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# KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### November 28, 2011

#### PRESENT

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

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor David Corkum called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and CAO Phillips reported that all Council members were in attendance, along with the Town Clerk, the Town Solicitor and himself.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

**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.*

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### **Tony Stephenson – Kentville Rotary Club**

Tony Stephenson, representing the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival, was in attendance to do a presentation from the City of Preston, County of Lancashire, United Kingdom. A beautiful “Spode” platter was presented to Mayor Corkum, as a gesture of friendship from Councilor Bobby Cartwright, the Mayor of Preston. He explained that the Goosnargh and Whittingham Whitsuntide Festival (of Preston) has identified a goal to have a simultaneous twinning ceremony with the Apple Blossom Festival next spring.

Once every 20 years, the City of Preston (132,000 people) and the Preston Guild Association get together to celebrate the GWW Festival and many supporting

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organizations come from all over the world.

Tony Stephenson and his wife used a personal trip to the UK to investigate their festival and the Preston Guild Association. While there, they represented the Apple Blossom Festival and were presented with the platter from the City of Preston.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**(a) October 31, 2011**

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

**that the Minutes of October 31, 2011 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/OLD BUSINESS**

**(a) Second Reading to Adopt – Chapter 89 – Civic Numbering Bylaw**

As First Reading was given to adopt this bylaw at the October Council meeting, and as no public objections were received, the Town Clerk recommended that the bylaw approval process continue.

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

**that Second (Final) Reading be given to adopt Chapter 89 – Civic Numbering Bylaw**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) Second Reading to Adopt – Chapter 90 – Alarms Bylaw**

As First Reading was given to adopt this bylaw at the October Council meeting and as no public objections were received, the Town Clerk recommended that the bylaw approval process continue.

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

**that Second (Final) Reading be given to adopt Chapter 90 – Alarms Bylaw**

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**(c) Second Reading to Rescind - Chapter 25 –  
Fees Tax Warrants Bylaw**

As First Reading was given to rescind this bylaw at the October Council meeting and as no public objections were received, the Town Clerk recommended that the process to repeal this document continue.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

**that Second (Final) Reading be given to  
rescind Chapter 25- Fees Tax Warrants  
Bylaw.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(d) Second Reading to Adopt Amendments to  
the Land Use Bylaw – Rezoning Zoning  
changes at 275 Chester Avenue**

First Reading was given to approve amendments to the LUB at the October Council meeting which would allow for a rezoning from Institution (I) to Residential (R2) Zone. A Public Hearing was held prior to this meeting of Council, however, no objections were received.

Therefore the Director of Planning and Development recommended that the process to approve the bylaw amendments be continued, following which it was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

**that Second (Final) Reading be given to  
amend the Land Use Bylaw to allow for the  
rezoning of a portion of PID #5525377 from  
Institutional (I) to Residential (R2) Zone.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(e) Council Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

Town Clerk Carol Harmes noted that at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of CAC, an election was held for the annual appointment of Deputy Mayor, following which Councilor Mark Pearl was declared the winner. She added that CAC inadvertently neglected to make a formal recommendation to this Council meeting, and

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therefore, the matter is being brought to the agenda at this time as “Unfinished Business.”

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

**that Mark Pearl be appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor for a one year term of office commencing November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as per *Policy Statement G-19 – Appointment of Deputy Mayor.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Council Advisory Committee**

**(i) Cultural Mapping Project**

Councilor Eric Bolland noted that at the November 14, 2011 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Lindsay Young, the Community Development Coordinator, reported that she has done some research into this project, and feels that as there are many cultural groups here in Kentville (i.e. Centre Stage, Library, Kings Courthouse Museum, etc.) the Town would benefit by having this interactive website available to potential visitors.

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

**that Council supports the Cultural Mapping project in the amount of \$1,200, providing all municipal units financially contribute.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(ii) Hotel Feasibility Study**

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that at the November 14, 2011 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, CAO Phillips reiterated that since Council last considered this issue, a meeting was held with members of the Kentville Community Development Committee, following which a recommendation was given for Council to support a hotel feasibility study.

He added that telephone contact has been made with some hotel chains, during which time marketing staff were asked if consideration had ever been given to

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expanding their operations to Kentville. In general, the response was that a feasibility study would be required prior to serious consideration.

Therefore, in order to determine if a hotel would be feasible for Kentville, CAO Phillips recommended that the study be conducted, and further, to ensure that a good price and comprehensive information is provided, that other firms should be contacted.

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

**that RFPs be called for a hotel feasibility study for Kentville.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(iii) TBR – Economic Development (Kentville Futures) - \$200,000**

Councilor Eric Bolland noted that at the November 14, 2011 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that this Temporary Borrowing Resolution has expired and must be replaced with current authorization, which is being presented at this time for approval.

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

**that Council authorizes the following TBR:**

**TBR 05/06-05 Economic Development (Kentville Futures) - \$200,000**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(a) Fire**

**(i) Chief's report**

The report from Fire Chief Shawn Ripley was not available.

**(ii) Joint Fire Services Committee Report**

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that the next scheduled meeting is for January 2012.

**(c) Valley Waste – Resource Management**

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**Authority**

Representative Mark Pearl noted that the Management Minute has been circulated and that recycling (organics) has increased along with the residual collections to Chester. However, more recycling is required. At the Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the partners were given the 2010-11 surplus cheques for their respective municipalities.

He added that all revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year are on track; the Policy Review Committee will introduce a Vehicle Use Policy this week; and construction of the new office complex is on schedule, even though the contractor is waiting for the delivering of some steel. As part of this construction, Valley Waste is investigating the inclusion of a wind turbine unit on site.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(d)Kings Regional Development Agency  
(a) Representative's Report**

Jennifer Weisner reported that a more relevant report should be available for the next Council meeting. However, she noted that the Joint Partners' Meeting will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The UNESCO project received \$2.5 million over the next 10 years; she is working with Councilor Bolland on the Eco Kings Action Plan; the strategic plan is almost completed; and some potential projects that may qualify for the Green Municipal Fund are being examined.

It was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

**that the report from Kings RDA be received.**

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**(f) Kings Transit Authority**

**(i) Representative's Report**

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that the November report has been previously sent and includes the financial information. He added that ridership has been increasing and this may have been impacted with the use of student passes. Refurbishment of one of the busses has amounted to \$20,000 and this has been capitalized. Kings Transit is still anticipating a deficit of over \$100,000, due mainly to fuel, repairs and maintenance.

Regarding bus shelters, the one proposed for the hospital has not yet been installed, as communication has been a problem. However, there is a shelter being installed in Greenwood, and the shelter in Kentville has been moved to Coldbrook for the use of People Worx, who are some of the major users of Kings Transit and have relocated their offices to the Coldbrook Industrial Park.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Points from Discussion

- Wages have increased due to the hiring of another mechanic to work on the busses, as it was felt that to best utilize the facility, 2 mechanics were needed. It was felt, based on the Business Case, that this arrangement would reduce costs, as outside mechanics would not be needed.

**(h) Councilors' Report**

Councilor Tony Bentley reported that he attended most meetings, the Torchlight Parade, the round-table discussions at KCDC, and a very sad funeral for a young man. He also attended a library meeting in Berwick, the Mayor's Roast, and the Remembrance Day celebration. He added that the location of the Remembrance Day ceremony, at White's Funeral

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Home, although much appreciated by the Town and Legion, was unsuitable for the large crowd that attends this event.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that she attended all meetings, the Kings Riverside Court's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, the NS Police Boards and Police Chiefs meeting, where participants were involved in a crime prevention workshop. She also attended the Torchlight Parade and the Strategy Session. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, an evening of Police Board training was held with colleagues from Bridgewater and Annapolis Royal. She pointed out that a website, called "novascotiacomunitycounts" contains lots of statistics on crime rates in towns, the province, and in the country; there are health statistics, economic statistics, electoral information and also a cultural map, which contains much of the information proposed in the cultural mapping project dealt with earlier this evening.

Councilor Eric Bolland attended all meetings, some EcoKings meetings, the KCDC round table, and the Torchlight Parade.

Councilor Bernie Cooper attended all meetings, however, missed Riverside Court anniversary party, but attended the KCDC meeting, Remembrance Day events, the Strategy Sessions and an interesting workshop on affordable housing.

Councilor Bill Boyd attended all meetings and social events. He also wanted to thank members of Council for their past support of him as Deputy Mayor, and wished newly appointed Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl good luck.

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl did not give a report.

**(i) Mayor's Report**

Mayor Corkum noted some highlights from his report:

- There was great council attendance at the UNSM conference, at which time he was re-elected to the Board of Directors.
- The Whites' offer of their funeral home during the Remembrance Day ceremony was much

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appreciated.

- the Anti-Racism and Cultural event at the Old Orchard Inn was excellent and it was nice to see that Sonny Gibson was recognized for his achievements.
- Many meetings have been set for the Town's Task Force, along with some regional meetings. It appears that a final report will be made available before next September. This particular group is the start of municipal reform and the current provincial government promises to act upon recommendations that come forward.
- The Torchlight Parade saw over 1,000 participants.
- He enjoyed the Mayor's Roast, which was held in support of the Lions Club, and thanked previous Deputy Mayor Boyd for his support over the last 2 years.
- He attended the homeless shelter's opening – Refuge and Portal which is a drug and alcohol free facility for young men. This facility offers a no-frills, safe environment and is associated with the churches.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### **(a) Minister Ross Landry – Dept. of Justice**

A letter from the Department of Justice was read, in which it was noted that the Town has received \$1,928.78 from the 911 Cost Recovery Fund.

### **(b) Dean Tupper – AV Labour Council**

This correspondence relates to funding of the Canada Retirement Security System and the author has asked that the Town of Kentville supports the resolution.

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

**that this correspondence be referred to the next meeting of CAC for review.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## NEW BUSINESS

### **(a) Council Appointments to Committees**

A report from the Town Clerk noted that at the recent Strategy Session, some recommendations for

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appointment changes were made for the Council Appointments to various committees, boards and commissions. A worksheet reflecting these changes was presented for Council's approval, following which, it was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

**that the attached list of appointees be approved for the upcoming year.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) Resolution – Funding through the Building Canada Fund**

As a housekeeping item, a resolution was brought forward for reconstruction work on West Main Street/Park Street to West Main Street Connector and the Trail Upgrade.

Although this would have normally been approved during 2009, (and was inadvertently overlooked) it is required now to complete the funding partnership from Building Canada Fund. Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

**that a municipal resolution be passed that allows for the Reconstruction of West Main Street/Park Street to West Main Street Connector and Trail Upgrade.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**(a) none**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**that the meeting adjourns at 8:25 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**