalf of the Investment Advisory Committee, outlining the background of this issue and noted that the call for proposals for investment services was undertaken in April, with the closing date for June 4, 2008. She added that 5 proposals were received; these were reviewed and subsequently a short list of interviews was prepared.

Following the interview process, an analysis took place at which it was further noted that National Bank Financial exceeded performance targets each year during uncertain market conditions, and has continued to work well with the Committee. As such, the Committee members recommended that the Special Perpetual Reserve Fund be awarded to the incumbent.

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

**that the Town awards the management of the Special Perpetual Reserve Fund to the incumbent, National Bank Financial for a period of one year,**

**and**

**that the Town reserves the right to renew the term annually, at the discretion of Council, for up to a total service period for four (4) years,**

**and**

**that the criteria considered in granting such discretionary renewals shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, satisfactory performance, as determined by the Investment Committee and Town Council.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was further moved by Councilor Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

**that the issue be tabled for further discussion at the Council Advisory Committee meeting in August.**

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**AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

*(Note: upon request for a recorded vote, it was noted that Councilors Kehoe and Folker-Hill voted against the original motion and all others vote to support it.)*

Points from Discussion

- The scoring notes should have been sent to Council Advisory Committee for review and discussion.
- This procedure has been acceptable to Council in the past and the recommendation is from the Investment Advisory Committee.
- A great deal of analysis was done on each proposal and the decision was unanimous.
- The lowest bid is only one point considered with an RFP.
- If the appointment is postponed, the current company will continue.

**(b) Planning and Development**

**(i) Director's Report**

Director Gentleman reported that there were 13 permits issued in June for \$1,812,500, bringing the year total to \$5,012,627. She added that work continues on the Idling Control Bylaw and that the ICSP study has been launched with good attendance and commitment to issues relating to the environment and the economy. Further, with the Shannex development, the final plan of subdivision has been sent to the registry for pre-approval and work continues on their development permit. Lastly, she added that staff has been working with members of Valley Health regarding the construction of a residential facility for brain injured patients.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Committee Report**

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Councilor Nola Folker-Hill had nothing further to report.

**(c) Fire**

**(i) Chief's Report**

Fire Chief Shawn Ripley submitted a late report, in which it was noted that there were 12 alarms in Kentville for 50 kilometers travelled and 21 alarms in the County for a total of 1080 kilometers traveled. Six mutual aid calls represented 370 kilometers travelled.

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

**that the report from the Fire Chief be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(i) Governance Committee Report**

Councilor Bernie Cooper had no new issues to report.

**(e) Parks and Recreation**

**(i) Director's Report**

A report from Director Phillips pointed out that capital projects have begun at the arena and that these have been partially funded through the NSOHPP and a Rink Revitalization Grant. He added that ice will be installed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Further, the pool programs have begun, as have the camps; tenders have been advertised for a tractor and ½ ton pick-up truck; work continues with the Friends of the Library regarding a site; the hanging baskets and flower boxes around Town have been installed, work progresses at the Ducks Unlimited site and with the floor replacement at Glooscap Curling Club; and trail development at S & R. Brothers Subdivision also continues.

Lastly, it was noted that the July 1<sup>st</sup> celebration saw a large crowd, and that advertisements have been placed for an Active Living Coordinator and a Community Development Coordinator.

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

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

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Committee Report**

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl commented that members from Glooscap Curling Club met with the Recreation Director to present information to the Parks and Recreation Committee. This group may be looking to the Town for some financial assistance for maintenance work.

**(f) Police**

**(ii) Chief's Report**

Police Chief Mark Mander reported that Constable McWaid returned from maternity leave and continues with her duties as crime prevention and community policing officer, however, now works from the Town's recreation offices. A barbeque was hosted for the graduating students of NKEC as part of their Safe Grad night. He added that 202 hours were logged for foot patrol in May and 94 hours in June.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(Note: Sergeant Ken Reade is recovering and should return home shortly, however, he will be away from work for awhile.)*

**(iii) Board Report**

Councilor Dennis Kehoe had nothing further to add.

**(g) Transportation Services**

**(i) Director's Report**

Director Henderson reported that the recommendation has been brought to Council earlier tonight for the capital works projects and these include paving, curbing, sidewalks, storm and sanitary sewers, water mains and dyke construction. He added that the forced regional sewer line has been relocated on the Kentville Futures site and concrete and brick rubble is being stockpiled for use in road and dyke construction. Work is expected soon on pavement resurfacing.

