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KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 11, 2008

PRESENT

Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl, 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

CAO Boyd reported that all members of Council were present, with the exception of Councilor Dennis Kehoe who is working out of Town.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

(a) Major James Hunter, Aldershot

Town Council wished to thank Major Hunter for his efforts in building a rapport between the Town of Kentville and Camp Aldershot. He was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a small gift.

Major Hunter responded in acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the military and civilians at Aldershot and all the wonderful people of Kentville.

(b) Colonel Derek Joyce, Wing Commander for 14 Wing Greenwood and Captain Scott Spurr

Colonel Joyce noted that many of his wing participants live in the Kentville area. He explained the assets of the Wing, showing slides about the Aurora and the unmanned aerial vehicles, and that Greenwood is a training centre for soldiers going to Afghanistan and that 100 personnel are scheduled to be deployed. He added that the Wing provides aircraft which are "eyes in the sky" and are used for surveillance, and further provides a cadet training program, with 1500 cadets being trained this summer.

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He identified the economic impact that the Wing has on the valley area and added that the intent of personnel is to spend and buy locally. He added that most of the facilities were built in the 1940s and 50s and much at the base needs to be refurbished. \$76.5 million has been allocated to replace infrastructure.

The Wing Charities Campaign is very active as is a group of volunteers who help with a family resource centre. There are also potential partnership projects – a health care clinic, arena, curling rink and indoor soccer facility and off-base accommodations.

Following discussion, he pointed out; that there may be opportunities in the future for shared run-ways; and that the proposed health centre will be for civilian use, as well.

(b) Kirk Starratt – Kentville Publishing

Kirk Starratt stated that he has been working on a project which will help to provide video coverage for each of the candidates participating in the upcoming election. This will involve the capability of showing a video on the www.novanewsnow.com website. He suggested that appointments be made with him for an interview, during which standardized questions will be asked. There will also be a cross coverage with the paper.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) May 11, 2008

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

that the Minutes of May 11, 2008 be approved, with clarification on page 14 that the Anti-Idling Bylaw is being drafted “with the help of” the Planning Department, and not “by” the Planning Department, as previously stated.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) LUB – Amendments – Development Permits – Second Reading

Director Bev Gentleman reported that First Reading of the amendments to the LUB was given on May 14th, following which a public meeting was held on Monday, June 9th. As no written or verbal opposition was given to these amendments, she recommended that the process continue.

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

that Second (Final) Reading be given to amendments to the Land Use Bylaw thereby exempting certain uses from requiring a Development Permit.

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Director Gentlemen noted that only those members attending the Public Hearing are eligible to vote, and therefore, Councilor Bolland would be excluded)

(ii) LUB – Amendments – Front Yard Setbacks – Second Reading

Director Bev Gentleman reported that First Reading of the amendments to the LUB was given on May 14th, following which a public meeting was held on Monday, June 9th. As no written or verbal opposition was given to these amendments, she recommended that the process continue.

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

that Second (Final) Reading be given to amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to provide zero front yard setbacks for all properties in the C-1 Commercial General Zone

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Director Gentlemen noted that only those members attending the Public Hearing are eligible to vote, and therefore, Councilor Bolland would be excluded)

(iii) UNSM's Women in Local Government Bursary Program

CAO Boyd reported that a letter from the President of UNSM to the Mayor and Council is a follow-up to a previous request. The intent of this letter is to solicit financial support for a bursary program.

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

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that the Town of Kentville supports the UNSM's Women in Local Government Bursary Program for a total of \$900, paid out over a 3 year period, of \$300 per year.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

(a) Council Advisory Committee

(i) Sewer Bylaw – Chapter 72 (Revised) First Reading

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Henderson submitted a draft copy of the newly proposed Sanitary Sewer Bylaw – Chapter 72, (attached) which replaces that draft bylaw proposed some time ago. This current bylaw has been prepared by staff, the Town's engineering consultants and the town solicitor, and is cross referenced to the MGA – Part 14.

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

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Paving Tender – 2008

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Henderson reported that he has received tenders for the asphalt street and sidewalk projects which are part of the 2008-2009 budget. He attached the various tenders received and pointed out that the lowest tender is within budget.

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

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that Contract 2008-01 for Capital Paving, be awarded to Lafarge Canada Inc. for \$154,750, plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) Capital Budget – 2008-2011

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

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

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl

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

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

(NOTE: As some adjustments have been made to the Capital Budget, an amendment was proposed as below)

(iii) Capital Budget – Amendment

Deputy Mayor further noted that following the recent Council Advisory Committee meeting, at which a recommendation was made to approve the 3 year Capital Budget (for \$2,364,000 in the year 2008-2009) additional information has been received. The Town has recently been notified of the loss of provincial funding for a recreation project, resulting in the scaling back of this particular project and in some changes in the Capital Budget itself. He further noted that this issue was discussed at a Budget Meeting on

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June 9th and a recommendation for an amendment was proposed.

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

that an amendment be made that Council approves the three-year Capital Budget for the Town of Kentville (as per the attached report), and as follows:

2008-2009	\$2,343,500
2009-2010	\$2,446,000
2010-2011	\$3,539,900

MOTION CARRIED

(iv) Operating Budget and Tax Rate – 2008-2009

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

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

With this new information, adjustments to revenue now totalled a loss of \$81,400, and whereas expenditure increases are \$82,300 (which includes the Provincial Mandatory-Education increase of \$36,400), the taxation rates required to balance this draft of the budget were unacceptable to Council.

Council previously agreed that there would be a small tax

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increase for municipal purposes and that the Provincial Mandatory increase would be passed on to the taxpayer, however, it now directed management to pare more from the expenditure side of the ledger, with any shortfall from this exercise being withdrawn from the Town of Kentville Perpetual Fund.

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

that the 2008/2009 Town of Kentville Operating budget would require a Residential tax rate increase, of NO MORE than 2.9%

and further,

that the required Commercial tax rate increase would be NO MORE than 4.3% (which includes the Business Occupancy phase-out).

MOTION CARRIED

(v) PANS Collective Agreement

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a discussion took place regarding the two-year Collective Agreement presently being negotiated with the Town of Kentville. Although some issues had been outstanding, Council members felt that they were now in a position to accept the document.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

(vi) White Family Funeral Home Request

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a letter was received from Cyril White, of the White Family Funeral Home, asking the Town to consider the sale of seven parking places in the North End Parking Lot, near the Chapel entrance of their building. This would allow for some landscaping to be done.

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

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

that the Town agrees to sell four parking spaces to the White Family Funeral Home

And further

that costs associated with this transaction, such as the land costs, surveying, appraisal and legal work, be the responsibility of the purchaser.

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: The purchase of these spots will allow this business to eliminate a hazard of people tripping over a curb when they get out of their vehicle.)

(vii) Barrington District Request – Cusk as Endangered Species

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl stated that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a letter from Brian Holland of the District of Barrington, expressed concern regarding the impact on the fishery industries and related businesses with cusk being identified on the endangered species list.

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

that the letter from the Municipality of the District of Barrington be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(a) Finance

(i) Director's Report

A report from Director Debra Crowell stated that utility bills were due, as were the interim tax bills. Ratification of the Town's Operating and Capital budgets are anticipated and draft statements are expected from the auditors in a few weeks with the audited financial statements due in July. She further indicated that the Town's Operating Fund will post a surplus of \$31,787; the Sanitary Sewer Area Service posted

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a surplus of \$3,242, and the Water Utility posted a surplus of \$208,131.

Lastly, she added that interim tax billing was for \$3,046,105 and 86.9% has been collected, leaving an outstanding amount of \$464,120.

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

that the report from the Director of Finance be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Planning and Development

(i) Director's Report

Director Gentleman reported that there were 12 permits for the month of May, with building value at \$1,388,000, bringing the year total to \$3,200,127. She added that work continues on the Anti-Idling Bylaw and public input sessions are being scheduled for the ICSP Study.

The zoning application from Thom Oulton for Fox Hollow continues to be addressed, with a delay of the traffic report at this time. Ms. Gentleman added that she has been busy with a number of other meetings, involving committees and individual developers.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Committee Report

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill stated that the committee has not met.

(c) Fire

(i) Chief's Report

Fire Chief Shawn Ripley reported that there were 6 alarms in Kentville the previous month, for a distance travelled of 106 kilometers, while in the county, there were 29 alarms in the county, for a distance travelled of 2166 kilometers. Ten

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mutual aid calls resulted in 1184 kilometers travelled.

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

that the report from the Fire Chief be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(i) Governance Committee Report

Councilor Bernie Cooper noted that a meeting is scheduled for June 19th.

(e) Parks and Recreation

(i) Director's Report

A report from Director Phillips pointed out that maintenance and capital projects continue at the rink and ice should be installed for the first of August. The other park facilities are operational and the tennis courts, track, soccer fields and the pool will open on June 27th. Baskets of flowers are being installed around Town; the Apple Blossom Festival and the Kings Senior Games were successful events and camps will begin on June 30th.

He added that June 10 to 13 has been reserved for the parkland hearing and that he has attended a number of events and meetings, as indicated on his written report attached.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Mayor Corkum announced that Greenwood plans to arrange a fly-past in the afternoon of July 1st and if possible, Kentville's plans should be arranged to accommodate this.)

(ii) Committee Report

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl had nothing to report.

(f) Police

(ii) Chief's Report

Police Chief Mark Mander presented crime statistics in the

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Kentville area covering the last 5 years. He noted that a trend in some types of crimes appears to be lower than in previous years, and this is as a result of extra constables and some new enforcement programs.

He added that the Apple Blossom Festival continues to be well attended and this year there were no significant occurrences on that weekend. Lastly, the next police commission meeting will be in September.

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

that the report from the Police Chief be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) Board Report

Councilor Cooper had nothing further to report

(g) Transportation Services

(i) Director's Report

Director Henderson reported that Public Works crews were busy with the Apple Blossom Festival; that the tender for the 2008-2009 Capital Works Projects is being prepared and will include a variety of street work, sanitary sewer and water mains, as well as work on the dyke system. Work progresses towards a study for a new bridge across the Cornwallis River and work continues on the 2008-2009 Regional Sewer Operating and Capital budgets. Lastly, he added that First Reading of the Sewer Bylaw has been given on June 11 and Second Reading is expected next month.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Committee Report

Councilor Bernie Cooper had nothing further to report, other than that the next meeting is in September.

(h) Water Commission

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(i) Directors Report

Director Henderson reported that the report on the water rate study will be ready to present to the Utility and Review Board, following a Commission meeting on June 17th. Further, the \$2.7 million tender for the water service extension to Balsor and Eaglecrest subdivisions is well ahead of schedule and work continues. The water loss program continues with the second phase, which determines the amount of unaccounted water. Lastly, he noted that no word has yet been received on the application to the Building Canada Fund for the renewal of the Elizabeth Avenue water main.

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

that the report from the Water Commission, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Commission Report

Mayor David Corkum had nothing further to report.

**(i) Valley Waste Resource Management Authority
(i) Representative's Report**

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that education continues with the clear bag program, that the Open House was held on June 1st, the free compost program was successful; delivery of 3 new pick up trucks is expected in July; safety (fire) drills are being encouraged by the OHS Manager; a meeting with the Work Committee was held for the purpose of improving inter-organizational communications and the budget process; and all units have approved the 2008-2009 operation and capital budgets. A regular meeting of the Board will take place on July 9th and a Strategy Session will be held in November.

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**

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(i) Representative's Report

A report from Erin Beaudin, the Executive Director of Kings CED outlined the status of a number of projects being handled by this organization. She added that the new 2008-2009 Business Plan is being implemented. It was noted that the BRE program continues to be a major business development initiative, the AGM will be held tomorrow in Greenwood and other projects continue.

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

that the report from Kings Community Economic Development be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(Jennifer Weisner reported that the AGM meeting and dinner will be June 12 at 5 p.m. at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood)

**(k) Kentville Community
Development Committee**

(i) Representative's Report

Community Development Officer Erin Mason reported that a meeting of KCDC was held on May 27th with the next to be held on June 24th. She added that plans are underway for the Wednesday Farmers Market and Movie Nights in Centre Square. The Farmers Market now has a website. Further promotion for the VIC has been done and printing is underway for the next Kentville newsletter. Lastly, she added that hanging baskets will be distributed to all businesses this week, as part of the beautification program.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Mayor Corkum reported that a regular meeting date will be set for future meetings.)

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

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Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that staff training has been completed and route changes in Hants County, Wolfville to Cambridge and Greenwood have been made as a result of customer feedback. The Hants County trial period has been extended until next March and has shown excellent growth, and the Michelin Express continues to be a work in progress.

He added that ridership is up, revenue is up, and unfortunately, fuel costs are also up (over \$8,000 over the last month). A fee increase of about 8% has been proposed. He pointed out that Kentville's share of the \$96,122 deficit amounts to \$19,224.

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 committee has not met, but there has been lots of activity. There were over 100 children and parents in the Children's Apple Blossom Parade and this was a good promotion.

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

**that the report from the Environmental Advisory
Committee be received.**

MOTION CARRIED

(n) Councilor's Report

Councilor Bernie Cooper attended all meetings.

Councilor Eric Bolland attended all meetings, the Open House at Valley Waste, the ICSP meeting, one at Acadia and a joint meeting with Kings CED.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill attended all meetings and the Planning Conference (which focused on demographics), the Kings CED Joint Council meeting and replaced the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the VIP tent during the Apple Blossom

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Parade, along with the NSCC Convocation.
Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl had nothing further to report.

(o) **Mayor's Report**

As per the attached report, Mayor David Corkum reiterated that he has had a busy month, with many meetings – Cornwallis SW Nova, Police, CAC, Budget, KCDC, FCM, Chamber of Commerce, Caucus, Development, Kings CED, ICSP, LUB Public Meetings and CAO meetings. He also attended a number of events - VON Luncheon, Planter's Celebration, Rug Hookers, Squash Courts, Tour of Hope, and a Wildcats game.

He further outlined some of the information he learned while recently attending the annual FCM Conference in Quebec City – *Celebrating our Past – Shaping our Future*. He added that there were over 2200 delegates (one of the largest conferences of FCM).

From the programs, he learned that only 20% of municipal councillors are women and congratulated council for supporting women through the bursary program earlier in the evening. He also learned that by 2030, GHGs will have increase by 90% and that municipalities are responsible for 50% of greenhouse gases. He was impressed by Jack Layton and Elizabeth May and described some of Ms. May's own initiatives.

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

CAO Boyd reported that the Shannex Development is moving ahead and work is expected next week; Kings Riverside Court is on schedule; a meeting for KPSC will take place next week; the PANS agreement has been ratified and CUPE negotiations will begin soon; the site of the new school has not yet been confirmed; and there have been many meetings regarding the budget. He added that the Selection Committee is still interviewing candidates and a recommendation should come to CAC in June.

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

that the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

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MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl will contact Mr. Kelly regarding specifics about the development)

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Office of the Minister of Agriculture

A letter from the Minister of Agriculture identified the importance of scientific research in the agricultural industry and pointed out that in response to the Town's letter expressing concern about the possible closure of the Kentville Research Station, there are no plans to close this facility at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Election 2008 – Appointment for African NS Rep on AVRSB and Appointment for Rep to Acadian School Board

Chief Electoral Officer Al Kingsbury submitted a report in which he made two recommendations for the appointment of individuals to these positions.

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

that Jacquie Farrow-Lawrence be appointed as Returning Officer for the Election of an African Nova Scotia Representative on the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board

MOTION CARRIED

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

that Jacquie Farrow-Lawrence be appointed Returning Officer for the election of a representative to Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial (Acadian School Board)

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Al Kingsbury pointed out that this one returning officer represents the whole area, thereby, eliminating the need to appoint one for each area.)

(b) Operating Budget and Tax Rates (2008-2009)

Highlights of this budget were presented by Director Debra

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Crowell, following which she added that this is a balanced budget totalling \$10,036,700. She stated that overall expenditures have increased this year by 8.9% (\$821,500 over last year); Provincial Mandatory expenditures have increased by 5% (total increase at \$40,800); and that there have been significant increases in uncontrollable expenditures.

She further expounded upon the various revenue funding sources and pointed out that the 2008 assessment roll provided some increases in revenue, although in spite of this, the Town has seen a shortfall of \$136,900. {Provincial Mandatory tax shortfall of \$33,600 (education \$36,400, Corrections at \$4,100 plus administrative fees at \$1,300)}, and the Municipal Tax shortfall of \$103,300.

In summary, Director Crowell stated that in spite of diligent efforts by senior management staff and an increase in the withdrawal from the Perpetual Investment Fund, the taxation rates for the budget year 2008-2009 must be increased to balance the budget.

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

**that the 2008-2009 Operating Budget for the
Town of Kentville be approved for \$10,036,700.**

MOTION CARRIED

(c) Tax Rates (2008-2009)

Director Debra Crowell reported that as Council has approved the Operating Budget with a balance of \$10,036,700, it is necessary to now set the tax rates to achieve this budgeted revenue. She pointed out that funds required from taxation are \$5.75 million. It was noted that the general tax rate will see an increase of \$0.04 1/3 per \$100 from last year; the residential tax rate will increase \$0.03 4/5 per \$100; the Fire Area Rate is \$0.04 4/5 per \$100 the hydrant area rate is \$0.10 1/2 per \$100; the commercial rate increases by \$0.09 1/2 per \$100, to which the fire area rate of \$0.45 4/4 per \$100 and Hydrant rate of \$0.10 1/2 per \$100 is added. This means that residential taxes have increased 2.9%, plus fire and hydrant rates and commercial taxes will increase by 4.3%

Director Crowell included examples of the impact that these

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rates would have on a specifically valued property; she identified some of the services provided by these taxes; and showed a chart to compare tax rates (and area rates) since 1996-97.

Following this it was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that Council authorizes the levying and collection of taxes at the rate of \$1.22 $\frac{4}{5}$ per \$100 of residential assessment and \$3.02 $\frac{1}{4}$ per \$100 of commercial assessment for the current year – 2008-2009, as per the assessment roll, as presented by the Assessor

And further

that Council authorizes the levying and collection of area rates based on the Fire Area Rate at \$0.04 $\frac{4}{5}$ per \$100 of assessment and the Hydrant Area Rate at \$0.10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per \$100 of assessment.

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Provincially Kentville has the 2nd lowest residential tax rate and the 4th lowest commercial rate.)

(d) UNSM Resolution – Provincial Energy Policies

A letter from Berwick's CAO expressed concern regarding the need to pursue alternative energy solutions, and in order to show support of this issue to UNSM, he presented a draft resolution for review.

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

that Town Council supports the resolution on Provincial Energy Policies which will be presented at the Fall 2008 conference.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourn at 9:15 p.m.