

KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 27, 2015

PRESENT Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Bill Boyd, 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 Council members were present, as were the solicitor, the Town Clerk and himself.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA It was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Eric Boland

that the agenda be approved with the addition of
8 (a) Photos – Dick Killam
11 In Camera – Land Negotiations
And the deletion of
3 (a) Princess Kentville – Meredith Moore

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS (a) **Valley Wild – Atom AA – RBC Provincial Day of Champions.**
Mayor David Corkum welcomed members of the Valley Wild Female AA Atom team and introduced them by way of a resume of their accomplishments during the 2014/2015 hockey season. This group won the South Conference Championships and the RBC Provincials, along with other tournaments. Mayor Corkum presented certificates to team members and coaches.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (a) **March 30, 2015**
It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the minutes of March 30, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING (a) none

FROM THE MINUTES

**RECOMMENDATIONS
AND REPORTS**

(a) Council Advisory Committee

(1) Withdrawal Town Capital - Construction

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that at the April 13, 2015 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell noted that an invoice in the amount of \$9,714.25 had arrived for the Capital Investment Plan Project, relating to a bicycle repair station in Town. He added that the withdrawal of this amount from the General Allocation Reserve will result in a remaining balance of \$305,059 in that fund.

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

that a withdrawal of \$9,714.25 be made from the Town's Capital Reserve-General Allocation, to fund the Bicycle Repair Station capital acquisition cost of 2014/2015.

MOTION CARRIED

(2) Eaves Hollow Park

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that at the April 13, 2015 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Gentleman noted that Artist, Ruth Abernethy is in the process of creating a life size bronze statue of Dr. Charles Eaves, and intends to gift this to the Town of Kentville to commemorate the contributions Dr. Eaves has made to our area. As a research scientist at the Kentville Agricultural Research Station, his work extended the life of fruit, which subsequently allowed for international shipping. The Town has allocated a very visible area at the east entrance to the Town and installation is scheduled to take place during the Apple Blossom Festival.

By way of a letter to Council, Ms. Abernethy has asked if the Town would consider naming that park area after Dr. Charles Eaves, and suggested the name "Eaves Hollow."

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

that the park at the trail entrance, known informally as the East End Park, be officially named "Eaves Hollow."

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- Mayor Corkum asked Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl to take the

chair so that he could state that he is in support of the motion, however would like to ask Council to keep in mind the civic contribution made by previous Mayor Wendell Phinney and to remember him during future acknowledgements of citizens.

(3) Debenture Funding – April 2015

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl reported that at the April 13, 2015 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that debenture funds will be issued this spring and that NS Municipal Finance Corporation requires that in order to streamline the debenture issue process, Council must approve a pre-approval resolution and forward it to the NSMFC.

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

that the attached resolution for Preapproval of Debenture Issuance be approved as Resolution # TBR 14/15-1 for various items, requesting funds of \$1,044,000.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Fire

(i) Chief's Report

CAO Phillips reported that there was no report from the fire chief and recommended that this item be removed from Council's agenda as there is now no full time Fire Chief and generating written statistical reports appears to be a problem.

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

that the Fire Chief's Report be removed from the Council Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- Although there is no full-time paid Fire Chief, other staff could find the time to create the statistics that Council has asked for.
- As the Town does support the KVFD, it would only seem appropriate to expect a monthly report on this service.
- The creation of these statistics does not always coincide with regular Council meetings.
- The JFSC does report following their quarterly meetings, however, statistical data is not part of that report.

(ii) Joint Fire Services Committee Report

Councilor Bill Boyd reported that he was disappointed to learn that the County has “frozen” their financial support of the fire service. He added that a formula has been created and it has worked well with the partners for the last 10 years. It may be necessary to have further discussion of this at a future CAC meeting or at a budget meeting. Some items under the fire service have been reduced and these have reduced budget.

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

Deputy Mayor Pearl reported that no meeting has been held since the last report was given, however, he wished to make a few comments.

- The organizational review is being completed and this document and recommendations will be available.
- Thank you to Councilor Cooper for assisting with meetings.
- The year-end operational costs at the landfill (Kaiser Meadows) have turned around somewhat, positively impacting the budgets.
- The program regarding industry packaging is now being addressed and this should be managed by the manufacturers in the future, instead of creating additional waste.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

d) Kings Transit Authority

Deputy Mayor Pearl thanked Councilor Bentley for attending meetings in his absence and reported that:

- ridership for 2014/15 totaled 404,917 passengers, while revenue continued to increase in the core area, in Annapolis West and Digby. Other areas were decreasing somewhat.
- Requests for Proposals for financial auditing services resulted in the appointment of the accounting team from Grant Thornton.
- Reductions in bus repairs, maintenance and fuel have been identified as major contributors to the anticipated surplus.
- A meeting is being scheduled with the County of Kings, Hantsport and West Hants regarding the delivery of transit

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service within eastern Kings, Hantsport and West Hants.

- At this time, there appears to be no need to adjust the budget as a result of Windsor discontinuing its service of Kings Transit.
- Bike racks will be reinstalled for the season and advertising on the busses is being addressed.

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

that the report from Kings Transit Authority be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- It is difficult to visualize how the termination of Windsor from the KTA agreement will affect citizens and the funding formula in place for this service.
- The agreement will terminate in 6 months.

(e) Councilor's Report

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl had nothing further to report.

Councilor Bill Boyd attended KPSC and is anxious to see what commitments will be made from the partners of that committee.

Councilor Bernie Cooper attended all meetings except KPSC (due to an injury) and hoped to share in some discussion about that meeting.

Councilor Tony Bentley attended volunteer night, Princess Tea, a Skateboard meeting, a Kings Transit meeting; met with staff and students at KCA school with representatives from Goosnargh and Whittingham Whitsuntide Festival (the twin community of Kentville for the Apple Blossom Festival). This group brought with them a singer (J.P. Brown) who may be the next big singing sensation.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill attended all meetings, along with the Princess Tea, Volunteer Dinner, and a workshop which she will report on later.

Councilor Eric Bolland attended KPSC

f) Mayors Report

Mayor David Corkum reiterated some items on the attached Mayor's Report, noting that he attended a number of meetings and attended several enjoyable special events.

- He felt Volunteer night and the Princess Tea events went very well and with Paula Huntley as the Town's volunteer representative and Meredith Moore as the Town's Princess Kentville, these individuals will be wonderful representatives.

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- The Home Show was very well done.
- He attended the MADD event and was overwhelmed at the candlelight remembrance with the stories of people being killed by drunk drivers.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) none

NEW BUSINESS

(a) **Dick Killam**

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Bill Boyd

that the email sent to Council regarding pictures taken by Dick be discussed at CAC.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(a) None

ADJOURNMENT

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

that the meeting adjourns at 7:47 p.m. to go In Camera to discuss land negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED

IN CAMERA

Land Negotiations from 7:47 p.m. until 8:25 p.m.