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KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES July 15, 2009

PRESENT

Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper, Councilor Mark Pearl, Councilor Eric Bolland, Councilor Tony Bentley, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Bill Boyd, CAO Keith Robicheau, Town Solicitor Peter Muttart and Recording Secretary Lindsay Young. (Transcribed by 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.

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 Councillor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councillor Eric Bolland

that the agenda be approved with the addition of:

6(a) xxi. - Approval of the Financial Statements

7 (d). Christine Ross

11. In Camera – CUPE update on Agreement

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

(a) Nova Insights (Paul DesBarres) Results of Survey

Nova Insights had been engaged in designing and conducting a telephone survey for Kentville residents and an email survey for business owners. Paul DesBarres, president of that firm, has analyzed the data received and prepared a report which was attached. He added that there was a very good response to the surveys, which he felt was due to the public notices made by the Town.

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Points from Presentation

- Two surveys were conducted - a residential survey and a business survey.
- The residential survey included 345 people and was conducted by telephone.
- The business survey was conducted online and included 46 businesses – 76% opposed and 24% supported the tax.
- The business survey involved a link to ensure that only one respondent from each business was recorded.
- Among residents, 22% supported a deed transfer tax while 52% opposed it. The remaining participants were undecided.

CAO Robicheau thanked Mr. DesBarres for his presentation and complimented him on his professionalism.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) June 9, 2009 (Oulton Hearing)

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

that the Minutes of this meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) June 10, 2009 (Regular Council Meeting)

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

that the Minutes of this meeting be approved, with a change on page 2 of Public Meeting to Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

(c) June 15, 2009 (Public Meeting – Deed Transfer Tax)

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

that the Minutes of this meeting be approved.

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MOTION CARRIED

**(d) June 16, 2009 (Deed Transfer Tax –
Proposed Second Reading)**

It was moved by Councilor Boyd and seconded by
Councilor Folker Hill

that the Minutes of this meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

(e) June 29, 2009 (Audit Committee)

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

that the Minutes of this meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES**

**(i) LUB/MPS Amendments – Thom Oulton
Development – Proposed 2nd Reading**

Director Gentleman noted that First Reading, to amend
the LUB and MPS to allow for residential and
institutional development in the Fox Hollow
Subdivision, was given on May 20th. Rezoning was
proposed from Residential Future, to C-2 (Commercial
Highway), R-2 (Residential Two Unit Dwelling) and R-
1 (Residential Single Family), however, some
opposition was heard at the Public Hearing held on
June 9th. Mr. Oulton was prepared to meet with the
citizens and to help alleviate their concerns.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and
seconded by Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper

**that Second Reading of the amendments to
the Land Use Bylaw, relating to the Thom
Oulton Development Limited rezoning
application, be approved**

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Second Reading – Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw

CAO Robicheau noted that this item had been referred

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to this meeting in order to allow time for Nova Insights to conduct a survey of residents and business owners. Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper

that this matter be returned to the table for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Bill Boyd

that Second Reading (final) to adopt Chapter 69 – Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw, be approved.

MOTION DEFEATED

(Noted: Mayor Corkum asked that the record reflect his vote against the implementation of a Deed Transfer Tax. The final vote was 2 for and 5 against.)

Points from Discussion

- The same arguments against the Deed Transfer Tax (discouragement of development and people moving into Kentville) are the same arguments to be used against an increase in taxes.
- Feedback from residents indicate that they do not want a spike in the tax rate and defeating the implementation of this tax, will mean that.
- The Mayor of Windsor has expressed his concerns about the Deed Transfer Tax in that town.
- The County of Kings does not have this tax and this municipal unit has had an increase in taxes.
- An increase in taxes for Kentville is still a good deal for citizens living in this Town.

(iii) Town of Kentville's Operating Budget – 2009-2010

CAO Robicheau had presented the highlights for the Operating Budget which were prepared in two versions. One indicated the budget with a 1.75 % increase in taxes and 1.5 % from Deed Transfer Tax, and the other

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with a 7% tax increase. A number of cuts from the budget had been made by staff, discussions have taken place regarding raising additional revenue and consideration has been given to taking additional funds from the Perpetual Account. Withdrawal of funds from this resource was not considered sustainable.

