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KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 12, 2008

PRESENT

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

Councilor Elect Bill Boyd, Councilor Elect Tony Bentley, Judge Alan Tufts, members of staff, and families and friends of Council.

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.

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 Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the agenda be approved as circulated

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

(a) Ron and Sandra Lightburn

Council invited the creators of the book “Pumpkin People” (Ron and Sandra Lightburn) to this Council meeting to acknowledge their support of Kentville’s Pumpkin people and the annual Harvest Festival. Mayor Corkum welcomed them, congratulated them on their success with the book and thanked them for bringing the Pumpkin People “to life.”

Mr. and Mrs. Lightburn thanked the Town for its support, especially the Recreation staff, who were so helpful with promotion.

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(b) Keith Robicheau (Award from ICMA)

Mayor Corkum congratulated CAO Keith Robicheau for receiving a long service award from this organization. He added that this is a professional and educational organization, whose Mission Statement is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional local government management worldwide. Mr. Robicheau was presented with an award for 25 years of excellent service to local government.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) October 8, 2008

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

that the Minutes of October 8th, 2008 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**(i) Appointment of Traffic Authority
(Tabled from October Meeting)**

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

that the issue of the appointment of the Traffic Authority be removed from the table.

MOTION CARRIED

Following this, CAO Robicheau reported that the appointment of a Traffic Authority falls under the Motor Vehicle Act, and that Council must make this appointment. He added that he has spoken with Town Engineer Greg Kehoe who has agreed to assume that responsibility.

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

that Director of Transportation and Works, Greg Kehoe, P.Eng. be appointed to the position of Traffic Authority pursuant to Subsection 86-6 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

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**INTRODUCTION OF NKEC
STUDENT**

Mayor David Corkum stated that he has participated in the ‘job shadow’ program through Northeast Kings and wished to introduce Elizabeth Wile who has attended this meeting to observe a Council meeting.

**REPORTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Council Advisory Committee
(i) Integrated Community Sustainability
Program (Funding for New Coordinator)**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, CAO Robicheau reminded Council that the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan must be completed by February 2010, in order for the Town to receive its allocation of funding through the Federal Gas Tax Program.

He added that the creation of the ICSP would involve research of existing documents, facilitation of the public consultation process, identification of community issues and goals, and the determination of those actions required to achieve those goals. With the magnitude of work and expertise required for this project, he felt that existing staff would be unable to add this to current workloads, and therefore, recommended that some of the gas tax funding be provided for those resources required to meet the deadlines.

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

that a recommendation be made to Town Council to authorize a capital budget adjustment which would allocate federal gas tax transfer funds in an amount not to exceed \$90,000, for the development of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, and further,

that the Chief Administrative Officer be permitted to establish a Sustainability Planner/Coordinator position, for a maximum term of eighteen months, consisting of an initial twelve month term contract, that may, at the discretion of the CAO, be extended for an additional term of

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not more than six months.

MOTION CARRIED

**(ii) LUB/MPS Amendments (First Reading
for Crow's Nest Proposal)**

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Gentleman reported that developer, B.D. Stevens Limited, wishes to purchase the property known as Crow's Nest Golf Course for a residential and commercial development. This would necessitate the property being subdivided and rezoned to allow for the specific use proposed. However, in order to conform to the zoning requirements for these uses, revisions would be needed to the Generalized Future Land Use Map, with concurrent amendments to the Zoning Map.

To further support this development, a traffic study has been conducted at this site and a recommendation has been made to install a left turning lane coming from the west. Further, the Kentville Water Commission has confirmed that it can service the proposed development and no problems are expected with the Regional Sewer System.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

that a recommendation be made to Town Council to give First Reading for two concurrent MPS and LUB amendments for PID #55247936, lands known as Crows Nest Golf Course, to:

(i) amend the Generalized Future Land Use Map from Commercial Recreation (CR) to Residential, with a concurrent amendment to the Zoning Map, to rezone a portion of this parcel (10.45 acres) from Special Use (SU) Zone, to Residential Multiple Unit (R3) Zone

and,

(ii) amend the Generalized Future Land Use Map from Commercial Recreation (CR), to Highway

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Commercial (HC), with a concurrent amendment to the Zoning Map, to rezone a portion of this parcel (1.06 acres) to Highway Commercial (C2), and further, set a Public Hearing for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) FCM Board Candidate

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a discussion took place regarding the call for expressions of interest for two NS representatives on the FCM Board.

