

# KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### March 11, 2009

#### PRESENT

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

Regrets - Councilor Bill Boyd

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Corkum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and CAO Robicheau reported that all Council members were in attendance, except for Councilor Bill Boyd

#### 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 Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

**that the agenda be approved with the additions of:**

***5 (i) Request from Crime Stoppers***

***5(ii) Perpetual Fund***

***5(iii) Meeting with Shannex***

***8(b) Misinformation Reported by Annapolis Press***

***11. In Camera – legal issues***

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### **(a) Chris O’Neill – Ross Creek Centre**

Chris O’Neill reported that recently the statistics from registrations and attendance indicate that more Kentville residents are taking part in their programs. She noted that Ross Creek is a multi-disciplinary centre and described some of the programs and activities offered (i.e. fine arts, theatre, crafts) . Many of the programs she outlined have received acclaim and/or top awards for the best program of its kind in Atlantic Canada. In addition, the 2 Planks and a Passion Theatre has been nominated for 9 theatre awards.

She further noted that the centre hopes to be able to offer a program with giant puppets and a performance for at-risk youth. This will supplement the ongoing workshops and camps currently offered.

In summary, Ms. O'Neill noted that the Ross Creek Centre is a non profit organization, with a large portion of its funding coming from government sources. She asked if Kentville would consider funding some operational costs.

*(Note: Mayor Corkum advised that all such requests are considered during budget deliberations.)*

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

### **(a) February 11, 2009**

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

**that the Minutes of February 11, 2009 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **(i) Request from Crime Stoppers**

Mayor David Corkum confirmed that a resident member will be appointed to serve on Crime Stopper's Board of Directors and it appears that an individual has been identified from the Kentville Police Commission.

### **(ii) Perpetual Fund**

As a matter of clarification, CAO Robicheau explained various accounting terms as they relate to the perpetual fund and to the investment market.

### **(iii) Meeting with Shannex**

CAO Robicheau reported that in spite of indications that Shannex would meet with Town Council in March, nothing has been heard from this company regarding a meeting.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **(a) Council Advisory Committee**

#### **(i) Council Agenda Packages**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, it was noted that the attached, amended policy statement (created to provide some guidelines to receive and handle agenda items) was resubmitted for Council's consideration.

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

**that Policy Statement G54 – Council Agenda Packages be approved**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Non-Smoking on/in Town-Owned Recreation Facilities – Chapter 79**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, it was noted that following a discussion regarding smoking in public places, staff was asked to work with the Town's solicitor to draft a bylaw which would address non-smoking on or in Town-owned recreational facilities. This proposed bylaw was meant to parallel existing provincial legislation which addresses non-smoking in enclosed public places.

However, further discussion on this issue lead to the conclusion that other municipalities may also be dealing with similar concerns for public health, and that a regional bylaw may be proposed as a joint project for the Kings Partnership Steering Committee at a future date.

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

**that First Reading be given to Chapter 79 – Non Smoking on/in Town Recreation Facilities Bylaw.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(iii) Withdrawal - \$30,000 – Snow Removal Operating Reserve**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell noted that due to unusual amounts of snowfall and ice conditions this winter, operating costs for snow removal have expended the budget. Her concern was that there may be more winter yet to come, and therefore, in preparation for additional costs for this service, she recommended that funds from the \$30,000 operating reserve be withdrawn for this use.

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

**that Town Council authorizes the withdrawal of up to \$30,000 from the Snow Removal Operating Reserve, to fund additional costs for snow and ice removal, up to March 31, 2009.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(iv) Withdrawal – Capital Reserve – Various**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell noted that funds were included in the previous year's budget to accommodate various capital items that were outlined in the attached report, and that these should now be withdrawn.

She added that the Capital Reserve currently contains \$256,150, from which the \$92,498.91 withdrawal will leave a balance of \$163,651.

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

**that Town Council authorizes the withdrawal of \$92,498.91 from the Town's Capital Reserve to partially fund budgeted capital construction costs for 2008-2009, as specified in the capital budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(v) Withdrawal - Capital Reserve-Over Runs**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that two capital projects ran over the projected costs as outlined in the capital budget and therefore, recommended that the funding source be changed from long-term borrowing to capital reserve for a third project.

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

**that Town Council authorizes the withdrawal of \$2,012.87 from Capital Reserve General**

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**Allocation, to fund various project over-runs for  
2008-2009**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(vi) Withdrawal – Equipment Reserve – Public  
Works**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell noted that the Capital Budget for 2008-2009 allowed for the purchase of equipment for transportation purposes and as this equipment (a street sweeper) has been purchased, partial funding is required.

She added that following the \$50,000 withdrawal for this item, a balance of \$10,624 will remain in the reserve.

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

**that Town Council authorizes the withdrawal of  
\$50,000 from the Equipment Reserve, to fund  
the purchase of transportation equipment, as  
identified in the 2008-2009 budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(vii) Withdrawal – Capital Reserve – Sanitary  
Sewer**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that the Sanitary Sewer Area Service capital budget requires a withdrawal of \$20,000 from Capital Reserve – Sanitary Sewer to partially fund a construction project.

She further noted that following this withdrawal, a balance of \$90,575 will remain.

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

**that Town Council authorizes the withdrawal of  
\$20,000 from the Capital Reserve, Sanitary  
Sewer portion, to partially fund sanitary sewer  
capital construction.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(viii) Debenture Funding – Spring 2009**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Finance Director Crowell reported that the N.S. Municipal Finance Corporation has declared that debenture funds will be issued this spring, and therefore, she has prepared a Temporary Borrowing Resolution, as required.

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

**that Town Council gives Pre-approval for  
Debenture Issuance for Spring 2009, as follows:  
Various TBR 08/09-02 - \$146,500**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ix) General Insurance**

*(Mayor Corkum declared a conflict of interest at 7:36 p.m. and left the Council Chambers)*

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that a RFP closed on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Three firms submitted proposals and these were evaluated on their completeness of submission, experience, services offered, proponent's financial statements/stability, references submitted, and price. All 3 compared quite closely on a number of factors, with the exceptions being coverage offered and pricing.

Following an analysis and comparison of each submission, and consideration of a report from the Town's Solicitor (who outlined some concerns regarding liability coverage), Director Crowell proposed that in spite of the difference in premiums, that the Town would be better served by selecting the incumbent for the upcoming term.

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

**that Macdonald Chisholm Trask/Frank Cowan  
Company Limited be selected to provide the  
Town's General Insurance coverage for the year**

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**ended March 31, 2010 with the option to renew for an additional three years based on Council's satisfaction with pricing and service among other things, with the pricing for the year April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 being \$175,949.54 including UNSM fee and Broker Fee.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(Mayor David Corkum returned to the Council Chambers at 7:39 p.m.)*

**(x) Utility Account Write-Offs – Sewer Portion**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that both internal and external attempts to collect several outstanding utility bills have failed and in accordance with the Town's Collection Policy, she recommended that these be written off.

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

**that the attached list of utility accounts (sewer portion) in the amount of \$1,189.30 be written off.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(xi) Interest Rates on Outstanding Accounts**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that with the authority granted by the Municipal Government Act, The Town has developed, and approved, the Town's Policy Statement on Interest Charges on Outstanding Accounts.

She further noted that in previous years, the Town has charged 2% per month on outstanding payments and has been convinced that this rate serves as an incentive for customers to pay their bills. Subsequently, this ensures that the Town has the cash reserves required to operate, and further, it reduces collection costs and write-offs.

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

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**that Town Council maintains the current interest rate charged at 2% per month (26.8% per annum) for the year April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(xii) Tax Exemptions – 2009 – 2010**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that in accordance with the authority granted by the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Kentville generally provides a partial tax exemption to individual property owners who meet certain criteria. She outlined the eligibility in the attached report and made a recommendation.

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

**that a partial tax exemption in the amount of \$200 be given to those property owners meeting the requirements, as set out in the attached document.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(xiii) CLAS – Offer to Purchase**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a letter was read from this organization, in which an interest was shown in purchasing property from the Town at 133 River Street, for the purpose of constructing a 9 bedroom group home. This facility would be licensed by the Department of Community Services.

Council agreed that the Planning Advisory Committee should be asked to review this request to determine conformance to the Land Use Bylaw and to identify other issues which should be considered.

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

**that the request from CLAS to purchase land at 133 River Street be forwarded to the Planning**



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**Advisory Committee for review and  
recommendation to Council.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(xiv) CAC – Meeting Times**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Councilor Bill Boyd noted that Council Advisory Committee meetings begin at 5:30 p.m., and depending upon the agenda, can take from 3 to 5 hours to finish. He felt that this was an unusually long day for both councilors and staff, and that often the last few hours are not productive use of time.

It was also suggested that starting the meeting earlier in the afternoon, would also help to facilitate the inclusion of presenters at this meeting and may allow In Camera issues to be dealt with earlier on the agenda.

Following a debate with those present, it was agreed that the change of time should be reviewed later.

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

**that Council Advisory Committee meetings start  
at 3:30 p.m.**

An amendment was proposed by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the CAC meetings begin at 3:30 p.m. (on a  
trial basis) and that this start time be reviewed  
after a 3 month period.**

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED**

**(xv) EMO – Municipal Self – Evaluation**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a letter was reviewed from the NS Emergency Management Office, noting that a self evaluation tool was adopted following consultations with the municipalities, which were also trained in its use.

It was further noted that the Kentville EMO self-evaluation

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carried out in the past, identified the need to organize and run an exercise on the potential risks related to issues affected by the Town's geographic location (i.e. flooding), the need for quarterly planned meetings, updating assessments, and sharing GIS data with other Kings REMO partners.

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

**that the EMO Self Evaluation Program be added to the Council agenda**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(Note: Director Mark Phillips will be asked to attend a future Council meeting to address the issues of the EMO Self-Evaluation Program.)*

**(xvi) Uranium Mining**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, correspondence was received as a follow up to a previous presentation and previous correspondence asking the Town of Kentville to support the moratorium on uranium mining in Nova Scotia.

Council admitted that there has been no citizen concern regarding uranium mining in this area, and apparently no interest by the provincial government to become involved. However, as there seems to be some conflicting information on the subject, they agreed that more information might be necessary.

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

**that Mary Lou Harley be asked to make a presentation to the Town at a future meeting.**

**MOTION DEFEATED**

Points from Discussion

- A very informative and comprehensive presentation has already been given to Council.
- This issue does not appear to be of interest to the citizens of Kentville.

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**(xvii) Earth Hour**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Councilor Bolland noted that the Earth Hour project has become a global initiative to show that individuals can take action on climate change, by switching off lights and reducing their energy consumption. Municipalities throughout the province are supporting Earth Hour and intend observe it from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

**that the Town of Kentville supports the Earth Hour project and encourages citizens to participate, as well.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) Finance**

**(i) Director's Report**

Finance Director Crowell reiterated some points in her report, stating that the department continues to be busy with water billings, funding for capital projects and preparations for the budget process and audit. Further, she noted that based on a 92% benchmark, overall revenue is below the average and that overall expenditures are also below average, although some departments do exceed the benchmark percentage. The Summary of Outstanding Taxes indicates that 96.7% of taxes have been collected, which compares to 98% for the same period last year.

With the Perpetual Investment Fund, Director Crowell noted that investments total \$13.7 million, while market is at just below \$12 million. With Schedule F – Statement of Reserves, she noted that the combined total of income is \$367,331, plus \$117,524 interest and dividends.

It was further noted that the fund is down 4.9% (\$612,398) at January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and the fund's investment advisor anticipates that the interest/dividend income target will be exceeded although income stream will be considerably lower.

Following some questions, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

**that the report from the Director of Finance be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(c) Planning and Development**

**(i) Director's Report**

CAO Robicheau reiterated several aspects of Director Gentleman's report, noting that there were seven permits in February with a total building value of \$543,500 for a yearly total of \$544,000. He added that work continues on the ICSP Program, and that an Open House was held on Monday evening, with a very good turn-out and some excellent public input.

The easement of NS Power for Shannex (over Town land) has been completed, and an application for BizPal has been completed. BizPal is an online access program, to all permits and licenses required for all levels of government.

Lastly, she outlined some meetings in which she participated over the last month.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Committee Report**

Councilor Mark Pearl reported that the next meeting will be held at the end of the month.

**(d) Fire**

**(i) Chief's Report**

Fire Chief Shawn Ripley submitted a report, in which he noted that there were 15 alarms in Town for the month of February, resulting in 255 kilometers traveled, and 12 alarms in the County for 636 kilometers travelled. In addition, there were 6 mutual aid calls with 812 kilometers traveled. As usual, these alarms ranged in scope from motor vehicle accidents and fires, to fire alarms sounding, gas and oil spills, medical assists and structure fires.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Governance Committee Report**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper reported that there will be a meeting later in this month, at which he will bring up the issue of false alarms and a possible Alarms Bylaw.

**(e) Parks and Recreation**

**(i) Director's Report**

Director Mark Phillips reported that several events have been scheduled for the arena, some of which will take place following ice removal on March 29<sup>th</sup>. He added that the winter activities have been very successful, with a busy skate program with KCA. In addition, Director Phillips had participated in a number of meetings, one of which was for the Olympic Torch Run. He added that meetings and communication continues regarding the new school and that plans are underway for the Volunteer Dinner.

Lastly, he outlined the projects undertaken by the Active Living Coordinator and the Community Development Officer.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Committee Report**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that the committee will meet on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**(f) Police**

**(i) Chief's Report**

Police Chief Mark Mander reported that the Street Team members, in conjunction with the RCMP, have been carrying out investigations, while the Integrated Traffic Unit has conducted 302 check points during 2008, which involved interaction with 46,612 drivers. 198 unlicensed

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drivers, 83 suspended drivers, 119 impaired drivers have been charged, along with 203 vehicles impounded and 157 drivers were given 24 hour license suspensions.

In addition, statistical data indicated that foot patrols have logged 64 hours for February, which more than doubles the previous year.

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

**that the report from the Police Chief be received.  
MOTION CARRIED**

*(It was noted that the foot patrol does not include the bylaw enforcement officer, however, it is understood that a great deal of these patrols take place in the evening, although high visibility may be lacking during the day.)*

**Board Report**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper reported that there will be a Board meeting on April 6th at 7:00 p.m. and further, that the public subdivision meeting for Glenwood SD has been rescheduled.

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper agreed to ask the Police Chief if statistics are available if any penalties have been given relating to the Anti-Idling Bylaw.

**(g) Transportation Services**

**(i) Director's Report**

Director Greg Kehoe reported that Public Works staff has remained busy due to variable weather conditions, and has removed snow from the downtown 12 times this year, compared to 3, last winter. The budget for snow and ice removal is \$215,000 and as of February 27<sup>th</sup>, the department has expended \$225,546.21

He further noted that with the dyke project, work will be completed on the pumps and on the dyke in front of Great Valley Juices by next summer and work continues on the expropriation of lands for the dyke and power easement.

Lastly, he noted that the Town is working with the County and Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal on a study to consider the possible upgrading of

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the existing bridge. The report should be available this summer.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Committee Report**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper stated that there was nothing further to report.

**(h) Water Commission**

**(i) Directors Report**

Director Greg Kehoe reported that another customer has hooked up to the water service provided for the Balsor/Eaglecrest/Ward Subdivision, although work continues by the County regarding the fire hydrants. He noted that routine maintenance has been carried out on the chemical pumps, lines and valves at the pump house.

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

**that the report from the Director of the Kentville Water Commission be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Commission Report**

Mayor David Corkum reported that a \$100,000 dividend will be recommended to the Town this year. Further, at the next meeting discussions will begin regarding a rate study, as one has not been conducted for 15 years and a huge number of additional costs have been added to this service.

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

**(i) Representative's Report**

The Management Minute was reviewed and it was noted that presentations have been well received by the participating partners, for the 2009-2010 draft operating and capital budget. However, costs for fuel may be adjusted if reduced from last year's comparison and should

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there be adjustments to the budgets, these will be shared with the partners.

It was further noted that the Resource Recovery Fund Board has been asked to provide additional funding to the regions for the current fiscal year by tapping into their reserve funds and their decision is expected soon regarding this request.

Other items of interest were the Harbour Greening project to removed solid waste from oceans and shorelines, C & D Debris Management, the formal policies being made by the Valley Waste Working Group, a notice of curb side collection and of the next meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Councilor Mark Pearl thanked Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper for attending the last meeting, as the alternate on this committee.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(j) Kings Community Economic Development**

**(i) Representative's Report**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that the last scheduled meeting was cancelled and therefore, there is no report.

**(k) Kentville Community Development Committee**

**(i) Report**

CAO Robicheau reported that information will be forthcoming from the strategy session. Mayor Corkum added that the regular meeting times have been set for the next year, and he is expecting some great work from that group.

**(l) Kings Transit Authority**

**(i) Representative's Report**

Councilor Mark Pearl reported that a meeting was held in February with no quorum. However, at a meeting held



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yesterday, the representatives from the County attended, and the strategic plan was passed. He noted that the budget will be reworked and will come back to the April meeting

It was moved by Councilor 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 a meeting was held a couple of weeks ago at which Earth Hour and the Town Clean up was discussed. He added that a presentation had been done on the ICSP and that the bottled water issue and the energy audit have also been addressed.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(n) Councilor's Report**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper reported that he attended all meetings.

Councilor Tony Bentley attended all meetings, along with the ICSP meeting.

Councilor Eric Bolland attended all meetings.

Councilor Mark Pearl has been away for the last month.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill attended all scheduled meetings; another with Kings Para Transit; and as a citizen, for the French Immersion Program. In addition, she also attended a very informative seminar on Computer Security. Also, she noted that there have been some citizen comments regarding the inconsistent posting of the CAC and Council Agendas to the Town's Website. Lastly, she acknowledged the recycling-reuse efforts being made in the demolition of Kent Lodge on Webster Street.

Councilor Bill Boyd was not present.

**(o) Mayor's Report**

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Mayor David Corkum reiterated some points from his report, noting that he attended a number of meetings (Rotary, KCDC, EKCC, Water Commission and UNSM Conference Planning and Town's Caucus). In addition he attended the Hearts on Ice Opening, EKCC Awards Celebration, Centre Stage, the Hospital Radio Thon, the Senior Tea, the Student Call to Remembrance, Black History Month, the ICSP workshop, and announcements by both the Prime Minister and the Premier regarding funding for the area.

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

CAO Robicheau reiterated some items in his attached report, pointing out that Valley Community Fibre Network plans to proposition the Town to consider partnership; communication continues on the new school; work continues on the dyke near Great Valley Juices; a meeting has been scheduled for Kings Partnership Steering Committee and an orientation will be held for new members; and work continues on the VWRM Task Group, the UNSM/AMA Task Team and on the new bridge issue. He has met with the Chair of the Friends of the Library and a joint council presentation will be held in early April; work on EMO/Flood preparedness continues, as does work with the PANS Agreement. No word has been received on conciliation of unresolved items in the CUPE proposal.

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

**that the CAO's Report be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Horton High School – Request for Funding for Safe Grad**

A request was received from Horton High for a donation towards their Safe Grad functions.

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

**that this funding request from Horton High School be referred to the budget process.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) VON – Request for Funding**

A request was received from this organization for the Town to consider funding their operations at \$3,500 for the upcoming year.

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

**that this funding request from the VON be referred to the budget process.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(c) Valley Health Revitalization Campaign – Request for Funding Confirmation**

A thank you letter was received from this organization along with a request to the Town to confirm its financial commitment to the redevelopment of the Valley Regional Hospital and the construction of a hospice.

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

**that this funding request from the Valley Health Revitalization Campaign be referred to the budget process.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(d) Frankie Anderson – Thank You**

A thank you note was received from this individual for the kind words of recognition at her retirement party.

**(e) Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia**

A letter from the president of the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia pointed out the frustrations impacting the fire fighters of Nova Scotia, some of which could be addressed through legislation dictating the standards of performance, delivery, management and governance of the fire fighting service in the province.

CAO Robicheau further outlined some specific items in the letter, following which, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

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**that the letter from the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(f) Alliance of Kings' Artists**

A letter from this organization provided information on some of the projects which this group has recently undertaken. The Alliance of Kings' Artists is requesting funding from the Town.

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

**that the funding request from the Alliance of Kings' Artists be referred to the budget process.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Budget Meetings**

CAO Robicheau reported that Council must establish some Public Budget Meetings to deal with the 2009-2010 budget and added that the Provincial budget is anticipated to be late this year, and this will affect some aspects of the Town's budget. Following discussion, it was agreed that these dates would be scheduled by emailed.

**(b) Misinformation reported by Annapolis Press.**

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that an article (written by – an Environmentalist) in the Annapolis Valley Spectator stated that the new school will be built on a flood plain and is destined to have future flooding problems. As this information is totally incorrect and the author of the article did not make any attempts to learn the facts, Council was concerned that these “scare tactics” will cause unnecessary anxiety and concern to the citizens of Kentville. Following contact with the Spectator, a rebuttal will be printed correcting the misinformation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** none

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**that the meeting of Council adjourns to go In Camera at 9:30 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

(a) **Legal issues** –solicitor/client privilege

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**that the regular meeting of Council adjourns.**

**MOTION CARRIED**