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

that the operating budget be approved with a 7% tax increase for an operating budget of \$10,691,100.

MOTION DEFEATED

(Note: Councilor Mark Pearl requested that his vote against the motion be recorded in the Minutes.)

Points from Discussion

- There may be projects that can be deferred to future years.
- Another budget meeting may reveal some areas of reduction that haven't been considered.
- It is necessary to set a tax rate and the matter must be addressed quickly.
- The CAO can meet with staff first or Council can review the budget and give staff direction.
- It was agreed that a budget meeting will be set for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19th.

(iv) Town of Kentville's Tax Rate 2009-2010

As the budget was not approved, the tax rate could not be set.

**REPORTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

(i) LUB/MPS Amendments – St. Joseph's Church (First Reading)

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Bev Gentleman noted that an application regarding St. Joseph's Catholic Church was received, in which a rezoning was requested which would allow for proper zoning of this property. The church itself is a non-conforming use and sits within a residential zone. She also noted that future land use is designated residential, which limits development or expansion of the church on this

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property.

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

that First Reading be given to the amendments in the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy to allow for the portion of the property designated as Residential (R) to be rezoned to Institutional (G), and to further rezone that portion from Residential Two Unit Dwelling (R-2) to Institutional (I), and to add the word “Institutional” to Policy Z-25 of the MPS and further,
that a Public Hearing be set for Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Second Reading for amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) LUB Amendments – MacDougall Heights (First Reading)

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Mitch Brison has submitted an application requesting that a portion of his property {currently zoned Residential Future (RF)} be rezoned to Residential Single Family (R-1).

Mr. Brison had not realized that this property still remained zoned as Residential Future, and as a result, has sold a lot and begun the installation of municipal services. In order for him to proceed with this phase of development, he asked if the Town could help him move this process ahead as quickly as possible.

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

that First Reading be given to the Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to allow for the rezoning of this property from Residential Future (RF) zone to Residential Single Family (R1) zone and further
that a Public Hearing be held during the

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Council Advisory Committee Meeting of August 31, following which, a Special Council Meeting would be held to give Second Reading to these amendments.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) LUB Amendments – Rodger Cameron – Chester Avenue

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Rodger Cameron is proposing to rezone a portion of property on the east side of Chester Avenue from Residential Future (RF) to Residential Two Family Unit (R2). He noted that although Mr. Cameron had intended to submit the application for R1 zoning, some issues with old water lines crossing this property, convinced him that rezoning to a higher density might be more appropriate under the circumstances. Director Gentleman noted that other properties in this area are zoned R2.

In order to accommodate this rezoning, amendments will be required to the Land Use Bylaw, and therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councillor Eric Bolland

that First Reading be given to amendments to the Land Use Bylaw, to allow for the rezoning of PID# 55490270 from Residential Future, to Residential Two Unit (R-2), subject to the water lines either being moved or buried deeper, in order to facilitate the development,

And further,

that a Public Hearing be set for September 8th 2009 prior to the Second Reading for amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

(iv) Chapter 7 – Officials, Officers, Employees and their Duties Bylaw (First Reading to Rescind)

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Town Clerk Carol Harmes identified a current bylaw, known as *Chapter 7 – Officials, Officers, Employees and their Duties*

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Bylaw, as one that should be rescinded, as its content is redundant. The duties and responsibilities of the positions identified in the bylaw are addressed in the Municipal Government Act, or within negotiated contracts.

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

that Town Council gives First Reading to rescind Chapter 7 - Officials, Officers, Employees and their Duties Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

(v) Chapter 8 – Public Meetings Bylaw (First Reading to Rescind)

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Town Clerk Carol Harmes noted that the current bylaw, known as *Chapter 8 – Public Meetings Bylaw* should be rescinded, as its content is irrelevant to current practices.

Therefore, it was moved by Councillor Folker-Hill and seconded by Councillor Bolland

that Town Council gives First Reading to rescind Chapter 8– Public Meetings Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

(vi) TBRs (Streets \$76,500, Streets \$64,600 and Economic Development \$200,000)

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Director Crowell presented three Temporary Borrowing Resolutions which have expired and need to be replaced with current authorizations. She reiterated the content in each of the TBRs and recommended approval.

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

that the following Temporary Borrowing Resolutions be authorized:

TBR 95/96-01 Streets

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\$76,500
TBR 95/96-02 Streets
\$64,600
TBR 95/06-05 Economic Development
\$200,000

MOTION CARRIED

**(vii) Sanitary Sewer Bylaw – Schedule A –
Spills/Cost Recover Charges**

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Director Greg Kehoe noted that in this bylaw, the Rbod rate in dollars per pound of BOD had been set at \$.10 for spill and recovery costs. However, in light of the increase in expenditures, he has recommended an increased Rbod rate to \$.20, in order to recover the spill costs for those two industries that exceed their outlined limits. These amendments would apply to Schedule A of the bylaw.

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

that Council approves the revised Rbod rate at \$0.20 in the Sanitary Sewer Bylaw – Chapter 72, Schedule “A” – Spills – Cost Recovery Charges.

MOTION CARRIED

**(viii) Sanitary Sewer Bylaw – Schedule B –
Charges**

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Director Greg Kehoe noted that ongoing increases in the costs for collecting and treating sanitary sewer have necessitated an increase in the charges for the delivery of this service. He added that in spite of a 44% increase in expenditures, there has only been a 7% increase in revenue, and therefore recommended a 15% increase to Schedule B.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Cooper and seconded by Councilor Bolland

that Council approves a 15% increase in the Sanitary Sewer Bylaw – Chapter 72 –

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*Schedule “B” – Charges – Sanitary Sewer
Charges – service charges and consumption
charge.*

MOTION CARRIED

**(ix) Chapter 80 – Sanitary Sewer Charges
Bylaw (First Reading)**

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Director Greg Kehoe noted that a new bylaw has been created to allow for amendments to Schedule A and Schedule B. These amendments increase both the residential charges and the Spills/Cost Recovery Charges for industry.

Director Kehoe further noted that the effective date of the bylaw would be July 1st, 2009, although the first increase in charges would be applied to the September billing.

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

**that First Reading be given to amendments in
Schedule A and Schedule B, as per Chapter
80 –Sanitary Sewer Charges Bylaw**

MOTION CARRIED

**(x) Sanitary Sewer – Approval of Operating
Budget – 2009-2010**

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Director Kehoe presented the Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget for 2009-2010. He noted that included in this budget, was revenue which would be generated through increases in the Residential Rates and in the Spills/Cost Recovery charges for industry.

Director Kehoe added that there have been no significant increases in sanitary sewer charges since the late 1980s, although there have been increases by 43.7% for expenditures. Revenue has increased by only 7.1% , therefore making it apparent that sewer charges must be increased to offset the rising costs for this service.

He noted that these additional expenditures relate to the

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costs associated with collection and treatment of the sewer, which are costs passed along from the County of Kings, who operate the treatment plant.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper

that the 2009-2010 Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget be approved, as per the approved amendments to Schedules A and B.

MOTION CARRIED

(xi) Fire Chief Position – Joint Fire Services Agreement

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that he, as Chairman of the Joint Fire Service Committee, submitted a report in which he noted several aspects of the service provided by the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department. From statistics, indications are that the Kentville station receives many more calls than does any other department, and this generates a great deal of work for some individuals.

The concept of a full-time paid fire chief for the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department has been discussed at length by the Joint Fire Services Committee, and recommendations have been sent to both the Town of Kentville and the County of Kings.

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

that approval be given to the amendments outlined in Appendix A (attached) which would provide for the establishment and direction of a full-time paid fire chief position through the Joint Fire Service Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

(xii) Student Bursary Policy Statement G-18 – amendments

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Councilor Nola Folker-Hill stated that she has recently served on the Bursary Selection Committee as the Council liaison,

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and noted some aspects of *Schedule A – Criteria for Student Bursary*, which should be changed or clarified. One recommendation was to remove the word “are” from Item 2, and another, to insert the words “for grade 12 courses” at the end of Item 3.

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

that amendments be made to the Schedule A, as proposed.

MOTION CARRIED

(xiii) New School – Naming Procedure

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that a letter from the Board Chair of AVRSB was reviewed. This noted that the Operations Committee, along with School Board, would maintain the authority to name the new school, although any suggestions from the Town would be welcomed and considered.

Members of Council felt that the name “Kings County Academy,” or “KCA,” was an important part of the long history of the Town, and that this was a replacement school, not a new school being built to service other populations. As an example, the new Horton High School, was a similar replacement for the old Horton High School, and therefore, maintained the same name.

Therefore, in response to the letter from the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper

that the Town sends a letter to the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board insisting on the name “Kings County Academy” for the new school.

MOTION CARRIED

(xiv) ICSP Proposed Vision Statement

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Brennan Vogel, the

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Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Coordinator, presented a very comprehensive report based on various aspects of community sustainability. He reiterated several points from 4 thematic consultations with the public, following which he recommended that the Town adopt a Vision Statement that portrays its qualities.

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

that Council endorses the following vision statement:

“ Kentville is a healthy, vibrant, integrated and complete community where citizens can live, work and play in an environment that supports a high quality of life.”

MOTION CARRIED

(xv) Shannex Agreement – Ratification

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Councilor Nola Folker-Hill expressed concern that there had never been an actual motion by Council ratifying the Shannex Agreement. Although Council did give the CAO and Mayor the authority to execute the agreement at their July 2008 meeting, she felt that for the record, this motion should be made.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Mark Pearl

that the agreement between the Town of Kentville and Shannex be ratified as executed by the Mayor and CAO.

MOTION CARRIED

(xvi) Visitors’ Welcoming Centre – Downtown Kentville

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Madonna Spinazola, the General Manager of Destination Southwest Nova Association, shared with Council the concept of

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establishing a downtown welcoming centre that would complement the current VIC, by providing year around information to visitors to the area. She pointed out that Kentville is at the crossroads of many tourist attractions (i.e. Hall's Harbour, Blomidon Look Off, Cape Split, Grand Pre, etc.) and is also the hub for many roads from other parts of the province. She identified the opportunities for not only promoting the tourist attractions in the area, but also the local businesses and the valley culture itself.

Ms. Spinazola suggested that financial support of this centre could be shared between the Town of Kentville, the County of Kings and the Destination Southwest Nova Association and accordingly listed some budget proposals with this arrangement in mind.

As the existing Visitors' Information Centre is operated by the Parks and Recreation Department, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that the issue of a Visitors' Welcoming Centre in downtown Kentville be sent to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for review, with a recommendation to be made to Council as soon as possible.

MOTION CARRIED

(xvii) Parking Meter Implementation Study

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that the issue of the installation of parking meters in the downtown was discussed. Council had previously asked that staff contact other communities (who have installed parking meters) to determine the effectiveness of these devices.

CAO Robicheau reported that the City of Fredericton has done some research on this matter and has, in fact, installed some state-of-the-art parking meters. He suggested that a staff person from the City might be willing to attend a meeting of Council to share this information with the Town.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bernie

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Cooper and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that the staff person from the City of Fredericton, who has been involved in their parking meter project, be invited to attend a Council meeting in the early fall, to share her knowledge with the Town,
and further
that members of the Parking Committee and the downtown business community, also be included to hear this presentation.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- This presentation will deal with a strategy on parking, not just the implementation of meters.

(xviii) CAC Meetings – Starting Time

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that it was noted that a change in time from 5:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the CAC meetings was implemented on a trial basis and was due for further discussion at this meeting.

A discussion followed during which it was suggested that the meeting time should be changed to 1:00 p.m., so as to allow time to fully discuss items on the agenda and to allow staff the opportunity to attend meetings during their work day. Some concern existed with those councilors who worked at other jobs during the day.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that the meetings of Council Advisory Committee begin at 1:00 p.m., subject to the availability of those Councilors who have jobs,
and further,
that this 1:00 p.m. start time be confirmed at the next meeting of CAC.

MOTION CARRIED

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**(xix) CAC Meeting vs. Council Meeting –
Reporting Procedure**

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a discussion took place regarding the format for receiving departmental reports by Council. It was felt that if staff were able to introduce their reports at the CAC meeting instead of at the Council meeting (which is the current practice), Council would then have the opportunity to ask questions of senior staff and to explore particular issues in greater depth.

With this proposed change, however, concern was expressed that some departments may not have statistics and other data available for that meeting.

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

**that departmental reports be presented and
discussed at CAC meetings, instead of at
Council meetings,**

and,

**that if necessary, that Council and CAC
meetings be flipped to accommodate some
reporting data which may not be available at
that earlier meeting,**

and further,

**that this proposal be reviewed at the next
meeting of Council Advisory Committee**

MOTION CARRIED

(xx) Hadassahouse Society – Letter of Support

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Ms. Denise Young, President and Founder of the Hadassahouse Society, informed Council that this organization will offer long term care for women suffering from addictions and will be soon opening a centre on Chester Avenue. A 3-phased program will be provided free of charge for up to 16 women.

She hoped to attain a letter of support from the Town of Kentville to be used for leveraging some foundation and grant money for this project.

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

that a letter of support be sent to Haddassahouse.

MOTION CARRIED

(xxi) Approval of Audited Financial Statements

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that at a recent meeting of the Audit Committee, the audited financial statements were presented by Darrell Richards, CA, CFP of the Town's audit firm, Grant Thornton.

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

that the audited financial statements and the auditors reports be approved as submitted

MOTION CARRIED

(a) Finance

(i) Director's Report

Finance Director Crowell reported that the Water Commission ratified its Operating and Capital budgets in June, the Sanitary Sewer Area Service ratified its Operating Budget earlier this evening, the Audit Committee met on June 29th to receive the audit report and the audited consolidated financial statements were approved earlier this evening. In addition, utility bill estimates are being compiled for release, various reports and statistics are being completed, and the Town's Operating Budget is yet to be approved.

She also noted that Schedule C (Summary of Outstanding Taxes) indicates that 92.7% of the interim levy has been collected to date, and that the total property tax outstanding at June 30th was \$338,587.

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

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that the report from the Finance Director be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Planning and Development

(i) Director's Reports

Director Bev Gentleman reported that there were 12 permits issued in June for a total of \$552,000, bringing the yearly total to \$2,609,032. She added that the ICSP project has been busy with more presentations and the hiring of 2 students. With rezonings, the issues of the St. Joseph Church and the Cameron property on Chester Avenue received First Reading earlier in the evening and second reading is proposed for September. With the wellfield zones, staff has been viewing current regulations relating to certain industries in the industrial park. She suggested that anyone wishing to locate in the industrial park near the wellhead protection areas, should contact the Planning and Development Department for information on the regulations. Lastly, she identified a number of meetings which she recently attended.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Committee Report

Councilor Mark Pearl reported that there was nothing further to add at this time.

(c) Fire

(i) Chief's Report

Fire Chief Shawn Ripley reported that there were 15 calls in the Town of Kentville for a total of 296 kilometers travelled, and 13 calls in the county for 938 kilometers travelled. Three mutual aid calls resulted in 476 kilometers travelled. These calls ranged in scope from fire alarms sounding and fires, to motor vehicle accidents, cold water rescues and medical and hazmat

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emergencies.

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

that the Fire Chief's Report be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Governance Committee Report

Councilor Bill Boyd added that regarding the decision made by Council earlier in the evening supporting the full-time fire chief position, the Committee of the Whole for the County of Kings has delayed a decision. However, when this is confirmed, a hiring process will be initiated.