Mayor David Corkum felt that it would be advantageous to have a local representative on this board, and stated that he would be interested in serving in this capacity. However, he noted that Town Council would have to endorse his candidacy for a position, and, should he be selected, would also have to approve a small increase to his expense account to cover some related costs.

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

that Council supports Mayor David Corkum as a candidate to represent Nova Scotia on the Board of Directors for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

MOTION CARRIED

(iv) Consulting Engineers (Appointment)

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Town Engineer Greg Kehoe reported that RFPs have been reviewed for Engineering Consultant Services, for a three-year term.

He noted that Hiltz and Seamone is a local company, is in mid process of completing some large projects and enjoys a good working relationship with the Town. Although their fees were not the lowest of the four

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submissions, these higher costs were justified when considering the qualifications of the individuals on their project team and their experience with similar projects.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Dennis Kehoe

that Hiltz and Seamone be awarded a three-year Engineering Consultant Services Contract for 10.75% (plus HST) of the actual cost of construction (excluding HST).

MOTION CARRIED

(v) Town Clock Gift (From Rotary Club of Kentville)

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, members reviewed a letter from Rotarian Doug Macdonald who represents the Community Development Committee of that organization. The correspondence was a tentative offer by the Rotary Club to purchase and erect a new Town Clock for the citizens of Kentville, on the corner of Main and Cornwallis Streets.

During this discussion, it was noted that before this busy intersection could be chosen as the site for the new clock, an opinion from the Traffic Authority should address the issue of safety, and that conceptual plans for the site and styles for the clock should be reviewed.

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

that the Town accepts the offer of a clock from the Rotary Club, however, works with this organization to ensure that both the location and the style of clock selected are agreeable.

MOTION CARRIED

(vi) TBR River Street - \$500,000

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director

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Crowell stated that on October 8th, 2008, Council ratified the approval of an additional \$300,000 for the over budgeted items relating to the construction of the dyke. In addition to this amount, she pointed out that further temporary borrowings were required to fund land expropriation costs for the completion of the River Street project, and that these were approved by Council in September. It was further noted that these two amounts will be funded through the Gas Tax Initiative and will total \$500,000.

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

that TBR 08/09-04 for River Street be approved for \$500,000.

MOTION CARRIED

(a) Finance

(i) Director's Report

Finance Director Crowell reiterated some points in her report, stating that the due date for the second quarter utility bills will be this month and that the Town has won the Evangelism Award from Diamond Municipal Solutions, which is a prestigious recognition for advanced technology.

She added that overall, revenue exceeded the average based on a 58% benchmark, taxation budget targets are slightly under budget and expenditures are below the average. Also, 92.9% of taxes have been collected and with the Sanitary Sewer Area Service, based on a 50% benchmark, 40% of revenue has been recorded and expenditures report at 43.4%. Lastly, she noted that the Sanitary Sewer Area Service is reporting a deficit of \$24,373 at this point.

Following the explanation of various accounts, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the report from the Director of Finance be received.

MOTION CARRIED

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(b) Planning and Development

(i) Director's Report

Director Gentleman reiterated several aspects of her report, noting that there were 10 permits issued for October, with a total building value of \$1,252,500, bringing the year total to \$10,640,472.

She also noted that a job description was prepared for an ICSP Coordinator and funding has been requested (and approved) for this position earlier on this agenda. The site plan from Covington Properties has been reviewed and this developer is attempting to purchase additional property for parking. Work continues on the proposal from Valley Gate Vineyard regarding the transitional housing project for mental health consumers, and a presentation will be made shortly to the Planning Advisory Committee on this proposal. Also earlier on the Agenda, First Reading was given to amendments in the LUB and MPS to allow for the proposal submitted for the Crow's Nest property.

Lastly, Director Gentleman stated that at a recent NSPDA meeting, it was noted that 80 % of those in attendance had hired a co-ordinator for their ICSP and have begun the public consultation part of this process. She stated that one of the topics to be placed on the next year's conference agenda, will be the revitalization of downtowns and this should be an interesting and timely issue.

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 reported that the committee has not met.

(c) Fire

(i) Chief's Report

Fire Chief Shawn Ripley submitted a report in which he noted that there were 13 alarms in the Town for the

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month of October resulting in 224 kilometers traveled and 12 alarms in the County for 1087 kilometers travelled. In addition, there were 2 mutual aid calls with 80 kilometers traveled. As usual, these alarms ranged in scope from motor vehicles accidents to fire alarms, smell of smoke and assists.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the report from the Fire Chief be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(i) Governance Committee Report

Councilor Dennis Kehoe reported that the committee will meet either later this month or early in December.

