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KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 29, 2010

PRESENT

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

Regrets: Councilor Eric Bolland

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, except for Councilor Bolland who was away on vacation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

that the agenda be approved with the addition of:

8 (d) – E-Council

11- In Camera – Land Acquisition

MOTION CARRIED

NOTE

“Points from Discussion” below show various comments made by individual councilors during debate. They do not necessarily represent the opinion of the group, nor do they always reflect accurate information.

PRESENTATION

(a) Canadian Navy – HMCS Kentville

A presentation was made by a delegation from the Canadian Navy, who presented the Town with a beautifully mounted picture and history of the HMCS Kentville. Combat Assistant Engineer Van Luxemborg introduced the others in attendance, who were all past or current residents of Kentville. He noted that the theme of the Canadian Navy’s Centennial year is “Bring the Navy to Canadians” and a delegation from the navy is visiting all name-sake cities, towns and groups to do similar presentations.

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The group shared information with Council about the work done by the navy and gave a history of the HMCS Kentville.

(b) Introductions – Steve Kerr, Executive Director, Kings RDA

Newly hired Executive Director Steve Kerr wanted to formally introduce himself to those members of Council whom he had not met at this point. He added that Kings RDA is beginning its Five-year Strategic Plan and will bring that to Kentville Council at a later date. He added that he is from the state of Vermont, in the USA where he worked as the Minister of Agriculture prior to coming to this area. As his sons had attended Acadia University and chose to remain as residents of the area, he decided to move to the valley, as well.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

that the minutes of February 22, 2010 be approved with some minor corrections in spelling and the rewording of the motion that pertained to the Tax Exemption.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Chapter 13 – License Bylaw– 2nd Reading

Town Clerk Carol Harmes reported that First Reading was given to rescind this bylaw on February 22, 2010; advertisement for Second Reading has been done; and it would now appear in order to proceed with Second Reading.

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

that Second Reading be given to rescind Chapter 13 – License Bylaw, and that a Notice of Passing be placed in the local newspaper.

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(ii) Friends of the Library Grant

CAO Robicheau reported that a discussion took place at the last meeting of Council Advisory Committee regarding the grant to this group and it would appear in order that the Town approves funding, as intended within the current budget. The Friends had been asked to provide information on how past funds were expended and the purpose of the grant for 2009-10. The CAO noted that this financial information has been received and he expounded upon its content, confirming that the County of Kings has provided funding with the expectation that this will be matched by the Town.

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

that Town Council approves payment of a development grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Friends of the Kentville Public Library Society for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- As over 80% of the funding comes from municipal sources, the Friends should line up their fiscal year to that of municipalities.
- \$7500 has been allocated for the redesign of the building to fit the new site.
- The architect has confirmed that that the building proposed can be designed for the new site, although the property is somewhat restricting.

(iii) Rotary Town Clock

Mayor David Corkum reported that he has learned at a recent Community Economic Development Committee meeting of the Rotary Club, that Rotary is committed to move forward on erecting a clock in downtown Kentville. The total funds of \$23,000 in their budget is being proposed for this clock. However, he added that some conditions do exist in that this four-sided clock must be located at the corner of Cornwallis and Main Street; that the Town would be responsible for creating the surrounding “park area” with curbing, etc.; and

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further, that the Town would maintain the clock and the area.

Points from Discussion

- The Town would have to provide the infrastructure to have this clock erected and these figures will be brought to CAC to become part of the budget.
- There should be a future discussion on the clock at the Cornwallis Inn.
- The clock at the Bus Station does not work well and cannot be depended upon.
- A discussion should also take place on the traffic flow and potential distraction by having a clock in this triangle.
- The responsibility for this clock will be assigned to a particular department in the future.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Council Advisory Committee

(i) General Insurance Renewal - 2010

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that a contract for general insurance was awarded in 2009-2010, to Macdonald Chisholm Trask Insurance/Frank Cowan Limited for a 3 year term, and that this firm may be reappointed in years 2 and 3 based on Council's satisfaction.

She also noted that few insurers will now provide coverage for municipal government due to the risks associated with the public sector and the current market situations. However, the current providers will continue coverage, but there will be an increase in premium for 2010-2011 to help mitigate the costs.

(Note: Mayor Corkum left the room due to a conflict of interest 7:43 p.m. until 7:45 p.m.)

Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd assumed the chair until the Mayor returned.

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

that Macdonald Chisholm Trask Insurance

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and Frank Cowan Company be reappointed to provide the Town's general insurance program for the year 2010-2011, with the pricing for the year ended March 31, 2011, being \$190,474 plus applicable HST.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) TBR Land – Kentville Futures

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that as the TBR for Land (Kentville Futures) will soon expire, it must be replaced with current authorization, and she made a recommendation to that effect.

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

that Temporary Borrowing Resolution – TBR 06/07-04 for Land (Kentville Futures) be authorized in the amount of \$500,000.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) Withdrawal – Capital – Various Over-runs 2010

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that costs for the 2009-2010 capital projects ran over budget allocations, as outlined in the capital budget. She identified the projects as being the street sweeper, the storm sewer on Park Street, trails and the float.

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

that withdrawals in the amount of \$7,638.10 be made from the Capital Reserve to fund the various over-runs for 2009-2010.

MOTION CARRIED

(iv) Committee Restructuring

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Councilor Nola Folker-Hill noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Town Clerk Carol Harmes reported that another draft of *Policy Statement G57-Committees of Council* has been brought forth for review. She noted that to clarify the structure and role of the proposed Town Services Committee, an organizational chart was included as part of this document.

Members of CAC felt that more information was required before proceeding with the restructuring of some of the committees.

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

that the proposed Committees of Council Policy be tabled until such time as a special meeting of Council and staff can be set.

MOTION CARRIED

**(v) Angling Act Bylaw – Chapter 53 –
First Reading to Rescind**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Town Clerk Carol Harmes reported that as part of the continuing review of the bylaws, she has discussed the relevancy of the *Chapter 53 – the Angling Act Bylaw* with the Town's Solicitor, who concurs that there appears to be no need for this bylaw, as fishing licenses are not issued by the municipal unit.

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

**that First Reading be given to rescind
*Chapter 53 – The Angling Act Bylaw***

MOTION CARRIED

(vi) ICSP Recommendation

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Gentleman noted that the deadline for submission of the

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Integrated Community Sustainability Plan to the Province is March 31st, and as the work has been completed on this project, it would seem in order that Council ratifies acceptance of this document at its March 29th meeting. She noted that although another public input session had been held in the interim, no changes to the document took place, and that it would appear in order to proceed.

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

that Council endorses and formally adopts the Kentville Integrated Community Sustainability Plan for submission to Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- This plan is a result of a great deal of hard work by Brennan Vogal and other staff.

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

that a letter be sent from the Mayor to the ICSP Coordinator Brennan Vogal, to congratulate him for his hard work over the last year and for the creation of an excellent ICSP Plan, as a result of his term here at the Town of Kentville

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Fire

(i) Chief's report

Fire Chief Shawn Ripley reported that for the month of February there were 14 calls in Kentville for a distance travelled of 257 kilometers, 12 calls in the County for a distance travelled of 1007 kilometers and 1 mutual aid call for a distance travelled of 270 kilometers. These call outs ranged in scope from flooding and various types of fires, to alarms sounding and medical assists.

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

that the reports from the Fire Chief be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- One item on the statistics report noted that the Coldbrook Village Park is in Kentville, which is not true.

(ii) Fire Governance Report

Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd reported that there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening and that his term as chairman is finished. However, he would be prepared to continue on in this capacity, if nominated.

He added that the number one issue at these meetings is the recruitment of a full time Fire Chief and Gerry Walsh has been hired to recruit, screen the applicants and short-list them for interviews

(c) Valley Waste – Resource Management Authority

Councilor Bernie Cooper reported that work on the 2010-2011 Operating and Capital budget approval process continues and those budgets appear to be well received by partnering councils. He added that spring clean up will take place the second week of April, and added that other issues are addressed in the attached report.

(d) Kings Regional Development Agency (i) Representative's Report

Jennifer Weisner reported that the new logo will be available by next month; the strategic planning process will begin for 2010-2015 and will be reviewed by the end of September. As of April 1, plans will begin for the annual meeting and annual report, which will be part of the end of the fiscal year.

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

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that the report from Kings RDA be received.

MOTION CARRIED

**(d) Kentville Community Development
Committee**

(i) Report

Mayor David Corkum reported that there is nothing further to report, other than that there will a meeting to discuss the replacement of Tiffany Connell during her maternity leave. He added that Steve Healy has opened an office in Webster Court and he will take a welcoming gift to him.

(e) Kings Transit Authority

(i) Representative's Report

Councilor Tony Bentley reported that members of Kings Transit Authority are becoming frustrated as they are faced with ongoing high maintenance costs due to the fact that they do not have a garage and a mechanic to do the required maintenance work, but instead must contract it out. He added that County Councilor Newton felt a decision will be made soon regarding the proposed tri-government complex, which may include Kings Transit.

Councilor Mark Pearl added that the budgets have been approved by all units and the garage component is included in the three-year plan.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

(m) Environmental Advisory Committee

Councilor Eric Bolland submitted a report outlining the work being done on the energy audit; that the mission statement was adopted for the committee; and that projects resulting from the ICSP are being reviewed. In addition, he noted the work being done in preparation for Earth Hour, and that with the Anti-Idling Bylaw, excessive idling by taxi-drivers has been noted.

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

that the report from the Environmental Advisory Committee be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- This is an advisory committee and should deal with items so directed by Council.
- It is understood that NS Power will be able to provide the statistics resulting from Earth Hour in the Kentville area.
- The issue of selecting members belongs with the Council and will be included in the Strategy Session on April 20th.
- Excessive idling has been addressed by the police and the Bylaw Enforcement Officer continues to educate citizens.

(n) Councilor's Report

Councilor Tony Bentley participated in Earth Hour and attended the Kings Transit meeting. The Parks and Recreation meeting was cancelled.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill attended all meetings, the Joint Council session, and participated in Earth Hour.

Councilor Mark Pearl had nothing to report.

Councilor Eric Bolland (absent)

Councilor Bernie Cooper attended all meetings.

Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd reported that he attended all meetings.

(o) Mayor's Report

From Mayor Corkum's written report, he added that he has been involved in a walking challenge as a fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation (raised over \$1500), has attended several events over the last many weeks, the Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce business Awards, the CBC interview on famous people from Kentville, and the UNSM Board meeting. Plans are underway for the UNSM Spring Workshop (April 29 and 30)

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CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Minister Estabrooks – Renewable Energy

This letter outlined the province's intention of having 25% of the electricity produced by alternate forms of energy by the year 2015. He further added that the Renewable Energy Strategy should be available this spring and will identify how these goals will be reached. A new agency, "Efficiency NS", has been created.

(b) Minister Landry – Tri-Government Complex

A letter from the Minister of Justice confirmed receipt of correspondence regarding Kentville's concerns about the impact of the Tri-Government complex being proposed by the County of Kings. He added that an Options Study is being done to review future space allocations and possible expansion of the court facilities at the Cornwallis Street location. A decision will be made following review of that information.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Council Meeting – May 31, 2010

It was noted that the scheduled meeting for Council (May 31) conflicts with the FCM Conference in Toronto, and therefore, it would appear in order to reschedule this meeting. As the Monday previous to this date is Victoria Day, the Tuesday, May 25th was selected for the meeting.

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

that the May meeting of Council be rescheduled to May 25th.

MOTION CARRIED

It was further moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that the October CAC meeting be rescheduled to October 12th at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Strategy Session Date: Re. Committee

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Restructuring

During previous discussions regarding the restructuring of Committees, it was agreed that a special Strategy Session should be held to discuss the options in greater detail.

Following some discussion, the date of Tuesday, April 20th (4:00 p.m.) was selected for the Strategy Session on the Committee Restructuring, and it was agreed that dinner would be brought in.

(c) Re-funding of Eco NS for Clean Air and Climate Change Program

Councilor Eric Bolland asked that the Town supports the request to continue the funding for sustainable issues in Nova Scotia.

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

that a letter be sent in support of renewing funding for the Eco NS for Clean Air and the Climate Change Program.

MOTION CARRIED

(d) E-Council

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that Service NS and Municipal Relations has published best practices for e-council. In particular, he noted that there has been much debate about whether or not the physical presence of members at a meeting would be required, in order to meet the criteria of being in attendance.

Council agreed by consensus

that staff investigate information regarding the participation in meetings by Council members who are unable to be present at a meeting.

AGREED

CAO Robicheau noted that this issue has been addressed by the E-Government Joint Ventures Committee, and that some debate has taken place

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regarding the use of electronic devices (i.e. video conferencing) to include those councilors otherwise not present, and as to whether or not those members could vote on issues.

He added that the Valley Community Fibre Network can support video-conferencing, and further, that he will attend the next E-Government Joint Ventures Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

ADJOURNMENT

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

that the regular meeting of Town Council be adjourned at 8:37 p.m. to go In Camera to discuss Land Negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED

IN CAMERA

Land negotiations