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KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 26, 2015

- PRESENT** Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl (skyped), Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Bill Boyd (skyped), Councilor Bernie Cooper, Councilor Eric Bolland, Councilor Tony Bentley, Solicitor Cris Shirrett, CAO Mark Phillips and Clerk Carol Harmes.
- CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** Mayor David Corkum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and CAO Phillips reported that all members of Council were present, along with the solicitor, the Town Clerk and himself as CAO.
- MOMENT OF SILENCE** Mayor Corkum called for a moment of silence for fallen RCMP Officer – Constable David Wynn, who lost his life in the line of duty while in Alberta. Constable Wynn had previous connections to this area with family still living here.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** It was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley
- that the agenda be approved with the addition of:**
7 (a) Royal Oaks' Petition
- MOTION CARRIED**
- PRESENTATIONS** (a) none
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (a) **November 24 , 2014**
It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland
- that the minutes of November 24, 2014 be approved as circulated.**
- MOTION CARRIED**
- (b) **December 8, 2014**
It was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper
- that the minutes of December 8, 2014 be approved as circulated**
- MOTION CARRIED**
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** (c) none

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**RECOMMENDATIONS
AND REPORTS**

Council Advisory Committee

(1) First Reading of Chapter 95 – Building Bylaw

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that at the December 8th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Gentleman presented a draft copy of a new bylaw – Chapter 95 Building Bylaw - which is intended to outline the application process and to define permits, permit fees, inspections, demolition and disposal. An updated schedule of fees is included in the document.

Further, it is understood that with the adoption of Chapter 95, the current bylaw - Chapter 46 Building Bylaw - will be repealed, as this out-dated document will then become redundant.

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

that First Reading be given to adopt Chapter 95 – Building Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

(2) Adoption of Charter – Anti-Racism, Discrimination and Exclusion

Councilor Eric Bolland noted that at the December 8th meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Bedingfield presented a draft Charter which would officially recognize the Town’s action plan on Human Rights Day, December 10th. This Charter identifies the goals in creating a welcoming community, an Educated Community, an Engaged Community and a Committed Community.

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

that Town Council adopt the Charter, as attached, and that this document be duly signed and dated by the Mayor on December 10, 2014

MOTION CARRIED

(3) KPSC – Inclusion of Village Representation

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that at the January 12, 2015 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, CAO Phillips noted that a request has come from the County of Kings to members of KPSC, that their respective Councils reconsider having representation from the villages at the KPSC table. As recent recommendations from the Fiscal Review have indicated changes to the governance structure of villages, it was felt that the time might be appropriate to include some representation from them at the partnership level, especially as it

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relates to a regional governance study.

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

that members of Town Council support one representative to be selected from the villages, who will be a full member with the right to enter debate and to vote on any issue brought before the committee.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Fire

(i) Chief's Report

CAO Phillips reported that regular reports are not yet being received for Council, although statistical information is being sent to the Director of Finance for funding purposes.

(ii) Joint Fire Services Committee Report

Councilor Bill Boyd noted that at a recent meeting of this committee, members reviewed the Joint Fire Services Agreement and this will be brought to the partnering Councils for approval. Although he was not present for today's meeting on the budget, Councilor Boyd asked for comments from CAO Phillips and Councilor Cooper who attended on his behalf.

It was noted that the proposed Operating Budget presented previously by the Fire Chief involved an 8.5% increase. As this was unacceptable, the budget was scrutinized and returned at today's meeting, with a 4% increase. This increase translates into about \$7,000 additionally for the Town. This new budget was supported by the Joint Fire Services Committee and will be brought to Council at the upcoming CAC meeting for discussion.

The Area Rate Budget was approved with a 13% increase and will go to a Rate Payers' meeting for finalization. Council will have an opportunity to attend this meeting, following which the budget will go to both the Town and County for approval. Both CAO Phillips and Councilor Cooper agreed that it was a responsible budget.

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

that the report from the Joint Fire Services Committee be received.

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(c) Valley Waste Resources Management –Representative’s Report

Councilor Bernie Cooper, the alternate for this committee, noted that the Management Minute received from the Valley Waste Resource Management Authority indicated that a meeting was held on January 21 to further discuss the draft 2015-16 Operating and Capital Budgets. At this time, it was recommended that these be forwarded to the municipal partners for approval. A projected surplus of \$250,000 will be returned to the partners. The recommended budget includes the reinstatement of the Fall Clean-up, but not the leaf collection, and includes an increase of 7.27% over the previous year’s budget.

In addition, a committee will be formed to review the recommendations from the successful candidate for the Organizational Review and members will include senior VWMA staff, Authority Members and at least one CAO.

The Administration Building is the first small office in North America to receive both Passive House and LEED Gold Certification.

Lastly, the report noted that recycling and organics processing increased slightly during the April to December period, and residuals to Chester decreased. Hotline calls to the center tend to deal primarily with sorting issues, miscellaneous items, collection days and spring/fall clean up questions.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- It might be appropriate to invite the General Manager to a Council meeting to present the budget (perhaps at the March CAC meeting)
- The CAO or Councilor Cooper will extend that invitation

d) Kings Transit Authority

Councilor Tony Bentley reported that Council has not been provided with a written report, as attempts to submit this online have failed. He added that Steve Foster is eligible for his review; insurance costs have increased due to 3 new busses; savings on fuel and snow removal have helped with the bottom line for operating costs. Along with this, ridership is up by 8% over the previous year and fare revenue has

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increased over for the previous year by 1.42%.

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

that the report from Kings Transit be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- The Manager at Kings Transit has been very obliging and has actually dedicated his own time to assist with the UNSM meeting delegates when they recently attended meetings in this area.

(e) Councilor's Report

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl - The Kings Transit draft budget will come before the Board at next Monday's meeting and the current ask is for a 2% increase, which is another indication of the good job being done by the manager.

Councilor Bill Boyd had nothing new to add.

Councilor Bernie Cooper attended all meetings.

Councilor Tony Bentley attended a meeting about poverty in the area at which time a video was presented on a family living in poverty.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill attended all meetings; the joint meeting of the NSAPG and the Police Advisory Councils with CAOs and Mayors in Halifax. The meeting was very beneficial in that it addressed the issue of getting the advisory boards organized and more communicative.

Councilor Eric Bolland attended meetings for KCA-PTA, EcoKings (Brian Van Royden is the new Chairman); reported that on Feb. 18, a meeting at the Louis Millet Centre will be a public meeting on the Kings County Express project; and lastly, he attended a Recreation Way-finders workshop today.

f) Mayors Report

Mayor Dave Corkum reiterated some events and meetings he participated in since November 24:

- Meetings with NS Power, One NS, UNSN Board Charter Signing, Special Council and CAC, KDCL, Church Board member, REN Oversight Committee and Ministers of Transportation and Education.
- Several social events also took place – 50th anniversary, birthday parties, Christmas parties, open houses, New Year's Levees, etc.
- He added that although he attended the KVFD annual event, he didn't get a chance to bring greetings to the fire department, nor

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to thank them for their volunteer efforts, and the commitment made to this service by Councilors Boyd and Cooper.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Royal Oaks Petition – Recreational Park

CAO Phillips reported that this late correspondence was added to the agenda, however, as more work is being done on the project (and a meeting and a report will be done by the Recreation Director), it was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the petition be received and reviewed at the upcoming meeting of CAC.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

(a) none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(a) none

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business remaining on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.