

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 2011

5:00 p.m.

PRESENT Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Bernie Cooper, Councilor Mark Pearl, Councilor Eric Bolland, Councilor Tony Bentley, Interim CAO Mark Phillips, Solicitor Geoff Muttart and Recording Secretary Pat Gourley.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Mayor Corkum called the meeting to order and noted that all Council members were in attendance

2011-2012 OPERATING BUDGET Director Debra Crowell introduced the 2011-2012 Town of Kentville Operating Budget, noting that it will provide the same level of program delivery as in the past, will include some program enhancements, maintains viable transfers to the Town's reserve funds, maintains manageable debt, maintains the general tax rate and the residential rate and increases the commercial rate by 2 ½ cents to offset the Business Occupancy Tax phase out.

She proposed a balanced budget for 2011-2012, totaling revenue of \$11.3 million and expenses of \$11.3 million, and confirmed that this was recommended by members of the Council Advisory Committee meeting earlier on this day, and was as follows:

<i>Revenue</i>	\$11,339,200
<i>Expenses</i>	\$11,339,200

with a General tax rate of \$1.76 and 1/3 cents per \$100 of assessed value,

And further that the following tax rates for the year April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 are:

<i>Residential</i>	\$1.36 ^{1/3}¢
<i>Commercial (inc. BO phase out)</i>	\$3.48 ^{1/10}¢
<i>Fire area rate</i>	\$0.05¢
<i>Hydrant area rate</i>	\$0.08 ^{1/3}¢
<i>Total residential</i>	\$1.49 ^{2/3}¢
<i>Total commercial</i>	\$3.61 ^{2/5}¢

Director Crowell asked that the following Resolution be read into the minutes, following which it was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

That the following Resolution of Council be ratified:

Re: 2011-2012 Tax Rates – 2011-2012 Area Rates

I hereby move the following resolution (rates slightly rounded for ease of reading):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Kentville hereby authorize the levying and collection of taxes at the rate of \$1.36 and 1/3 cents per \$100 of residential assessment and \$3.48 and 1/10 cents per \$100 of commercial assessment for the current year, 2011-2012, as per the assessment roll as presented by the Assessor,

And further,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Kentville hereby authorizes the levying and collection of area rates as follows:

Hydrant Area Rate - \$0.08 and 1/3 cents per \$100 of assessment

Fire Area Rate - \$0.05 cents per \$100 of assessment

Dated June 13, 2011

MOTION CARRIED

**2011-2012
CAPITAL
INVESTMENT
PLAN**

Director Debra Crowell introduced the Capital Investment Plan, for the current year, 2011-2012 and in principle, for the 4 subsequent years. She noted that the Gas Tax projects total \$612,800, transportation projects total \$455,000, land acquisitions total \$750,000, recreation is at \$562,100, Policing Services - \$99,000, \$45,000 for administration projects and \$20,000 for development, all of which total \$2,544,400. She noted the various funding sources, which totaled \$2,544,400.

She reiterated that an indepth discussion had taken place earlier in the day and that members of Council Advisory Committee supported the proposed capital investment plan.

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

that Town Council approves the 2011-2012 Capital Budget (along with related funding sources) as follows:

2011-2012 *\$2,544,400*

and further approves in principle, the following budgets and related funding sources for the following four years.

<i>2012-2013</i>	<i>\$1,875,600</i>
<i>2013-2014</i>	<i>\$2,774,000</i>
<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>\$3,156,000</i>
<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>\$1,002,000</i>

MOTION CARRIED

**2011-2012
SANITARY
SEWER
OPERATING
BUDGET**

Director Debra Crowell reported that at an earlier meeting of Council Advisory Committee, this budget was presented for discussion, at which time Director Hal Henderson noted that this service operates under a separate budget from the Town, with revenue determined by consumption as recorded by water meters. Expenses include wages and materials for domestic sewer, pump stations and regional collection and treatment, and fiscal services. He proposed an Operating Budget, identifying at that time, the revenue, total expenditures and surplus and subsequently, Director Crowell recommended that this budget now be ratified.

Therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that the 2011-2012 Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget be approved with total revenue of \$863,400, total expenditures of \$855,500 and a surplus of \$7,900.

MOTION CARRIED

**2011-2012
SANITARY
SEWER
CAPITAL
BUDGET**

Director Debra Crowell reported that at an earlier meeting of Council Advisory Committee, this budget was presented for discussion, at which time, Director Henderson noted that sewage is pumped through the Town’s mains to the regional pumping stations and on to the regional sewage treatment plant in New Minas. The cost of collection and treatment of this sewage is shared among the partners, which are the County of Kings, New Minas, Kentville and two large industrial users.

Director Henderson listed a number of infrastructure projects, other sewer projects, and the equipment and funding that make up this

budget. Subsequently, Director Crowell recommended that this budget now be ratified and therefore, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

Town Council approves the 2011/2012 Sanitary Sewer Capital Budget for \$110,000, as per the funding sources noted in the budget.

MOTION CARRIED

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

that the Special Meeting of Council adjourns at 5:52 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED