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# KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### May 20, 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 Geoff Muttart and Town Clerk 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 Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### **(a) Dukes of Kent ( District Chorus Contest)**

Murray Phillips and Perry Jackson of the Dukes of Kent were on hand to receive congratulations and a certificate from the Town in recognition of awards which their choral group recently won during a local competition. The Dukes of Kent received top honours in the Chorus Championship, the Small Chorus Championship and the Most Improved Chorus.

Both Mr. Phillips and Mr. Jackson expressed pleasure in the recognition by Town Council of their achievements.

##### **(b) Visit by Special Guest**

Guests Sandra and Ron Lightburn joined Council in welcoming “Spike” the mascot for the Harvest

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Festival. Spike is a well-known character from the book, The Pumpkin People, created by the Lightburns. He will attend many of the events hosted, or participated in, by the town.

Director Mark Phillips also shared with Council that work is currently being done on a new children's book about the Apple Blossom Festival and this should debut in 2011.

**( c ) Council's Special Gift (debut of painting)**

Town Clerk Carol Harmes noted that last spring Council approved \$400 for a special painting to be commissioned by a local artist. The intention was that from this painting, prints would be made for use as a special gift from Council, as occasions warranted.

The Clerk presented a beautiful painting of the Cornwallis River and marshland which was painted by Twila Robar DeCoste. A very impressive biography was read, outlining some of this artist's accomplishments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**(a) April 8, 2009**

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

**that the Minutes of April 8, 2009 be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**(a) Second Reading – Chapter 79 (Non Smoking on/in Town Owned Recreation Facilities)**

Town Clerk Carol Harmes reported that at the March meeting of Council, First Reading had been given to this new bylaw. However, it was thought that the issue might be of wider interest throughout the county of Kings, and therefore, a copy of the bylaw was sent to Kings Partnership Steering Committee, with a proposal for a regional bylaw to prohibit outdoor smoking at recreation facilities. A mixed response was received, with some municipalities not wishing to proceed with such a bylaw at this point in time.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

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**that the Town proceeds with the bylaw approval process, advertise for Second Reading to take place at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, with the effective date being the date of publication of the Notice of Passing, after that June meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- The other municipal units did not reject the bylaw, however, felt that they would be better prepared to look at it in the future.
- Copies of the bylaw will be distributed around the ball/soccer fields and perhaps a press release prepared.
- Public signage will have to be erected at the points of egress and ingress to the fields.

**REPORTS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Council Advisory Committee  
(i) LUB/MPS Amendments – Thom Oulton  
Development (First Reading)**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Bev Gentleman reported that an application has been received from Thom Oulton Development Limited to amend the zoning for the remaining property in Fox Hill Subdivision, from Residential Future, to C-2 (Commercial Highway), R-2 (Residential Two Unit Dwelling) and R-1 (Residential Single Family) as outlined on the attached sketch.

She added that this request, along with a report from the developer's consultant, was reviewed at a recent meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee. As both PAC and Council Advisory Committee concurred with the proposal, it was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Bill Boyd

**that First Reading be given to amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy, to allow for the proposed development by Thom Oulton Development Limited, and that a Public Meeting be held on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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**(ii) Capital Paving / Repaving 2009-2010**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Engineer Greg Kehoe reported that tenders closed on April 23 for Asphalt Street Paving and Repaving. He added that although only one tender was received, he felt that the price was fair and equitable with those prices charged to other municipalities.

It was also noted that as LaFarge has recently been sold, the successor (Highland Asphalt Limited) is now the company who will be carrying out the work. Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Bill Boyd

**that Contract 2009-10, Capital Paving/Repaving be accepted from Lafarge Canada Inc. (Highland Asphalt Limited) in the amount of \$160,000.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(iii) Capital Paving / Repaving 2009-2010-  
Additional Work**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Engineer Greg Kehoe recommended that the capital budget for paving be increased to allow for additional work to those heavily traveled streets that have broken down from the winter's freeze/thaw cycles. For cost effectiveness, prices for this additional work have been included in the attached tender from LaFarge (Highland Asphalt Ltd).

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

**that approval be given for an additional \$100,000 plus HST, subject to identifying other paving projects that can be deferred, if necessary, when the full capital budget is considered.**

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**(iv) Tax Account Write-Off**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell submitted a report from the Town's Collection Officer who stated that business occupancy tax of \$224.52 remains unpaid after the bankruptcy of a business here in Kentville. She recommended that this be written off and Council Advisory Committee concurred.

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

**that the business occupancy tax account in the amount of \$224.52 be written off.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(v) Irving Oil – Remediation Budget - \$400,000**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Dr. Torgny Vigerstad, the Director for Scientific Investigations, reported that although the property formerly leased by Irving Oil on the Kentville Futures Site has been remediated in 2007, migration of the free petroleum product has affected surrounding property, and three areas owned by the Town have been contaminated at this point in time.

He added that the costs for clean-up of these areas could vary, due to the level required for their future use, but projected an estimate of an additional \$400,000 for this work. As it would seem unlikely that Irving Oil will carry out this additional remediation, that responsibility will fall upon the Town. However, the Town will pursue reimbursement for costs.

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

**that Town Council approves an additional \$400,000 for remediation of lands at the end of River Street.**

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**(vi) Grand Pre – Town Support for UNESCO Designation**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a letter was reviewed from the Board of Directors for Kings CED, in which they asked for formal support for the nomination of Grand Pre as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. To facilitate this, a resolution for Council's consideration was included.

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

**that Town Council endorses the nomination of Grand Pre as a World Heritage Site, as per the resolution attached.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(vii) Parking Meters**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Police Chief Mark Mander reported that parking meters have been successfully used in many communities to control parking abuse, which as a result, has lead to regular turn-over of available parking spaces on busy downtown streets. He offered this as a possible solution to parking problems in Kentville.

Members of the Parking Committee, members of CAC and the Police Chief himself, all felt that more information was required from those towns that had used these devices, and therefore, it was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

**that staff conduct an analysis with other towns regarding the effectiveness of their parking meters, and that a report be prepared for Council's future consideration.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**(viii) Chapter 5 – Rules Governing Town Council  
First Reading to Rescind.**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper noted that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Town Clerk Carol Harmes submitted a report, in which she pointed out several areas of *Chapter 5 – Rules Governing Town Council Bylaw*, which were either outdated or were addressed in other Town Policy Statements or in the Municipal Government Act, itself. The Town's solicitor also reviewed this bylaw and agreed with the recommendation that it serves no purpose and should be rescinded.

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

**that First Reading be given to rescind  
Chapter 5 – Rules Governing Town Council  
Bylaw.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) Finance**

**(i) Director's Report**

Finance Director Crowell reported that payment for utility bills and interim tax bills are due in late May; that budget meetings have been in progress; and that the year-end audit is underway. She felt that the Financial Statements should be available in July.

Under the Operating Fund, a surplus was posted for \$25,089. The utilities indicate a surplus in the sanitary sewer area service for \$1,181 and the Water Commission at \$51,272. She pointed out that Schedule C indicated that interim billing amounted to \$3,332,604. With Schedule E and F (Perpetual Investment Fund), she noted that the Balance Sheet for the year-end reported that total investments were \$13.0 million (at cost), with the market costs at \$11.4 million.

Under the Statement of Reserves, she pointed out that the interest/dividend income target was exceeded by \$56,771, with a rate of return at 5.87%. She added that since the inception of this fund in 1999, \$6.789 million has been made available for the Town's use.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- Several months ago, it was suggested that members of the Investment Advisory Committee would be asked to attend a meeting of Council or CAC, to expound upon the work being done with these funds.
- This should be arranged for the following CAC meeting.
- The recent amendments proposed in the Investment Policy were approved by the Minister of SNSMR.

**(c) Planning and Development**

**(i) Director's Reports**

Director Bev Gentleman reported that there were 8 permits for the month of April, for a building value of \$139,750, bringing the year total to \$1,431,750. She noted that the ICSP process is well underway and that several community meetings have been scheduled. A report from the ICSP Coordinator was attached to her report.

Director Gentleman noted that First Reading has been given for amendments to the LUB and MPS, and that a Public Meeting has been scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> to address the Thom Oulton development. Further, the application from Roger Cameron for the Chester Avenue development has been postponed at this point in time. In closing, she identified a number of meetings and training sessions she had attended recently.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**



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**Points from Discussion**

- An ICSP meeting was held yesterday and there appeared to be a fairly good turnout for this time of year. (17 people)
- The 4:00 p.m. meeting time was meant to accommodate both the business community and the target groups.
- Perhaps the meeting time should be reviewed, if a change would encourage better turnout.

**(ii) Committee Report**

Councilor Mark Pearl had nothing further to report.

**(d) Fire**

**(i) Chief's Report**

Fire Chief Shawn Ripley reported that there were 13 alarms in the Town over the last month and that vehicles travelled a distance of 178 kilometers to respond. In the County, there were 34 alarms and a distance of 2,272 kilometers was travelled. Mutual Aid saw 2 calls, for a distance traveled of 384 kilometers.

Alarms related to oil, gas and chemical spills, brush and grass fires, garbage fires, structure fires and flood conditions. Motor vehicle accidents, rescues and medical assists were also attended by the KVFD.

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 reported that there had been an area rate meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and although not in attendance himself, he has learned that the area rate was passed and formed part of the budget process. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, a couple of items raised previously by Council will be on the agenda – recovery costs from motor vehicle accidents (UNSM resolution on this) and an Alarm Bylaw.

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**(e) Parks and Recreation**

**(i) Director's Report**

Director Mark Phillips reported that ice rental rates have increased; the Kentville Home Show provided over 100 booths, with 70 vendors and a good public turnout; the District Track Meet was hosted in Kentville yesterday and today (May 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>); spring clean-up of the parks has begun; and registration for summer ball programs and tournaments is being done. Survey work is being conducted for the approximate 4.9 acres of land for the new school, and road and trail construction is being carried out. An application for infrastructure has been prepared for 2 projects – one for all-weather turf on field # 4, with lights and fencing, and the other for bridge construction at the Ducks Unlimited site.

Work continues on the beautification of the Town, with hanging baskets, work on subdivision green space, tree plantings, and so on; summer staff is being hired for the programs; plans are in place for the Apple Blossom Festival, and the Director has been busy attending a number of meetings and events.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- Kevin Bennett, the Facility Manager, should be commended for doing such an excellent job with the Home Show this year.

**(ii) Committee Report**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill added that the committee will meet tomorrow evening, during which time she will ask for an update on the Bonavista Park project.

**(f) Police**

**(i) Chief's Report**

Police Chief Mark Mander reported that members have been busy with various training program upgrades and with arrangements for policing during the Apple

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Blossom Festival. He added that there had been 72 hours of foot patrol during April, 373 calls to dispatch after regular office hours, fifty-four 9-1-1 calls and 10 domestic disturbances, along with other issues identified in the attached report.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- The Chief has provided some additional information requested by Council, and this is appreciated.
- Fewer hours of foot patrol this time of year might be cause for concern.
- Stats on bylaw enforcement should also be included in the Chief's report.

**Police Board Report**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper had nothing further to report, however, promised to pass along to the Board, concerns about foot patrol hours and the inclusion of bylaw enforcement statistics in the Chief's report.

**(g) Transportation Services**

**(i) Director's Report**

Director Greg Kehoe reported that as a result of the freeze-thaw cycles over the last many months, a great deal of work is being carried out on Town streets, with additional work needed on some of the heavily used streets. In addition, the new street sweeper has been busy with clean-up.

With capital projects, pumps were installed on the dyke on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> as a precaution to flooding and these were removed on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The 2009-2010 Operating and Capital Budgets are being addressed at this point in time.

With the Regional Sewer System, a recent meeting addressed the issues of operation review and capital improvements, and the 2009-2010 budget will be presented by the County and discussed at a meeting on

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June 11<sup>th</sup>. A 13% increase has been proposed.

With the Building Canada Fund, the Town will receive \$990,000 for construction work on the Park and West Main Street Connector Road, West Main Street Reconstruction, and some work on the trail system.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Committee Report**

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that a meeting was held last evening and the budget was reviewed. As a follow-up regarding the dykes and pumps, some residents of West Main Street expressed confidence that the flooding to their property seems under control. However, Councilor Boyd noted that there was some misinformation on the school issue and how that would impact ditches and water run-off. He added that the Regional Sewer Budget is still being addressed and will be brought to Council soon.

**(h) Water Commission**

**(i) Directors Report**

Director Greg Kehoe reported that the Water Commission met on March 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the Wellfield Advisory Committee, the three-year draft Operation and Capital Budgets and water bill write-offs.

He added that the Public Works department responded to a water main break on Canaan Avenue and another on Park Street.

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

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

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Points from Discussion

- It might be appropriate to put out some RFPs to companies that specialize in Water Rate Studies.
- This effort should be collaborated between the Director of Public Works and Director of Finance.

**(ii) Commission Report**

Mayor David Corkum added that discussion has taken place on a rate study at commission meetings, as it has been 15 years since water rates have increased, in spite of increasing costs.

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

**(i) Representative's Report**

The Management Minute (attached) noted that the approval process for the draft Operating and Capital budgets is well underway. Policies are being developed by the Working Group for capital funding, capital reserves and formal treatment of surpluses and deficits, and draft policies are anticipated for the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A meeting with the Executive of the Regional Chairs Committee and Minister David Morse brought forth the matter of the reduction in funding to some municipalities, through the Resource Recovery Fund Diversion Credit program. More information will follow on additional revenue sources which may be approved by Cabinet and the Legislature.

The GPS system is operational, and lastly, the report noted that a strategy session is being planned to update the long-term vision and the priorities of the organization.

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

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

Points from Discussion

- The price of metals has fallen, affecting the

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revenue.

- There doesn't appear to be any one item that has lead to the deficit.
- More information should be brought forward on the deficit at the next meeting of Council.

**(j) Kings Community Economic Development**

**(i) Representative's Report**

Councilor Mark Pearl noted that although a report had not been received, the annual meeting will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Kentville Legion.

**(k) Kentville Community Development Committee**

**(i) Report**

CAO Robicheau reported that a meeting was held during the Mayor's absence and discussion took place regarding strategic planning efforts. He added that Tiffaney Connell has been busy with many projects, such as "Applicious" (Apple Blossom Festival); she attended a meeting with Louise Watson of NS Economic Development on the review process of Kings CED and a coordinated meeting of local development officers. Director Phillips has also been very involved in many of these events.

Mayor Corkum added that the Farmers' Market is expanding and there seems to be a great spin-off from this event.

Points from Discussion

- Next year's Capital Budget will involve a great deal of work on Webster Court.
- It might be appropriate to get businesses and residents of Webster Court to brain storm on what that street should look like in the future.

**(l) Kings Transit Authority**

**(i) Representative's Report**

Councilor Mark Pearl noted from his attached report that the total operating deficit for the year was \$42,558; an expanded route to Canning, Centreville and Port Williams is being considered; the Michelin Express has discontinued operation; the County of Kings has proposed a regional facility which might

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address KTA's facility needs; and two events are being scheduled for June - free ride with bicycle and free ride day. The next meeting is July 2 and bi-monthly meetings will be carried out from this point onward.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- It is disappointing that Kings Transit Authority is considering new facilities with the proposed regional facility, instead of the original concept, as this new location might take years to realize.

**(m) Environmental Advisory Committee**

Councilor Eric Bolland advised that a waste management system has been implemented at Town Hall and further, that some recycling bins, donated by Tim Horton's, will be installed in heavy traffic areas around Town.

The KCA clean-up event saw 30 bags of garbage collected in an hour from the downtown. About 40 grade six students and members of staff worked on this project. The bylaw enforcement officer continues to educate the public on the Anti-Idling Bylaw, and during the Taxi license renewal process, each taxi driver was asked to "sign-off" on the Anti-Idling Bylaw.

There will be a meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> in Kentville, following which the members will tour Valley Waste Resource Management Authority.

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

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

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**Points from Discussion**

- Some recognition should be given in the future to Tim Hortons and Best Toyota, for their help towards environmental issues.
- The letter should come from the Mayor on behalf of Council.
- Any member of Council or staff is invited to take a tour of the Valley Waste facility.

**(n) Councilor's Report**

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper reported that he attended all meetings including some he filled in for the Mayor. He attended the UNSM workshop but was disappointed with some of the sessions.

Councilor Tony Bentley reported that he attended all meetings; helped out with the Home Show; and represented the Town at the Salvation Army Volunteer Night with 92 volunteers. He reminded Council that there will be a library meeting on Monday night and members hope to confirm the site of the new facility.

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that he attended all meetings, along with a UNSM Waste Water meeting, and the Princess Tea.

Councilor Mark Pearl had nothing further to report.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that she attended all meetings, along with the Volunteer Recognition Night and Princess Kentville Tea, both of which were well done. She attended the Spring Workshop of UNSM but was disappointed in some of the content; she attended the Home Show and was impressed with the amount of organization of this event.

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that he also attended the sustainability workshop (April 24<sup>th</sup>), the sod-turning ceremony for the new school, the Planning Conference (ideas on bringing people to the downtown). He noted that Kings Partnership Steering Committee is working on a fall workshop, to involve all members of Council, and a date should be established soon.

**(o) Mayor's Report**

Mayor Corkum reiterated some items on his monthly report, pointing out that he has attended meetings of Rotary, the library, budget, UNSM caucus and executive meetings, Transportation Services and Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce.



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He also attended a number of events – the Provincial Volunteer Awards Dinner, the Kentville Volunteer Awards Dinner, the Princess Kentville Tea, the UNSM Spring Workshop, the Literacy Mile, Health and Safety Week, a sod-turning ceremony for the new school, and visit from the Minister of Finance and Premier Rodney MacDonald. He also attended a training session on Emergency Management Operations in Newfoundland. (He added that Lindsay Young did a great job with the Kentville Volunteer Dinner and the Princess Kentville Tea).

He also passed along Council's concerns about the location of the Spring Workshop and its conflict with other municipal events. From the UNSM workshop, he found the session on parliamentary procedure very interesting.

He added that he went to the wrestling match with Councilor Bentley, but ended up in the ring. He also went to the Farmer's Market meeting today and was pleased with the efforts being made by Tiffany Connell. He added that the statistics for attendance to the market on Wednesdays was impressive, with 80% of people coming in from out-of-town, from places like Annapolis and Bridgewater. He added that Brennan is also doing a great job and it's good to see the staff all supporting each other's efforts.

**(p) Chief Administrative Officer's Report**  
CAO Robicheau reported that as a reminder, CAC will begin at 3:30 p.m. next Monday and that Jason Shannon is coming at 6:00 p.m.

He added that he has been talking with County CAO Smith regarding the Industrial Park study, however, it appears that this will not be done. At a recent meeting about the industrial park, he advised that a discussion took place about the AV Regional Industrial Park, the Coldbrook Industrial Park and the wellfield protection zones, as noted in the Land Use bylaw. He felt that there were many allowable uses in spite of the water protection concern, and assessments should be done to identify those properties at the Industrial Park that are available for expansion.

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Regarding the library site, discussions took place with the County CAO, the chair of the Friends of the Library and himself, regarding possible joint ownership of the facility. The County CAO has advised that the terms originally agreed upon have been brought back again, and that this message has been conveyed to the Friends of the Library. This decision affects the fund raising for the library.

The agreement on the Bridge Study (for Second Crossing) may be set aside and returned to the table later. A meeting with the Climate Change Directorate has taken place regarding the project, but no further information is available at this point. \$660,000 has been made available from the Canada-NS Infrastructure Secretariat. Projects like the cross-town collector road might qualify for infrastructure funds, even though they are not “shovel ready” by definition. Regular senior staff meetings continue, and as an update on CUPE bargaining, a new rep has been assigned and conciliation will be scheduled soon.

Points from Discussion

- It is disappointing to learn that the County will not be financially supporting the library construction, as over 50% of the patrons are from the county.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Martha Crosby (Thank you)**

Martha Crosby wanted to thank the Town for the recognition of her volunteer work at the recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the letter be received.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) Annapolis Valley Regional School Board**

A letter from the School Board advised Council that its request to participate in the naming of the new school, was forwarded to the Operations Committee.

**(c) Town of Wolfville (Municipal Education Contributions)**

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A letter from Mayor Stead to the Minister of Education supported Kentville's request to maintain the current funding formulae for the education contributions.

**(d) Kings CED – Grand Pre UNESCO**

This letter was a follow-up from a previous request which was addressed in a motion earlier in the evening.

**(e) Mayor Stead (Olympic Torch Run)**

This letter asked for a nomination of an individual as the final torch bearer at Raymond Field, for the fall of 2009. It was noted that a list of artists or performers to showcase the culture of the Annapolis Valley would also be appreciated. A follow-up request for some financial assistance may also be forthcoming.

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

**that this letter will be passed along to Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(f) New Valley Homes Inc.**

This letter asked the Town to consider not adopting the Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw.

It was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that this letter be received and acknowledged.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(g) Alice Goodwin**

This letter asked the Town to consider not adopting the Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw.

It was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the letter be received and acknowledged.**

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**(h) Viking Ventures Ltd.**

This letter asked the Town to consider not adopting the Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw.

It was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the letter be received and  
acknowledged.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(i) Parsons Investments Limited**

This letter asked the Town to consider not adopting the Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw.

It was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the letter be received and  
acknowledged.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(j) R L Macdonald Investments Ltd.**

This letter asked the Town to consider not adopting the Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw.

It was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that the letter be received and  
acknowledged.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw –  
Chapter 69**

A copy of the Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw, which had been originally introduced in the Spring of 2005, was circulated for consideration at this time. A discussion took place regarding the dates for the approval process, should that bylaw receive First Reading at this meeting.

It was felt that the Second Reading of this bylaw should allow enough time for public response and the review of any submissions. Although the Municipal

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Government Act does not require a Public Meeting as part of the process for this bylaw, Council felt that as a courtesy to the public, that opportunity should be provided. It was further agreed that following this Public Meeting, a special Council Meeting would be scheduled, at which consideration would be given as to whether or not to proceed with Second (Final) Reading.

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

**that First Reading be given to the approval of Chapter 69 – Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(Note: Mayor David Corkum asked that his vote against the motion be recorded in the minutes.)*

It was further moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that a public meeting be set for 4:00 p.m. on June 15<sup>th</sup> to receive written and oral submissions on the Deed Transfer Tax. and further**

**that a public meeting be set for 7:00 p.m. on June 16<sup>th</sup> to consider Second Reading of the Deed Transfer Tax and to also set the tax rate for 2009-2010.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*[Note: These meeting times were later changed to accommodate working individuals who might wish to give a verbal presentation on June 15th (to 7:00 p.m.) and also to allow Council to attend another meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> (to 4:00 p.m.)]*

**(b) Capital Budget Report**

Director Crowell presented a report on the Capital Budget in which she outlined the criteria on which the various projects were prioritized. For the 2009-2010 year, approval is requested in the amount of \$2.6 million for capital expenditures.

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

**that the 2009-2010 Capital Budget for the Town of Kentville (along with the related funding sources, as noted in the attached report) be approved as follows:**

**2009-2010 - \$2,600,000**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was further noted that budgets for the next four years must also be approved, and therefore, it was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper

**that approval be given in principle, as follows, for the future years 2010/2011 to 2012-2014 (along with related funding sources, as noted in the attached report):**

**2010-2011 \$2,547,900**

**2010-2012 \$3,989,000**

**2010-2013 \$1,846,000**

**2010-2014 \$1,824,000**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

none

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**that the regular meeting of Town Council adjourns at 10:00 pm**

**MOTION CARRIED**