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He also noted that an agreement has been prepared with the Province, County and Town regarding a bridge study across the Cornwallis River; Both Operating and Capital Sewer Budgets are ready for Council's approval, as is Second Reading of the new Sewers Bylaw.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Committee Report**

Councilor Bernie Cooper had nothing further to report.

**(h) Water Commission**

**(i) Directors Report**

Director Henderson reported that regarding the rate study, the un-audited year end statements have been presented to the consultants and the water rate study report is in progress. It appears that the financial information available in September is required and therefore, a delay is expected.

As with the Balsor/Eaglecrest extension, work is ahead of schedule, although some hold-ups will be incurred with the acquisition of easements. Lastly, Director Henderson added that a brief interruption in water service took place recently as a result of a break in the water line.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Commission Report**

Mayor David Corkum had nothing further to add.

**(i) Valley Waste Resource Management Authority**

**(i) Representative's Report**

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that there is no written report, as the meeting was held earlier today. He noted that

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Strategic Planning sessions will be held after the October elections; the curb-side inspectors have been visiting households to provide education on the clear bag policy and over 10,000 visits will be made when completed. With the new streams, it was noted that organic material collection is up 50% this year.

He also noted that the audited financial statements are available for review should anyone wish to see them. The committee is recommending that staff will visit all councils instead for having a joint council meeting, as this format would be more progressive.

Scotia Recycling is now operating a full shift and Valley Waste is happy to serve Cambridge and Glooscap First Nations citizens which represent about 30 households in each.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(j) Kings Community Economic Development**

**(i) Representative's Report**

As Jennifer Weisner was in the audience, and as no formal report was available, she stated that work continues at Kings CED. A new initiative has begun which is the Municipal Satisfaction Survey, and she encouraged everyone to complete it. The website is

[http://www.kced.ca/surveys/municipal\\_satisfaction\\_survey](http://www.kced.ca/surveys/municipal_satisfaction_survey)

**(k) Kentville Community Development Committee**

**(i) Representative's Report**

Community Development Officer Erin Mason reported that the Farmer's Market has begun and that a very successful Movie Night was held in Centre Square, with another scheduled for August. She added that the Kentville Connection has been mailed and distributed around Town and that the judging for the Communities in Bloom

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competition will take place in August.

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

**that the report from the Kentville Community Development Officer be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(l) Kings Transit Authority  
(i) Representative's Report**

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that the annual financial audit should be completed shortly; for the month of May, ridership was up by 2% and revenue down by 3%; fuel costs are about 20% above the first 2 months last year and are slightly above the budget. Fare increases of 10%-15% are being considered and some route changes have been implemented. Advertisement inside and outside the busses will provide additional revenue

He noted that the strategic planning retreat will take place later this month.

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

**that the report from Kings Transit Authority be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(m) Environmental Advisory  
Committee**

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that the next meeting will be in September.

**(n) Councilor's Report**

Councilor Bernie Cooper had nothing further to report.

Councilor Eric Bolland had nothing further to report.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill attended all meetings and the July 1<sup>st</sup> event in the park. She wanted to thank 10-year old Marcel Bolland for helping out with the barbecue.

Councilor Dennis Kehoe had nothing further to report.

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl had nothing further to report.



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**(o) Mayor's Report**

In addition to the attached report, Mayor David Corkum noted that the turn out and success of July 1<sup>st</sup> was excellent. He added that two bursaries were passed out at NKEC and these were appreciated, and also that Movie Night in Centre Square was a huge success.

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

CAO Boyd reported that Shannex is moving forward and a signed agreement is expected soon. Progress with Kings Riverside Court continues; work with initiatives of KPSC moves forward, PANS and CUPE negotiations are due to begin. The new school site work continues. Lastly, he wished to thank everyone involved with his career over the last 33 years with the Town.

At this point, Solicitor Muttart added that he has heard from Shannex officials today and that the closing for the residential property is scheduled for July 15.

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

**that authorization be given to the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement for the Purchase of Sale with Shannex, and further, to execute the closing documents on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Kentville and Area Youth Association**

CAO Boyd reported that a late request for funding had been received from the Chairperson of this organization, and although this was not available for review during budget deliberations, a \$1,000 cheque has been sent to this organization.

It was further moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

**that the matter be referred to Councilor Advisory Committee August.**

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**(b) Kristy Gould, Princess Kentville**

A letter of appreciation was received from Princess Kentville 2008, as well as an offer to be of assistance when possible.

**(c) (i) Apple Blossom Festival – Thank you Patron**

A letter from the Past President thanked the Town for its sponsorship of the festival and advised that next year's theme will be "Applelicious Valley."

**(c) (ii) Apple Blossom Festival – Thank you Town Departments**

A letter from the current president thanked Town staff for assistance during the Apple Blossom Festival.

**(c) (iii) Apple Blossom Festival – Thank you Hosts**

A letter from the current president thanked the Town for hosting a Royal Visit for Queen Annapolisa and the princesses.

**(d) UNSM – HST Offset Program**

A letter from President Wrye reiterated that the Province reimburses the municipalities for HST paid on expenses from the previous year, and that the 2008 payment amounts to \$48,305.69.

**(e) SNSMR – Re: Pesticides**

A letter from Minister Jamie Muir stated that the Province is considering all aspects of proposed legislation to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides. Issues to be considered are the continuing sale of these products but restrictions of their use, enforcement, application of the products by unskilled persons, Provincial (not municipal regulation) and the safeguards imposed by the federal government in their manufacturing. Minister Muir felt that the issue would be considered in great depth and brought forward in the next sitting of the legislature.

**(f) First Stop Fashions**

A thank you note was received for the flowers sent from the Town to this new business.

**(g) Shannex**

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A letter from Jason Shannon outlined the projects currently underway. He noted that there will be a traditional retirement living complex, assisted living and long term care facility support.

**(h) Kings North MLA Mark Parent – Idling Control Bylaw**

A letter from Mark Parent, MLA (Minister of Environment) stated his support of this proposed Idling Control Bylaw and felt that it was a positive step.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Proposed Resolution – Canada Post Corporation**

A letter was received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers in which it was noted that they lobby for the continuing privilege of handling letters, without competition. Its president Dennis Lemelin has asked that Council supports a resolution to this effect.

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

**that the letter be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) Financial Statements Re: Kings Para Transit Society**

Financial Statements have been received from this organization for Council's review, following which it was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

**that the Financial Statements be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(c) Ducks Unlimited Magazine**

This national magazine article congratulated the Town of Kentville for receiving top honours in the Communities in Bloom competition last year and for its work with the Miner Marsh project, as part of this effort.

**(d) UNSM Conference – September 17, 18, 19<sup>th</sup> – Yarmouth**

It was noted that responses to attend the UNSM Conference have been received from the Mayor and Councilors Cooper,

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Bolland and Folker-Hill. Councilor Kehoe reported that he would be unable to attend

**(e) Capital Works Project – Contract 2008-045 – Recommendation**

Director Henderson reported that tenders closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for this contract, and the work involves sanitary sewer projects, storm sewer, concrete sidewalk and curbs, paving, and the construction of the dyke. He added that Mid Valley Construction meets all the requirements, has submitted the lowest bid, and has been recommended by the consulting engineers.

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

**that Council awards the 2008-2009 Capital Works Projects Contract 2008-045 to Mid Valley Construction (1997) Limited in the amount of \$1,352,195, plus HST.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(f) Chief Administrative Officer – Recommendation for Replacement**

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that the Selection Committee had hired Gerald Walsh and Associates, to conduct a search for a replacement Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Kentville. This has been carried out, a recommendation has been made and the successful candidate has accepted the position.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker Hill

**that Council ratifies the appointment of Mr. Keith Robicheau to the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Kentville**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(Note: Newly appointed CAO Robicheau stated that he is looking forward to beginning employment with the Town of Kentville in September, and thanked Council for its support.)*

**(g) Agreement for Bridge Study**

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CAO Boyd reported that a letter was received today from the Province regarding the bridge study, noting that the project would be funded 50% by Province, with the Town and County sharing the other 50%. The conditions of the study were defined and the estimated cost was established at \$70,000.

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

**that authorization be given to the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement (No. 2008-014) with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, to participate in the study to explore the potential for a second bridge crossing the Cornwallis River.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(Note: MLA Mark Parent should be recognized for the role he has played in orchestrating this agreement.)*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Several members of staff and members of the audience took the opportunity to thank retiring CAO Bill Boyd for his leadership, friendship and service to the Town of Kentville.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.