(e) Parks and Recreation

(i) Director's Report

Director Mark Phillips reported that seasonal maintenance and capital projects are underway at the arena, public swims and lessons have begun at the pool, tenders for a mower and utility vehicle have been advertised, the Friends of the Library have presented preliminary plans to the Planning Department for the County site, the Oakdene Soccer field should be completed soon, the National Trails Coalition Grant Application for \$110,000 has been submitted to NTC (trail and Ducks Unlimited Bridge capital work). All projects must be completed by March 31, 2010.

With the green areas, 115 baskets have been installed in Town, and 50 smaller baskets have been distributed to businesses who participated in the Communities in Bloom project. He added that the day camps are well attended, the Canada Day celebrations were very successful and the Active Living Coordinator's position has been advertised and applications have been short-listed.

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Bill Boyd

that the report from the Director of Parks

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and Recreation be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- members of Council will meet with the Friends of the Library regarding their site and preliminary plans.
- The position for the Active Living Coordinator is funded through the province and typically, these positions are supported long term.
- The repairs at the rink and downtown flowers are getting a lot of positive public attention.

(ii) Committee Report

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that the Canada Day event was a good success and the staff should be commended for their hard work.

(f) Police

(i) Chief's Report

Police Chief Mark Mander reported that their new motorcycle is being used to patrol the streets and that a board meeting was held in June. There were 123 recorded hours of foot patrols in June, 413 calls to dispatch after hours, 21 persons jailed, 22 disturbances and 95 parking tickets issued.

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

that the report from the Chief of Police be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Police Chief Mander should be expected to attend these meetings, along with other senior staff.)

Police Board Report

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper reported that he was not present at the last Board meeting, and that the next scheduled meeting is in August.

(g) Transportation Services

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(i) Director's Report

Director Greg Kehoe reported that street and sidewalk maintenance continues, as do normal summer projects. Capital Work projects are underway and residents affected by this work have been notified. Work continues with the Province on the new connector road. With the regional sewer, the budget has been passed by the County, the Regional Sewer Committee, and by Town Council earlier in the evening. Work on the lagoon is being addressed by this committee. Lastly, he noted that clean-up work on the Kentville Futures Site continues.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- Some mapping is being prepared which shows the level of remediation on parts of the land.
- Signs should be erected on this property, advertising that it is for sale.
- The property boundaries are well established and the Town can proceed prior to receiving the final report from Torgney Vigerstad.
- Any sale of capital assets would go to the Capital Reserve Fund.
- There have been many positive comments on the coordination of the paving projects and the quality of the work conducted on the Town streets

(iii) Committee Report

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that Director Kehoe has carried out a great deal of work on the regional sewer and he was pleased to know that Hal Henderson is also working with the County on this project.

He added that the CAO will be reporting on the CUPE negotiations during the In Camera meeting later in the evening.

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**(h) Water Commission
(i) Directors Report**

Director Greg Kehoe reported the Water Commission passed the 2009-2010 Capital and Operating Budget, and further gave direction that a water rate study be carried out. Fire hydrant flushing was also carried out to ensure clean water and maintenance of chlorine residuals. Monitoring and general maintenance continues.

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

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
Representative's Report**

Councilor Mark Pearl reported that the 2009-2010 Operating and Capital Budgets have been approved by all partners and that Consolidated Statements have been received and indicate a deficit of \$105,000 . This will be billed out to the partners. An open house was conducted on June 7th . A Strategy Session will be held in the fall and this will be facilitated by the Kings Regional Development Authority.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

**(j) Kings Regional Development
Authority**

(i) Representative's Report

Jennifer Weisner gave a verbal report, noting that the

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next report from the Kings RDA will be done for the October meeting of Council. She added that a new citizen representative, for Kentville will be needed for this organization, due to the retirement of Jim Morton from that position. She added that Kings RDA is excited about working with Valley Waste on its Strategy Session.

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

that the report from Kings Community Economic Development Agency be received.

MOTION CARRIED

**(k) Kentville Community Development Committee
(i) Report**

No report has been prepared at this time.

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

Councilor Mark Pearl reported that the Committee has met with ACOA representatives regarding the Community Access Fund, which could pay up to 80% for a project. He noted that tenders for fuel are still outstanding; a lease extension is being prepared for the garage; a business case analysis for a new facility will be conducted; and the newly proposed Kings County Municipal Complex will be 90,000 square feet, if all tenants' needs are met. Several special events (free bike rides, and drivewise) have been conducted; Retire your Ride has been launch; and Occupational Health and Safety issues are being addressed.

Lastly, he reported that revenue is tracking as budgeted, however, some expenditures are over and will be clarified later.

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

that the report from Kings Transit Authority

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be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(m) Environmental Advisory Committee

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that a meeting had been held recently, however, a quorum was not met. The next meeting will be held in September.

It was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that the report from Environmental Committee be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(n) Councilor's Report

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper had nothing further to report.

Councilor Tony Bentley attended all meetings and felt that the Canada Day events were well done.

Councilor Eric Bolland attended all meetings, Movie Night and Canada Day. He has been chosen Chair of the Sustainability Committee and will be busy with that.

Councilor Mark Pearl had nothing further to report.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill attended all meetings and the CUPE negotiations

Councilor Bill Boyd attended all meetings and the Canada Day events.

(o) Mayor's Report

Mayor Corkum reported that he attended Leon's 100 anniversary, the Fire Hall meeting regarding the School Funding, the NKRC Graduation Ceremonies (and passed out the bursaries), a Kinsmen Meeting where a lifetime membership was given to Glen Pickerall.

(p) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CAO Robicheau noted some aspects of his attached report which had not be previously addressed.

Highlights from Report

- Annapolis Valley Regional Industrial Park – met with Dan Dooks (NS Business Inc)

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facilitated by Kings RDA.

- Service Review – Building and Fire Inspection – still awaiting meeting.
- Climate Change Directorate – information session for Councils pending
- Friends of the Library – meeting
- Public Opinion Survey – work completed on that project
- PANS Agreement – hopefully he will have a report on progress for September CAC meeting
- HR Policy Review – lead by Mark Phillips – work progresses and a report to Council pending for fall.
- CUPE Bargaining – gone from 3 year to 4 year agreement and discussion to be held In Camera

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Apple Blossom Festival – 80th Festival

A letter was received from the Apple Blossom Festival Board of Directors suggesting a monument recognizing the Town of Kentville as the birthplace of the Apple Blossom Festival in 1933.

It is likely that a committee will be formed to address this issue and members of Council should consider serving on this committee.

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

**that the letter be passed to the Parks and
Recreation Advisory Committee which
should liaise with the Apple Blossom Festival
Office in the creation of a monument
recognizing the town of Kentville as the
birthplace of the Apple Blossom Festival**

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(Note: A letter from Bria Stokesbury, the Curator of the Kings County Museum, also showed support of this project.)

(b) Apple Blossom Festival – Thank you and theme for next year.

A letter from the Apple Blossom Festival Office wished to thank Council and staff for its support of the festival.

(c) Jim Morton – Resignation from Kings RDA

A letter of resignation to the Kings RDA board was received from Jim Morton. Possible replacements will be considered at an upcoming meeting of Council.

(d) Christine Ross

A letter from this resident congratulated the Town for the plants in the downtown.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

N/A

**IN CAMERA MEETING
(CUPE Negotiations – Local 4403)**

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

that the meeting adjourn at 9:56 p.m. for an In Camera Meeting

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES

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

that the In Camera meeting adjourns at 10:23 p.m. and that the regular meeting of Town Council resumes

MOTION CARRIED

CUPE – Local 4403 Collective Agreement

A tentative agreement had been proposed as a result of recent contract negotiations and it appeared that this document was now ready for consideration.

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Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that the Council of the Town of Kentville ratifies the tentative agreement with CUPE 4403 and authorizes the Mayor and CAO to execute the agreement, subject to final proof-reading of the document by the CAO

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

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

that the regular meeting of Town Council adjourns at 10: 25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED