

KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 29th, 2016

PRESENT

Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl(skyped), Councilor Bill Boyd(skyped), Councilor Bernie Cooper, Councilor Eric Bolland, Councilor Tony Bentley, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, CAO Mark Phillips, Solicitor Geoff Muttart

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor David Corkum called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and CAO Phillips reported that all Council members were in attendance, along with the Town Solicitor, Recording Secretary Patricia Gourley and himself as CAO. Town Clerk Harmes is away at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

7 (g) Kentville Namesake

8 (g) Parks and Recreation –Andre Bouchard

8 (h) Governance Study

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

(a) ONE Nova Scotia Coalition Presentation –c/o MLA Kings South Keith Irving

MLA Kings South Keith Irving read a letter from Premier Stephen MacNeil thanking Mayor David Corkum for his dedication and commitment to his work with the ONE Nova Scotia Coalition. On behalf of the Premier, MLA Irving presented to Mayor David Corkum a Certificate of Appreciation from the ONE Nova Scotia Coalition.

(b) Kings County Coalition c/o David Ritcey-Governance Study

David Ritcey spoke on behalf of the Kings County Citizens Coalition regarding the Governance Study. He presented a petition from this Coalition to Council. The report is attached.

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

**that Council receive the petition and to move under
New Business (8)(h) for discussion**

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**(c) 2016/17 Kings Transit Budget Presentation – c/o
Manager Stephen Foster**

Stephen Foster presented the Kings Transit Authority Capital Improvement Plan for 2016/17. Overall the spending budget is showing a reduction of \$76,311 or 4.9%, translating into a reduction of \$24,572 or 3.6% for municipal Partners. With the addition bus route going from Belcher Street to Port Williams the decrease will turn to a 9.3 % increase.

**(d) 2017 Annapolis Valley International Town Criers
Competition – c/o Gary Long**

Town Criers Gary Long and Lloyd Smith presented to Council information regarding their proposed plan to host a 2017 Criers Competition. This would be a world class event and would take place in Kentville and the surrounding areas. This international event brings competitors and other dignitaries from all over the world and would showcase our town and area.

Crier Gary Long requested a donation of \$600.00 to help with the organization of this 2017 International Town Criers Competition.

**APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES**

(a) January 25th, 2016

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

**that the Minutes of January 25th, 2016 Public
Hearing be approved as circulated**

MOTION CARRIED

(b) January 25th, 2016

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

that the Council Minutes of January 25th, 2016 be approved as circulated

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS **None**

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

(a) Council Advisory Committee

(1) Citizen Budget

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that at the February 1st, 2016 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, CAO Mark Phillips presented a proposal for a citizen engagement software called “Citizen Budget”. It will be used to engage citizens for educational purposes and for feedback to Council. Citizens will be able to go online and determine the level of services they would like to have and see the corresponding budget impacts.

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

that Town Council move forward with the purchase of the Citizen Engagement Software – “Citizen Budget”

MOTION CARRIED

(2) Kentville Police Department Vehicle Request

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that at the February 1st, 2016 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Acting Chief Reade proposed the sale of the 2012 Dodge Charger and purchase of a new 2016 police packaged car in the 2016/2017 Capital Budget. The 2012 Dodge has 194304 KLMs on it and is costly to maintain in proper running condition.

Acting Chief Reade requested the new vehicle for the 2016/2017 Capital Budget years in advance of budget deliberations as the time associated with ordering and delivery is quite lengthy (4-6 months).

Base Price of Cruiser + HST	\$38,000.00
Outfitting	\$5,800.00
<u>Striping</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total	\$46,800.00

Sale of Car # 312	\$2,500.00
Total ask from Capital	\$44,300.00

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

that Town Council approve the purchase of a new police vehicle for the Kentville Police Service in advance of the 2016/17 Capital Budget deliberations

MOTION CARRIED

(3) Kentville Street By-Law and Downtown Snow Removal

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that at the February 1st, 2016 meeting of Council Advisory Committee CAO Phillips had reported that recent comments from the business community have sparked staff and Council to reflect upon the current practice and policy regarding snow removal on sidewalks in the downtown area.

He noted the following during discussions:

- No Policy Changes recommended at this time.
- It is felt that costs associated with the recommendation can be absorbed within the existing snow removal section of the 2015 /16 Operating Budget.

It was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that Council direct the Department of Public Works and Transportation to engage in a Pilot Program for the balance of the 2016 snow removal season by assisting the business community with their responsibilities, as stated in the Streets Bylaw – Chapter 83, of snow and ice removal on sidewalks by making a pass with snow removal equipment and making an application of salt in conjunction with the Streets By-Law

And further

it is noted that some sections of sidewalks in the Commercial C1 and C2 zones are not passable by the sidewalk equipment due to physical obstructions, the sidewalks are too narrow or general safety concerns as identified by the Director and Foreman. These sections will not receive assistance if the equipment cannot pass through for the noted reasons

And further

the delivery of the Pilot Program may be interrupted due to extreme weather conditions, the availability of Public Works staff, equipment failure or other demands placed on the existing snow and ice removal program and operational demands of the Public Works Department as identified by the Director or Foreman

MOTION CARRIED

(4) Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer Appointments

CAO Phillips stated that at the January meeting of Town Council it was noted that Al Kingsbury will be returning as the Returning Officer for the upcoming municipal election. In addition to acquiring the services of a Returning Officer it should also be recognized that Barb Illsley-Jess will be returning as Assistant Returning Officer.

The Municipal Election's Act, points out that it was not necessary for Council to approve the "reappointment" of these individuals, providing specific criteria is met. However, for the benefit of informing the public and having it noted for the public record the following recommendation is before Council for consideration.

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

that Town Council appoints Al Kingsbury as the Returning Officer, in accordance with the Municipal Election's Act for the 2016 Municipal Election

And further

that Town Council appoints Barb Illsley-Jess as the Assistant Returning Officer, in accordance with the Municipal Election's Act for the 2016 Municipal Election

MOTION CARRIED

(5) Resolution Withdrawal – Town Capital Reserve

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that at the February 1st, 2016 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell stated that the 2015/2016 capital budget provides for partial funding of capital acquisitions from the Town's Capital Reserve

fund. In this first request for withdrawal, several projects are complete and require a resolution of Council to withdraw funds. Also included in the request are several over runs. The Town of Kentville Capital Reserve- General Allocation contains **\$593,462** and after the withdrawal, it will contain **\$534,939**.

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

that a resolution be approved for the withdrawal of \$58,522.63 from the Town of Kentville Capital Reserve to fund several capital acquisitions and over runs (as denoted above) during the year 2015/2016

MOTION CARRIED

**(6) Resolution Withdrawal – Sanitary sewer
Capital Equipment Reserve**

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that at the February 1st, 2016 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell stated that the 2015/2016 Sanitary Sewer capital budget provides for partial funding of capital acquisitions from the Sanitary Sewer Capital Reserve fund. The projects are substantially complete and require a resolution of Council to withdraw funds.

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

that a resolution be approved for a withdrawal of \$129,474.64 from the Sanitary Sewer Capital Reserve to fund 2015/2016 sanitary sewer capital acquisitions

MOTION CARRIED

(b) (i) Fire

No report at this time

(ii) Joint Fire Services Report

Councilor Bill Boyd presented a verbal report. A few highlights include:

- 2016/2017 Operating Capital Budget had been presented to the Town of Kentville and recently has also been presented to the Municipality of Kings County.

- A public Kentville Area Rate meeting will be held soon.
- The next regular Fire meeting will be held on April 21st at the Fire Hall.

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

that the report on the Joint Fire Services be received

MOTION CARRIED

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

Councilor Bernie Cooper reported some highlights from the attached report:

- RRFB had extended the Enforcement Funding to 2017 with no renewal date required.
- The provincial winner of I-3 technology start –up competition was Sustane Technologies of Chester.
- Have received the Operations Capital Budget.
- Will end the year with a surplus of \$676,000.

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

that the report from VWRM be received

MOTION CARRIED

(d) Kings Transit Authority

Councilor Tony Bentley noted some highlights from the attached report:

- Kings Transit is assisting local service groups involved with settling Syrian families through the valley.
- General Manager Stephen Foster has been asked to sit on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Urban Transit Association.
- Revenue for the month of January is up by .15% over the same period last year.
- 2 buses will be painted

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

that the report from Kings Transit Authority be received

MOTION CARRIED

(e) Councilor's Report

Councilor Eric Bolland:

- Public hearing for Valley Ford
- Cash mob at Home Hardware
- Funeral for Harry Harmes
- Valley Best Chamber of Commerce Awards
- Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser
- Kings Partnership Steering Committee meeting
- Kentville Hub workshop
- Wolfville Rotary fundraiser for the Syrian refugees

Councilor Bill Boyd:

- Nothing to report

Councilor Bernie Cooper:

- Attended all meetings as required

Councilor Tony Bentley:

- Public hearing for Valley Ford
- Opening of the Port Williams public library
- Kentville Hub Workshop
- Funeral for Harry Harmes

Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl:

- Nothing to report

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill:

- Attended all meetings as required
- Kings Point to Point
- Kings Partnership Steering Committee meeting

(f) Mayors Report:

Attended the following meetings:

- January 25/16 – Public Hearing for Valley Ford
- January 26/16- Fruit Growers Convention

- January 29/16- Cash Mob – Tan Coffee
- February 01/16-CAC & meeting with John MacDougall
- February 02/16- Meeting with A. Jordan
- February 03/16 – Meeting with Paula Huntley
- February 05/16- One Nova Scotia (wrap up)
- February 06/16- Legion Breakfast fundraiser
- February 06/16- Funeral for Harry Harmes
- February 09-11/16 – FCM in Ottawa
- February 14/16- Frank Moore – 95th birthday
- February 16/16 – Rebranding meeting
- February 18/16- Valley Best Chamber of Commerce
- February 20/16- Coldest Night of the Year/Open Arms
- February 22/16- Kings Partnership in Berwick
- February 22/16- Kentville Hub
- February 25/16- REN in Berwick (Fiber Opt.)
- February 27/16- Lions 67th Annual Charter night

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Larry Honey

CAO Phillips read the letter received from Larry Honey, Academy Street, Kentville.

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

that the correspondence from Larry Honey be received

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Doug MacDonald

CAO Phillips read the letter received from Doug MacDonald, R.L. MACDONAD INVESTMENTS LTD, 34 Cornwallis Street, Kentville.

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

that the correspondence from Doug MacDonald be received

MOTION CARRIED

(c) Blaine Morrison

CAO Phillips read the letter received from Blaine Morrison, Kentville.

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

that the correspondence from Blaine Morrison be received

MOTION CARRIED

(d) Brian Fitzgerald, Paddy's Pub

CAO Phillips read the letter received from Brian Fitzgerald, Paddy's Pub, Kentville.

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

that the correspondence from Brian Fitzgerald be received and be referred to the Police Commission for review at their next meeting

MOTION CARRIED

(e) Kings Historical Society

CAO Phillips read the letter received from the Kings Historical Society requesting funding for their upcoming year.

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

that the correspondence from Kings Historical Society be received and be referred to the 2016/2017 Capital Budget deliberations

MOTION CARRIED

(f) Greg and Dana Pulsifer

CAO Phillips read the letter received from Greg and Dana Pulsifer, King Street, Kentville.

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

Councilor Eric Bolland

that the correspondence from Greg and Dana Pulsifer be received and be referred to the next Council Advisory Committee held on March 14th, 2016

MOTION CARRIED

(g) Kentville Namesake

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill read an email received from Loretta Hughes. Ms. Hughes son attended Acadia University along with a student named Kaz Koba in the early 90s. They became great friends who stayed in touch over the years. Kaz Koba now resides in Nagasaki, Japan and he loved our area so much that he has named his first born son Kento, in honor of our town. Ms. Hughes thought that Mayor Corkum and Council would be interested to know how much Kentville meant to Kaz from the time he resided in our area.

A decision was made to forward a gift from the Town of Kentville to Kento for this honor.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) 2016/17 Kings Transit Budget Presentation – c/o Manager Stephen Foster

No further discussion was required at this time.

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

that the Kings Transit Budget be referred to the 2016/2017 Capital Budget deliberations

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Ken Wo Funding Request- Canadian Women Amateur Golf Championship

A formal request for sponsorship and funding has been received from Ken Wo Golf Club, along with all the proper paperwork.

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

that the request for funding and sponsorship be referred to the 2016/2017 Capital Budget deliberation

MOTION CARRIED

(c) Uncommon Common Art Funding Request

A formal request for \$2,500 in funding has been received from Uncommon Art, along with all the proper paperwork.

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

that the request for funding be referred to the 2016/2017 Capital Budget deliberations

MOTION CARRIED

(d) 2017 Annapolis Valley International Town Criers Competition – c/o Gary Long

A request had been made earlier in the evening for \$600.00 in funding to support the 2017 International Town Criers Competition.

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

that the request for funding of \$600.00 be granted

MOTION CARRIED

(e) Earth Hour Recommendation

CAO Mark Phillips read the 2016 Earth Hour recommendation and proclamation received from the Environmental Committee.

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

**that the Town of Kentville supports the Earth Hour Project by turning off the ornamental lights in the downtown and encourage citizens to participate as well
And further**

that March 19th, 2016 from 8:30 – 9:30 pm be recognized with a signed proclamation by Mayor David Corkum, as Earth Hour

MOTION CARRIED

(f) Valley Regional Enterprise Network – Kings Trail Study

CAO Phillips presented a verbal report regarding the Kings Trail Study. A portion of the trail on the east side of the Town of Kentville's boundary and in the Village of New Minas, has been closed due to erosion from the tides. The County of Kings along with the Village of New Minas are looking into the possibility of having this section of the trail repaired. A study has been proposed by the County of Kings and Village of New Minas which should provide recommendations and the cost to restore this section of the trail. The estimated cost of this study will be \$50,000 and a request from the County of Kings has been asked of the Town of Kentville to fund 1/3 of this study cost.

Point from Discussion:

- Perhaps our Town and or County engineers could work on the project.
- Valley Ren should be involved as there may be funding available from this group.
- Even though the eroded area is not part of the Kentville trail system, it does benefit tourism in our town, as well as the businesses.

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

that a letter be sent to the Valley REN, on behalf of the Town of Kentville, requesting funding support for this project

MOTION CARRIED

(g) Parks and Recreation –Andre Bouchard

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill stated that Andre Bouchard, an employee of the Recreation Department, has been invited to attend the 2016 Canadian Park Summit. This summit is by invitation only and is considered quite an honor.

(h)Kings County Coalition c/o David Ritcey-Governance Study

Mayor David Corkum and Council spoke their thoughts regarding the Governance Study and petition presented earlier in the evening by Dave Ritcey.

Points from Discussion:

- We all need to work together and not proceed with negativity.
- Facts need to be stated as there is a lot of misleading information being circulated.
- Kentville has the 3rd lowest residential tax rate and the 4th lowest commercial tax rate in all of Nova Scotia.
- The Town of Kentville has good financial stability and has no need for amalgamation with the County of Kings.
- The Town of Kentville does often work in conjunction with other municipalities.
- Kentville is involved with the Kings 2050 Report which included most of the requests being made by the Coalition.
- Personal attacks are unnecessary and upsetting.
- Council acknowledges there is still work to be done and they welcome and appreciate public input.
- General public requires more information that perhaps we have been presenting.
- Some very valuable comments were made in this petition and they are appreciated as part of public engagement.
- Kentville Council requires public input from its citizens in order to go forward with the work that needs to be done.
- Public input will help Council made better decisions.

At his time Deputy Mayor Pearl put forth a motion

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

that written communication be established on behalf on Council to provide further clarity to Kentville residents on the following key areas:

Facts and STATS about Kentville, Council's current position on governance review, The Kings 2050 Report, Highlight Business Community Stakeholders – Roles and Responsibilities and Kentville's response to Kentville citizen comments made under the Kings Coalition petition

And further

The written communication is to be published on the Town's website

MOTION CARRIED

At his time Councilor Bill Boyd put forth a motion

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

that Council and KDCL jointly hold a public input session for the purpose of collecting feedback from the business community to help identify the current and future issues affecting business and economic growth in Kentville

And further

that the comments regarding the Kentville business environment identified in the Kings Coalition Petition be brought forward to that session

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vic DeBeer, Klondyke Street:

- There are more negative comments than positive ones in the petition and that indicated to me that some serious issues exist and need to be addressed.
- A study could provide some solutions/recommendations to the problems that need to be addressed.
- Perhaps the Town of Kentville was worried about the end result if they did participate in this study.

George Mutch, Belcher Street:

- The public has elected you and we hope and expect that you do the best you can for us.
- No one here thinks you do not have the best interest of the citizens at heart.

- Perhaps Council has taken some comments as negative criticism of the job they are doing.
- Cannot understand why Council does not want to find a way to do things a little bit better. Participating in this study should point them out.

Doug Morrison, Aylesford Lake(Former business owner in Kentville):

- Congratulations to Mayor Corkum, you wear your heart on your sleeve when it comes to Kentville.
- Nola, you gave an excellent presentation and thought the audience really listened well to her.
- Would like information on Kings 2050 and perhaps this information could be given out to the public. Perhaps a lot of people may be unaware of this report as he was.
- Good luck in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

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

that the meeting adjourns at 9:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

IN CAMERA

Land Negotiations (Former KCA Site)