(e) Parks and Recreation

(i) Director's Report

Director Mark Phillips outlined his monthly report, noting that the Wildcat games and High School hockey have been keeping the arena busy; the fields are closed for the season; the Oakdene Soccer Project is underway; the Ducks Unlimited project continues to move forward with the installation of signage, handrails, plantings, etc.; a meeting with the Rotary Club will be held soon regarding this project; and work continues on the trails for the Bonavista Park, Brother's and Fox Hollow Subdivisions.

With special events, Director Phillips noted that LED lights have been ordered, along with trees, in preparation for the Torchlight Parade on November 27th; the Remembrance Day Ceremony saw an excellent turn-out; and sales and promotion of the Pumpkin People book continue to be strong. New staff members, Tiffaney Connell and Jill Trinacty, are working on their respective action plans and establishing priorities, and lastly, he identified a number of meetings which he attended, noting in particular that he has taken some ongoing training and upgrading for Emergency Management.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Parks and Recreation staff, along with Gerald Little, have done an outstanding job with the Pumpkin People.)

(ii) Committee Report

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that a meeting will be held next week. He added that he was pleased to note that the Recreation Conference was well attended by staff and committee members, and that the conference was highlighted by former Olympic athlete and Hall-of-Famer, Dr. Bruce Kidd.

(f) Police

(ii) Chief's Report

Police Chief Mark Mander reported that an individual has been charged and pleaded guilty in court for the destruction of a pumpkin person. Check points in subdivisions were well received by motorists, and information was distributed regarding children playing and traffic movement.

He added that Hallowe'en night was relatively uneventful; that the police commission will meet on November 27th; and that there had been 86 hours of foot patrol conducted for October. He was pleased to note that the Minister of Justice has just confirmed permanent funding for an Integrated Traffic Unit position, and pointed out that this unit is doing a tremendous job in the Southwest Nova part of the province. Members actually caught their 100th impaired driver recently. The Minister also notified the department that there has been further funding allocated and this will allow for the hiring of another police officer.

Lastly, Chief Mander wished retiring Chairman of the Police Commission, Dennis Kehoe, the best of luck and thanked him for his hard work, dedication and mentoring.

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Following the presentation of this report, it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the report from the Police Chief be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: It was brought to the attention of the Chief of Police that the next Board Meeting is on the same evening as the Torchlight Parade and perhaps this meeting date could be changed.)

(iii) Board Report

Councilor Dennis Kehoe reported that it was a quieter Hallowe'en night than usual and that EMS was also a strong presence in Town, thereby helping to curtail some potential criminal activity. He also wished good luck to the Chief of Police.

(g) Transportation Services

(i) Director's Report

Director Greg Kehoe reported that Public Works staff has remained busy with fall and winter preparations. He added that the Capital Works Projects are proceeding, with work on Webster Street, Crescent Avenue and Oakdene Avenue completed, and work continuing on the dykes. He noted that Great Valley Juices has not accepted the proposal for an easement and this may mean that the Town expropriates this property to allow for dyke construction in that area. Work also continues with the Shannex construction, and the River Street waterline should be completed by December, with paving and curbs installed in the spring. He added that leaf collection will take place on either November 10 or November 15th.

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

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

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(ii) Committee Report

Councilor Bernie Cooper stated that there is nothing further to report, however, the next meeting of this committee will be on December 3rd.

(h) Water Commission

(i) Directors Report

Director Greg Kehoe reported that work is proceeding on the Glenview – Elizabeth Avenue upgrade with paving and patching to be undertaken soon; the River Street water line work continues; the water service on Balsor/Eaglecrest/Ward Avenue has seen the installation of all mains and the 14 pressure reducing valves, with an interim inspection due shortly. The water should be flowing on December 24th and the take-over agreement should be prepared shortly.

It was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

**that the report from the Director of the
Kentville 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 funds will be included during budget deliberations for the establishment of a Re-Use Centre; in an effort to reduce illegal dumping of appliances, consideration is being made for the elimination of the CFC Removal Fee; the VWRM Working Group continues to work on the budget process and on the timelines and methods to improve communications; salaries are currently being reviewed; Waste Water Reduction Week was held from October 19 – 25th; preparation for the calendar is well underway; endorsement has been given by NS Environment for the use of ground shingles on trail systems; a rate dropping from \$5.59 to \$4.14 has resulted from the comprehensive Occupational Health and Safety system that is being followed, and lastly,

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the next meeting will take place on November 19th.

In a subsequent report, it was noted that off week collection of organics in the summer for Kentville and Wolfville has been addressed. He added that hours of operation on Saturday at the Management Centre, will be extended to 4:00 p.m. on an experimental basis, and tipping fee reimbursements have been approved for those individuals whose property has been used as an illegal dump. Fees up to \$500 may be waived.

Following this presentation, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

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

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- If CFC removal fees are reduced, any enhancement that leads to the reduction in the illegal dumping will not affect Kentville, as much as it would the county. Therefore, the Authority should be mindful that the Town does not subsidize this aspect of the operation.
- It should be noted that any salary increases for Valley Waste Authority staff should be done only after considering the additional costs to the agreement partners.
- Gerald Walsh and Associates is conducting this review.

(j) Kings Community Economic Development

(i) Representative's Report

Councilor Eric Bolland reiterated some points in a report from Executive Director Erin Beaudin, stating that work continues with the Grand Pre UNESCO project and the Valley Community Fibre Network is now fully operational. In addition, Director Beaudin outlined work being done of the Innovation Council, Tourism Kings, Regional Alliance, Saint John Energy Related Opportunities, the Winery Attraction program and other development activities and the strategic plan.

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Jennifer Weisner , who was also in the audience, noted that the mid year review of Kings CED by the provincial and federal funders will take place on November 27th at 2:15 p.m., and a mid year progress report will be given to all units over the next few months; the Employer of Choice program is being implemented; the Immigration program is underway and a potluck dinner has been held for this project

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

that the report from Kings Community Economic Development be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(k) Kentville Community Development Committee
(i) Report

Mayor Corkum stated that as Tiffaney Connell has been recently hired as the coordinator, we should be seeing some activity on this committee soon.

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

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl gave an overview of the financial picture of this operation, noting that at this point in time, a deficit of \$22,947 was indicated. He noted that the award has been made for exterior bus advertising and that fares have increased. Also, there has been an increase in riders and revenue has increased by 11%. The Michelin Xpress initiative will operate between Wolfville and Waterville and is funded by Conserve NS for \$110,000.

It was also noted that work continues on the Strategic Plan and with relocation of the operation.

Following this presentation, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

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

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(m) Environmental Advisory Committee

No report

(n) Councilor's Report

Councilor Bernie Cooper reported that he attended all meetings and the West Nova Scotia regiment mess dinner on the November 8th, at which he brought greetings from the Town. He also attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that he attended all meetings, the Recreation conference, and the Power of Green Conference in Halifax. This last event was very interesting and the key message was on conserving energy and reducing the environmental footprint.

Councilor Dennis Kehoe had nothing further to report.

Councilor Nola Folker- Hill reported that she attended all meetings and noted that at the SAC meeting, a discussion took place about the KCA playground equipment. It appears that some of this equipment has been salvaged. In addition she thanked the Fire Department for their Hallowe'en night event, and pointed out that the Recreation Conference was well attended and enlightening. Lastly, she congratulated those members of the Police Service who received long service recognition.

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl had nothing further to report, but wished to thank retiring councilor, Dennis Kehoe, for his many years of service to the Town and for setting such high standards during debate of agenda items.

(o) Mayor's Report

Mayor David Corkum reiterated some points in his report, noting that he attended the Shannex Sod - Turning and Job Fair, the presentation of awards to the police department, several Rotary Club meetings and two birthday parties. At the meeting with the Valley Regional Hospital (regarding the doctor shortage) he learned that there are over 10,000 citizens without doctors in this area, as several general practitioners have left the area recently.

Mayor Corkum added that he attended a meeting with County Council, an interview for the Town's newsletter, and the Recreation Conference. He added

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that the Chief of Police delivered an excellent speech during the MADD event, and it was unfortunate that the message could not have reached the whole community. Lastly, he noted that he attended several Remembrance Day events - at the school, at the cenotaph and at the legion.

(p) Chief Administrative Officer's Report
CAO Robicheau reiterated some items in his attached report, stating that with the Shannex development construction has begun and discussions have taken place with senior staff regarding the land not included in their development; with Kings Riverside Court, an open house is scheduled for November 22 and 29th, with the Grand Opening on December 6th. With the Covington development, it is expected that a land purchase proposal will be forthcoming.

He added that work continues on the various Kings Partnership Steering Committee issues, with policy and business practices for Valley Waste, and with other projects like the dyke development and regional sewer. He noted that the Town continues to wait for information on the bridge study; meetings have been held internally, with Kings CED and with the KVFD. Lastly, he added that the perpetual fund is down by 4% due to the downturn in the financial markets and that CUPE bargaining has begun.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Scott Brison, P.C.M.P.
A letter of congratulations was sent to Mayor Corkum for his successful re-election.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Report from the Returning Officer
A report from Al Kingsbury stated that there had been two Advance Polls in addition to Election Day on October 18th. He recorded the results for each of the 10 candidates and noted that of the 4,370 eligible

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voters, 2,018 (46.2%) voted. He further pointed out that Jenny White was elected by acclamation to the AVRSB District 3 of Kings County, Peter Cromwell was elected by acclamation as the African NS member on the school board, and Helene Lavigne was elected by acclamation as a member of the Acadian School Board (Conseil scolaire acadien provincial).

As a supplement to this report, Town Clerk Carol Harmes included the recapitulation sheets, as presented by the Returning Officer.

It was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that the report from the Returning Officer be received, regarding the Municipal Election results from the Advance Polls on October 9th and 14th and from Election Day on October 18th 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Declaration of Election

Town Clerk Carol Harmes reported that pursuant to Section 129 of the Municipal Elections Act, that the following individuals have been elected for the term - November 2008 to November 2012.

Mayor David L. Corkum
Councilor Mark Pearl
Councilor William E. (Bill) Boyd
Councilor Nola Folker-Hill
Councilor William B. (Bernie) Cooper
Councilor Eric Bolland
Councilor Anthony (Tony) Bentley

It was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the Declaration of Election from the Town Clerk be received.

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(c) Inauguration of Mayor

Judge Alan Tufts conducted the Inaugural Ceremony for Mayor Corkum, following which, each signed the Oath of Office.

(d) Inauguration of Council

Judge Alan Tufts conducted the Inaugural Ceremony for each of the councilors, following which, each signed the Oath of Office.

(e) Election of Deputy Mayor

Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Mayor. Following this, Councilor Bernie Cooper was nominated for this position, and in response, accepted the nomination.

As no further nominations were presented for candidates,

Bernie Cooper was declared Deputy Mayor.

BY MAYOR CORKUM

(f) Presentation to Retiring Councilor, Dennis Kehoe

Mayor Corkum thanked retiring Town Councilor, Dennis Kehoe, for his 11 years of service on Town Council. He pointed out that he will be missed around the table.

Dennis Kehoe was presented with an aerial photograph of the Town and responded in appreciation.

(g) Presentation to Council Spouses

Presentations were made to the spouses of each member of council in appreciation for the support and understanding they provide.

(h) CAO's Welcome to New Council

CAO Robicheau welcomed the newly elected Council, congratulating them and briefly outlining their duties as elected officials and his, as their employee at the Town. He promised to provide good advice and guidance to the best of his ability, and assured them that other Town staff will do the same.

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(i) Bill 129 – An Act to Amend the Trade Union Act

A copy of a letter of concern from UNSM pointed out a number of issues relating to Bill 129, which will negatively affect arbitration for municipal police forces. President Wrye of UNSM urged municipalities to take action to oppose Bill 129.

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper offered some explanation to this request and asked if Council would permit Police Chief Mark Mander to comment on the matter. Following approval, Chief Mander stated that this is a pressing issue for all police departments, as their management rights would be placed in the hands of an arbitrator, who in turn, would decide what would be appropriate for that particular department.

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

that a letter be sent to all relevant parties to endorse the position of UNSM on the matter of Bill 129 – An Act to Amend the Trade Union Act.

MOTION CARRIED

(j) Reminder Mini-Strategy Session

Mayor Corkum reminded everyone of the strategy session scheduled for Saturday, beginning at 9:30 am, in the Council Chambers

(k) Reminder – New Council Orientation Meeting

Mayor Corkum reminded new councilors Bill Boyd and Tony Bentley of the Orientation Meeting scheduled for November 20 and 21 in Truro.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Both Kirk Starratt, of the Kentville Advertiser and Julia Kirky, of K-Rock wished to extend congratulations to the new council and to offer their assistance in future reporting.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business of Council

the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.