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COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 13, 2009 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Director Debra Crowell, Director Greg Kehoe, Director Bev Gentleman, Director Mark Phillips, Police Chief Mark Mander

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor David Corkum called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m., and CAO Keith Robicheau reported that all Council members were present.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

that the agenda be approved with the addition of

2.a. Moment of Silence

5.d. Annapolis Valley Industrial Park

MOTION CARRIED

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Bob Higgins

Mayor Corkum called for a Moment of Silence to remember Bob Higgins, a long time community member who served the Town of Kentville very well for many decades. He had been a principal at KCA and had also served on numerous Town committees– Parks and Recreation Committee, the Kentville Pool Committee, Tennis Court Committee, Green Areas Committee, Library Committee, and so on. Bob will be missed as an exceptional individual and a good friend.

PRESENTATION

Workshop – ICSP Priority Setting

Brennan Vogel introduced a team from Cities and

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Environment Unit (CEU) from Dalhousie University, who in turn introduced themselves (Mark Meaner, Christine O'Toole and Christian Smith). These individuals work with communities as a planning, research and action group to develop plans. They outlined the structure of their company, which includes planners, architects, student interns and production staff, and noted that the methodologies they use in working with sustainability plans involve project-driven approach with a focus on local action and building capacity.

As a team, they gave an overview of what has been done to date with Kentville's ICSP plan and mapped out some of the goals that the Town wishes to achieve. The vision for Kentville has been established previously and was adopted by Council. They further noted that the Cities and Environment Unit can be contracted to work on the action piece of the plan, which turns the vision into policies.

As a workshop project with Council, they initiated an exercise called a "Charrette" and explained how that works through collaboration, during which, moments of intensity and excitement will take the project forward by leaps and bounds. The concept is to involve as many people as possible to share ideas, and they suggested that future "charettes" should involve much of the community.

The group had prepared a "charette" on Centre Square as an exercise relating to one of the pillars of the ICSP - the social and cultural aspect of the Town. They invited Council to join them at the table to discuss the goals in detail.

Points from discussion

- Centre Square was identified as an area where events and special programs can take place, and also provides a parking area for downtown.
- Centre Square (as a People Place) was built in the 1980s and was very well used for community events.
- Over the years vandalism, loitering and criminal activity has reduced its original use.
- More recently, with the Farmer's Market, Movie Nights, etc., Centre Square has gained more community use.
- More consistent use of the Square would push those other (less desirable) elements from the area.
- Parking would be lost if the Square became a park and the business community and residents would be

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upset.

- Although there is nearby parking, people do not want to walk to get to the service that they are attempting to access.
- A welcoming green space is important to a small Town, as this is not available in larger centres.
- The summer months would benefit from the “park” in Centre Square.
- Perhaps the Farmer’s Market and other special events could be moved.
- With the inclusion of a large number of seniors in the downtown, more thought must be given to their comfort, like benches, street furniture, well lighted and safe walking spaces.
- The downtown streets and areas within Centre Square are the backyards for many people living in the downtown.
- Benches on Main Street would be better used after business hours.
- Centre Square is 95% a parking lot and 5% a venue for community events.
- The back of those businesses bordering on Centre Square could open into the Square.
- The lack of parking in the downtown has been a perennial problem which is typical of most urban environments.
- Ideally Centre Square should be a park, not a parking lot, but parking would have to be created in other places.
- Families attend organized events in Centre Square, but there is no reason to come downtown if there is nothing going on.
- Other issues affecting the downtown would be business retention and a downtown VIC.

(Some plans from other communities had been left with Brennan, and he will make them available to Council for perusal and as references, should Council consider engaging CEU to work with them on the plan.)

**APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES**

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

**that the Minutes of September 28, 2009 be
approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

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

(a) Kentville Futures Site

CAO Robicheau reported that senior staff has been involved in discussions regarding the use of the Kentville Future site property and that Town Engineer Greg Kehoe was asked to share with Council some of the property issues regarding the future use and/or sale of this property.

Director Kehoe stated that it is important to place the roads properly to service those lots which are for sale. He identified a potential road that would divert a lot of the thru traffic from downtown and may become part of a connection for a future second bridge across the Cornwallis River to Brooklyn Street.

Some issues with the “dyke” road

- The Town must develop this land with future transportation in mind.
- Traffic flow would work better coming from east to west, as traffic from the other direction would face a one way street, thereby, limiting flow.
- Perhaps a round-about or traffic circle could coordinate some of the traffic in that area (River, Aberdeen and Cornwallis Streets). Council should consider a study on what this would cost.
- This road would be built on top of the dyke, however, a walking or biking trail would follow the road.
- The intersection of Main Street, West Main and Park Street is poorly designed and must be addressed, especially with the new school. Signals will have to be installed at the intersection.
- The road could be partially built on the dyke, with a cul-de-sac, to be opened in the future to connect to the other proposed roads.
- Council must decide what type of lighting should be erected along this road.
- Underground lighting costs 3 times more than other lighting.

Other development considerations

- A storm water easement crosses K2 and this takes the water from downtown Kentville and pumps it into the river.
- Removal of this easement would be costly and most development could be worked around that area, so as

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to make it still accessible for repairs.

- The land expropriated from Welton could be used for constructing part of the roadway (by moving it further to the east) or for other uses, like parking.
- Jason Shannon committed to Council access to these lots from a driveway into the Shannex development.
- Above-ground power could be continued along River Street, with utility poles above ground, and the street light cables underground. That would be funded under capital work.
- Lines should be installed underground for the ornamental lighting along the waterfront and River Street.
- Above-ground services would be installed for other uses.
- There are no requirements for developers to install underground lighting.
- Sale of lot K2 could be conditional on underground lines for lighting.
- The lots for sale involve K2, the lot beside the Police Station, the Irving leased lands and the old Cornwallis Machine shop property.
- These lots need to be subdivided and surveyed.
- Environmental reports show that K2 can be developed commercially, however, the Town is expecting reports on the other 2 properties.
- Council is interested in commercial development but would consider mixed use.
- The extension of West Main Street to Harrington Crossing could use excavated soil from the construction of the new school, as could several other locations.
- The connector road from Park Street to West Main Street will involve a bus lane and can be built next summer, when the water and sewer services are installed.
- Kings Riverside Park has additional land which had been originally intended for buildings for assisted living, but it appears it may now be used for commercial.

Great Valley Juices

- This building creates problems with the dyke construction and the installation of power to the dykes.

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- GVJ offered to sell the property (much of which is swamp land) for a great deal of money.
- To provide an easement over the GVJ land (for power poles to operate the dyke pumps) the Town would be charged over \$600,000.
- The dyke in this area would not require a great deal of earthwork. However, in the event of flooding, the Town could access that land to increase the elevation of the dyke.
- Permanent power to the pumps cannot be installed, although temporary power has worked well so far.
- GVJ building is partially located on Town land.
- It would cost about \$40,000 to install power underground across Town land.
- It might be possible to convince GVJ (instead of expropriation) to access a small portion of land to install power.

(b) Open House

CAO Robicheau noted that in a previous meeting, Council expressed the need to hold an “open house” in order that citizens would have the opportunity to learn of the many issues being addressed by Town Council and to ask questions regarding specific concerns. He added that senior staff has discussed this event and have made some suggestions.

The public Open House could be held at Town Hall, with displays set up for the various departments during the day of the Council Meeting. The regular meeting would take place that evening as scheduled, at which any formal presentations could be made. The date proposed was November 30th, with the Open House operating from 3:00 until 4:30 with the Council meeting that evening, perhaps starting earlier at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m.

Points from discussion

- All agreed that this format and date would work.
- There are “hot button” issues like the new school, trail development, etc. and perhaps displays, plans and information should be set up at the Recreation Centre, allowing for one-on-one dialogue.
- Each department would display information about their service, and staff would be available to answer any questions from the public.
- Citizens may attend for a specific issue but may not

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wish to hang around after their questions are answered.

- An introduction should be given beforehand, so that residents get an overview of some of the issues of interest and some direction as to where the displays are set up.

(c) Committees of Council Policy Statement G-57

CAO Keith Robicheau reported that a draft policy has been prepared by the Town Clerk and that this addresses the Committees of Council. It points out those standing committees which are appointed yearly, their composition and mandate. Reference was also made to special, select and advisory committees, however, a short-coming to this policy is the exclusion of a Nominating Committee. He added that this draft is for discussion purposes at this point in time.

Points from Discussion

- One of the reasons for this exercise was to identify some areas that could be combined or streamlined for efficiency. (i.e. parking and transportation services). Other committees may not be necessary if they serve no purpose.
- The Town may find it necessary to continue with the current committee members, ignoring the expiry date until Council can complete the evaluation.
- Council must also decide the frequency of meetings for each committee.
- There are some areas in this draft policy that might warrant additional discussion such as the Mayor's position as ex officio and voting.

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

Recommendation to Council

that a recommendation be made to Council that a workshop be included on the agenda of the next meeting of CAC, so as to allow full discussion on the proposed policy, Policy G57 – Committees of Council.

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(d) Industrial Park

CAO Robicheau reported that there was nothing to add at this time.

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**DEPARTMENTAL
REPORTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) Finance
(i) Director's Report**

Director Debra Crowell reported that \$2.03 million was processed recently for final tax bills; utility meters were read; capital project invoices are on-going; and that the Town's accountant attended the annual Diamond Conference, while she attended the annual Association of Municipal Administrators Conference.

In addition, she presented some highlights from Schedules A & B – Revenue and Expenditures, Schedule C- Summary of Outstanding Taxes, Schedule D - and E& F – Perpetual Investment Fund) She added that the Fall Debenture of \$958,000 will arrive on October 27th and that this will complete the projects for 2008-2009, at the lowest interest rate the Town has seen.

She expounded upon the various schedules attached and answered questions that arose.

(Note: at 3:50 p.m. Mayor David Corkum asked Deputy Mayor Cooper to take over the meeting, as he excused himself.)

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

that the Finance Director's report be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- There is little risk with outstanding taxes.
- Some risk may exist with business occupancy, although the Town can restrain for goods and the rest is guaranteed with collection through tax sale.
- The Regional Housing Authority costs represent the Town's share of maintenance and upkeep of those properties. \$55,000 has been put in as a benchmark.
- The Town's contribution to housing will be phased out over the next three years, although no information has been received as to how this will be done.
- Approximately 80% of payments are made electronically.

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(ii) Recommendation Policy G37- Tax Reduction

Director Debra Crowell submitted a written report regarding this policy and a request received from a property owner in Kentville. As this property has become unusable due to a fire, the owner John Budden, is requesting a reduction in his taxes.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

Recommendation to Council

that a recommendation be made to Town Council that, subject to receipt of a letter from the building inspector regarding the building's uselessness, and following receipt of a new valuation from Property Valuation Services Corp, that the taxes owed on this property be reduced in proportion to its reduction in value.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) Annapolis Valley Regional Library – Funding Formula

Director Crowell reported that the funding method endorsed by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities was forwarded to Cabinet for possible inclusion in the Provincial Budget for 2009-2010, and although the provincial mandatory amount for funding of the AVRL was for \$34,400, the funding cited in the Memorandum of Understanding was for \$37,700.

The Library Board has since voted to request its municipal partners to continue to fund it at the MOU levels, as this will enable it to provide new services.

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

Recommendation to Council

that a recommendation be made to Town Council to continue to fund the board of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library at \$37,700, however, the Board be notified that this additional \$3,300 be considered a supplement only for this year.

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Points from Discussion

- \$37,700 was budgeted by the Town
- The Town is only responsible for \$34,400.
- This amount could be offered this year, however, AVRL Board should understand that Council will review this overpayment next year during budget deliberations.
- The Province did not support the regional library to the level anticipated, and therefore the Board is unable to offer the programs which it wishes, unless municipal partners pay the difference.

(Note: at 4:12 p.m. Mayor David Corkum returned to the chair)

(iv) Projections

Finance Director Crowell reported that as of September 30, 2009, a deficit of \$7,800 is projected for year-end. Some of the items affecting this deficit, compared to the \$17,200 surplus projected last month, do not involve any real changes in net revenue. However, increased expenses, especially for charitable deductions at about \$9,000, are affecting the bottom line, along with animal control expenses and the deficit incurred by Kings Transit. These items have contributed to an overall increase in expenses to \$25,000.

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

that the Finance Director's Report on Projections be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Planning and Development

(i) Director's Report

Director Beverley Gentleman reported that 2 permits have been issued since last reporting, for a \$50,500 total. She also noted that with the ICSP project, a questionnaire has been completed to determine potential action items. With rezoning applications, Second Reading was given to the amendments to the LUB for the development on Chester Avenue by Rodger Cameron, and if no appeals are received before October 20th, work can proceed. With the St. Joseph's MPS and LUB amendments, ministerial approval is not required, and therefore, notice of passing has been

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published. She added that 25 new lots are being finalized for the MacDougall Heights Subdivision.

Lastly, she noted the meetings she has recently attended, following which it was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Mark Pearl

that the Director of Planning and Development's report be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- Nothing has been heard from the NS Liquor Corporation, however, the Town might be contacted only if NSLC is interested in property at the Kentville Future site.
- The Town should more extensively advertise the sale of the land in downtown Kentville.
- Requests for submissions for development should be sent to the provincial paper (to direct interested parties to the Town's website)
- This type of advertisement can be arranged when the other remediation documents have been received.
- Perhaps the Town should target specific developers (i.e. hotel chains) rather than advertise in the Globe and Mail, as this might be more cost effective and feasible.
- A development officer from Kings RDA has been giving direction to potential purchasers of Kentville Futures Site property to contact the Town and he has had several requests for information.
- The Planning Director will check out a rumour about an additional use at a local pub.

(ii) ICSP Questionnaire

ICSP coordinator Brennan Vogel reported that a draft questionnaire has been prepared for completion by key stakeholders, like Council and others who have an interest in the four pillars of the program. He added that there are 2 parts to this aspect of gathering further information – one which will be this questionnaire (with an email and phone call directly to individuals) and another for the general public which will be posted on the Town's website. He asked that Council review the draft questionnaire and make any comments prior to implementing it. Council input on the questions is encouraged.

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During some questions about the ICSP, it was noted that to retain CEU to complete the ICSP project, it would cost approximately \$9,000. The ICSP Steering Committee decided to bring this group in for the workshop held earlier in the evening. Their involvement would continue to give impetus to this project, and funding for their costs would be available through the gas tax funding. However, further discussion is required.

(iii) Committee Report

Councilor Mark Pearl had nothing further to report.

(d) Parks and Recreation

(i) Director's Report

Director Phillips reported that it appears that 12 solar panels will be installed at the arena as part of the NSPI Community Project; investigation continues on the Zamboni replacement; the Friends of the Library hosted a Site Celebration on October 3rd; signage and barricade upgrades are taking place on the trail; the bridge fabrication for the Ducks Unlimited project has been undertaken; work continues on the clock project and the Apple Blossom monument; the Harvest Festival was a great success, and the Pumpkin People are once again being well received by the community and tourists to the area.

He gave a comprehensive report on the work being done in relation to the new school and after- school programs for physical activity have been set up. The Farmers' Market has ended for the year and the Recreation NS Conference will take place from October 14 to 17th.

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

that the Director of Parks and Recreation's report be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- More signage is needed to direct people to the trails.
- Consideration should be given about what type of clock should be erected. A committee has been set to address these issues.
- There were 330 Pumpkin People made, although some have been used as replacements.
- Perhaps in future years, more Pumpkin People could

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be put up prior to the Harvest Festival.

- Oakdene Soccer Field Opening will be scheduled soon.

(ii) Committee Report

Councilor Nola Folker Hill had nothing further to report.

(e) Police

(i) Chief's Report

Chief Mark Mander reported that the Harvest Festival was a good opportunity for police involvement and their mobile command unit, motorcycle and police cruiser were put on public display. Child ID fingerprinting was also carried out. He added that an individual has been arrested in the robbery at the Ultramar and also compared the foot patrols carried out by members over a three-month period. Other stats regarding incidents responded to by the Police, were also made available.

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

that the Police Chief's report be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- A large number of young people are walking the streets at 3 a.m. after the bars close.
- Constant communication continues with the Liquor Control Board. The Liquor Inspector has been very involved with this scenario.
- The Police and Police Commission should react to the policing of the pubs, not Town Council.
- A letter from the Chairman of the Police Commission should be sent to the Liquor Control Board and the pub itself, in which these concerns are expressed, also on behalf of Town Council.

(ii) Board Report

Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper reported that the nightly disturbances outside a local pub will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

(f) Transportation Services

(i) Director's Report

Director Greg Kehoe reported that public works crews

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continue to be busy with capital projects and a number of staff has passed a traffic control and signage course. He gave an overview of the status of some of the capital projects and noted that a dedicated operator has been hired for the Regional Sewer System, and that the committee continues to meet.

With the Kentville Futures Site, he stated that a good discussion had taken place earlier in the evening and work continues regarding the remediation costs for the Irving site. Lastly, Director Kehoe reported that a committee meeting was held on September 15th.

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

that the report from the Director of Transportation be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Committee Report

Councilor Bill Boyd had nothing further to report.

(g) Water Commission

(i) Director's Report

Director Greg Kehoe reported that the water rate hearing date has been scheduled for December 8th in the Council Chambers. He added that repairs have been scheduled to the water systems and this will affect those residents on the upper end of Prospect Avenue. The water will be shut off during the repairs on Wednesday and notices have been hand-delivered to the residents who will be affected.

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

that the report from the Director of the Water Commission be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Commission Report

Mayor David Corkum had nothing further to report.

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(h) Administration

(i) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CAO Keith Robicheau reported that there has been some interest in purchasing the property for sale at the Kentville Future Site and an offer has been received on a small portion of land west of the Police Station. When the disclosure is received from Torgney, the Town will be able to move ahead. With the NSPI Solar Thermal Demonstration Project, a formal recognition should be made when the solar panels are installed. Training for installers is being arranged at NSCC.

It appears that KPSC will meet on October 29th at 7:00 p.m. and this will be confirmed with those council representatives; the joint Council meeting of Kings RDA is scheduled for November 12 and more will follow on that, as well. Legal notice has been received that proceedings will begin soon on the education issue, and the Town might wish to exercise the option to join with other municipalities in sharing legal representation. However, further investigation must be carried out prior to retaining another law firm.

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

that the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Carol Harmes noted that work continues on some of the older bylaws, however, to ensure that there is no gap, she will bring these to Council following the adoption of the new Committee of Council Policy, addressed earlier.

She added that a Notice of Second Reading has been sent to the local paper and placed on our website for Chapter 82 – User Fees for Tax Information and Chapter 82 – Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw and Chapter 4 – Town Council Bylaw.

Lastly, she noted that an Ergonomic Study has been done of the office environment and in the council chambers through Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded

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by Councilor Tony Bentley

that the report from the Town Clerk be received.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Resolution – Climate Change

Councilor Eric Bolland noted that on October 24, 2009, a day of action is being planned to share the united worldwide message of the urgent need for global leadership in the reduction of green house gas emissions. He further added that during recent surveys of Kentville citizens, as part of the ICSP project, that concern has been expressed over the issues surrounding climate change.

Therefore, he asked that Council supports and endorses a resolution addressing this issue.

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

***Recommendation to
Council***

that a recommendation be made to Town Council to support and endorse the global need for all countries of the world to collectively reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by at least 45 % from 1990 levels by 2020, and by at least 95% from 1990 levels by 2050, to meet the target of 350 ppm of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere

And further

Supports and endorses the need for the new global climate agreement to be strong, equitable and grounded in the latest science and appropriately meet the scale of the climate crisis

And further

supports and endorses the planetary day of action being planned for October 24, 2009 through 350.org, to share in the united worldwide message of the urgent need for global leadership to respond appropriately to the issue of global climate change.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- There should be some feedback as to the success of this type of commitment.
- UNSM will also address this issue through its

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Sustainability Officer.

- A photograph should be arranged with the 350 sign, along with a Press Release.

(b) Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Mayor David Corkum presented the policy regarding the appointment of Deputy Mayor and explained the procedure should there be only one candidate or if there is an election.

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

that Councilor Bill Boyd be nominated as Deputy Mayor.

(Councilor Boyd agreed to let his name remain.)

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

that the election for Deputy Mayor be tabled until the next meeting of Council

MOTION DEFEATED

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

that Councilor Eric Bolland be nominated as Deputy Mayor.

(Councilor Bolland agreed to let his name remain.)

With no further nominations, an election was called.

Following a brief speech by each candidate as to his commitment to the Deputy Mayor's position, an election was called. Following this Councilor Bill Boyd was declared Deputy Mayor.

A motion was made by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper

Recommendation to Council

that a recommendation be made to Council that Councilor Bill Boyd be appointed as Deputy

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Mayor

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

that the ballots be destroyed.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) VCFN – Donald Clarke

CAO Robicheau reported that a letter from this organization asked that the Town of Kentville consider becoming a partner with the Valley Community Fibre Network. He noted that there were a number of considerations to be made prior to this decision. The advantages and disadvantages of being a partner and the costs to the town must be evaluated.

Points from Discussion

- Past presenters did not clearly point out the pros and cons of partnership to this organization, so someone who can answer all the questions should be asked to attend a meeting.
- Perhaps a presentation could be done at the next CAC meeting.
- Pertinent financial information would be required beforehand.
- A staff report should also be made available to Council on how this would work at the Town.

By consensus, it was agreed

that Mr. Clarke would be asked to attend the next meeting of Council Advisory Committee and that a report would be requested from staff.

AGREED

(b) White Family Funeral Home – 95 Cornwallis Street

A letter was received from Cyril White in which he asked that the Town give consideration to selling 95 Cornwallis Street for use by his company.

CAO Robicheau reported that parts of the building are

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currently well used, however, the Town might be interested in entering into a lease arrangement for the other space in this building, currently not used by the library or the Town.

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

that the letter be received.

MOTION CARRIED

An amendment was proposed by Councilor Bill Boyd and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper

***Recommendation to
Council***

that a letter be sent to the White Family Funeral Home stating that the Town may be interested in disposing of this property in the future, however must determine beforehand whether or not it will be required for the realignment of the new bridge or for the installation of a traffic circle at this corner,

and further,

that should the property be considered surplus in the future, that the Town must follow those requirements set out in the Municipal Government Act and its own policies regarding the disposal of property.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- The MGA states that the Town must sell or lease surplus land at market value.
- It may not be appropriate to sell the property, as the bridge may need to be realigned and other traffic flow patterns may need to be addressed.
- The Town may have no future use for this building.
- In the past, adjacent land owners have been made aware that a neighbouring property is for sale.
- The building may have to be removed, to allow space for a round-about and bridge realignment.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that the meeting adjourns at 5:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED