

TOWN OF KENTVILLE KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes: February 25th, 2019

PRESENT

Mayor Sandra Snow, Deputy Mayor Cate Savage, Councillor Eric Bolland, Councillor Craig Gerrard, and Councillor Lynn Pulsifer.

Regrets: Councillor John Andrew and Councillor Cathy Maxwell.

Staff in attendance included Solicitor Geoff Muttart, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Mark Phillips and Recording Secretary Jennifer West.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Sandra Snow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and CAO Phillips reported that all members of Council were present except Councillor Andrew and Councillor Maxwell.

Note: *“Points from Discussion” below show various comments made by individual councillors during debate. They do not necessarily represent the opinion of the group, nor do they always reflect accurate information.*

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

That the agenda of February 25th, 2019 be approved with the following additions:

- Addition of 6.b Light Up Blue for Kentville

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) Minutes of Council meeting on January 28th, 2019

That the minutes from the Council meeting of January 28, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Nova Scotia Power Incorporated Property Easement

CAO Phillips gave a verbal update on the property on Main Street which allows the Town to supply full time power to a pumping station near the Shannex facility. Currently there is a generator on site as needed. This report will come back to council when it is complete.

5. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Council Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Savage presented the following recommendations from the Council Advisory Committee:

(1) Recommendation – Capital Reserve Equipment Withdrawal

At the February 11th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell presented her report outlining the request for a withdrawal of \$71,554.21 from the Town of

Kentville Capital Equipment Reserve for the acquisition of a sidewalk machine (plowing and salting).

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Savage and seconded by Councillor Eric Bolland

That the attached resolution be approved for a withdrawal of \$71,554.21 from the Town of Kentville Capital Equipment Reserve to fund 2018-2019 transportation equipment acquisitions.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Bolland, Gerrard, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(2) Recommendation – Capital Reserve Withdrawal Fund

At the February 11th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell presented her report outlining a request to withdraw \$187,003.99 from the Town of Kentville Capital Reserve for General Allocation, Kentville Futures and Recreation.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Savage and seconded by Councillor Lynn Pulsifer

That the attached resolution be approved for a withdrawal of \$187,003.99 from the following reserves:

Town of Kentville Capital Reserve – General Allocation	\$145,861.45
Town of Kentville Capital Reserve – Kentville Futures	\$6,046.16
Town of Kentville Capital Reserve – Recreation	\$35,096.38

And further that these transfers will partially fund several capital acquisitions, additions and an overrun during the year 2018-2019.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Bolland, Gerrard, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(3) Recommendation – Low Income Property Tax Exemption

At the February 11th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell also presented her annual report on the income ceiling to support a partial tax exemption to individual property owners who meet certain requirements. The exemption amount is \$253 - \$529, the income ceiling is \$27,048 and the deadline for applications is June 28, 2019.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Savage and seconded by Councillor Eric Bolland

That the attached resolution for Low Income Tax Exemption for the 2019/2020 year be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Bolland, Gerrard, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(4) Recommendation – Rezoning Application for Open Arms

At the February 11th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Gentleman presented her report highlighting the application by Open Arms Resource Centre Society to rezone three properties to High Density Residential (R4). The purpose of the rezoning application is to develop the property into 60 units on the combined properties. The application was reviewed for compliance with the current Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS). The review of policy statements indicates that the proposal does not meet all of the goals of the MPS, particularly the goal of protecting the character of residential neighbourhoods (encouraging single dwelling lots and small one- and two-unit developments).

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Savage and seconded by Councillor Lynn Pulsifer

That Council not approve the Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone properties at 118 Oakdene Avenue, PID#55258701 from One and Two-Unit Dwelling (R2) to High Density Residential (R4); and PIDs#55349039 and 55349047 from Single Unit Dwelling (R1) to High Density Residential (R4).

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Bolland, Gerrard, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(5) Recommendation – Policy Review for Council Meeting Policy and Council Reports Policy

After a policy statement is reviewed by council, the policy is reviewed again after 6 months. This second review process allows council to discuss the performance of the revised policy statement and make any necessary changes or updates. The following policies were presented to council at the January 14th 2019 Council Advisory Committee meeting for review. At the February 11th CAC meeting, council reviewed the revisions to these policies.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Savage and seconded by Councillor Eric Bolland

That council adopt the revised Policy Statement G69 Council Reports.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Bolland, Gerrard, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Savage and seconded by Councillor Lynn Pulsifer

That council adopt the revised Policy Statement G70 Council Meetings.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Bolland, Gerrard, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(6) Recommendation – Regional Emergency Evacuation Plan

At the February 11th CAC meeting, Dan Stovel, Coordinator of the Kings Regional Emergency Management Organization, gave a presentation about a regional emergency evacuation plan. With discussion and approval from the Planning Advisory Committee, the proposed evacuation plan is a coordinated plan for disasters including snow, fire, flooding and other disasters and events.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Savage and seconded by Councillor Lynn Pulsifer

That council approve the attached Regional Emergency Evacuation Plan from the Kings Regional Emergency Management Organization.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Bolland, Gerrard, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(7) Recommendation – Council Direction to the Chief Administrative Officer

During a closed session of the February 11th CAC meeting, council gave direction to the Chief Administrative Officer on a matter relating to Land.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Savage and seconded by Councillor Eric Bolland

That the council approve the directions provided to CAO in the Closed Session on 11 February on the matter of Land.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Bolland, Gerrard, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(b) Councillor's Reports

(1) Councillor John Andrew (absent)

Report available

(2) Deputy Mayor Cate Savage

Deputy Mayor Savage presented her report on her activities over the past month. Several meetings were cancelled due to snow storms. Some highlights include a meeting held to review the CAO performance evaluation process. Diversity Kings is seeking more representation at the Kentville Multicultural Festival. Diversity Kings will reach out to the local First Nations Community regarding a name for the street in the Business Park.

Report available

(3) Councillor Eric Bolland

Councillor Bolland presented his report on his activities over the past month. Some highlights include the board of the Valley Waste discussions about collection costs for multi use residential buildings and commercial properties.

Report available

(4) Councillor Cathy Maxwell (absent)

Report available

(5) Councillor Lynn Pulsifer

Councillor Pulsifer presented her report on her activities over the past month. Some highlights included a library board meeting where the funding model was discussed as well as advocacy and community events at libraries. The Kentville Library is one of the most well used and busiest in the valley.

Report available

(6) Councillor Craig Gerrard

Councillor Gerrard presented his report on his activities over the past month. Highlights included the Police Commission meeting- staff promotions, citizen appointees, UN policing, and the upcoming Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police annual conference.

Report available

(c) Mayor Sandra Snow

Mayor Snow presented her report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included a Mayors meeting in Cape Breton, with discussion around single use plastic bags at this meeting. Grocery bags are difficult to recycle and there is a movement to reduce these bags in municipalities. Halifax and Kings Municipality have started the process of eliminating single use bags. Moving toward our Strategic Plan, this should be considered as part of an environmental policy. NSFM will implement a single use plastic bag reduction workshop at the upcoming conference.

Report available

Mayor Snow has been invited to attend the annual meeting of the Network of Michelin Cities, in Spain in March of 2019. Due to this travel, Mayor Snow will not be available to chair the March council meeting.

Memo available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councillor Craig Gerrard

That the reports from Council and the Mayor be accepted as presented

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: *Bolland, Gerrard, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow*

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Glooscap Curling Club – Crescent Avenue Property – February 14, 2019

CAO Phillips read a letter from the Glooscap Curling Club outlining a request for resolution around a property issue with the Town. Part of the curling club parking lot is on Town property, and this area is optimal for the installation of an accessibility ramp for the front entrance. There are several options to resolve this issue including gifting the property parcel to the Club, or a cost sharing agreement.

Letter available

- Points of Discussion
 - What are the options for this lot? In this case, a portion of the street would need to be closed without restricting access to driveways or easements (eg stormwater).
 - What is the size of the parcel of land? Around 20' by 20', but it would be reasonable for the Town to give them enough land to resolve the issue and not come back to the Town in the future.

(b) Light It Up Blue for Kentville – Harrison Czapalay – Autism Awareness

Saturday March 30 to Tuesday April 2nd is Light it up Blue for Autism Awareness, and Kentville Town Hall will participate in this initiative. Rockwells Home Hardware is participating in this campaign by selling these blue light bulbs. The organizer is trying to have all communities where there is a Home Hardware stores participate. Perhaps downtown businesses would be interested in participating in this initiative as well.

7. NEW BUSINESS

(a) No new business.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephen Pearl – Kentville

Would council consider incorporating a question and answer period as part of the council meetings? As meetings are going a bit faster now, perhaps there is time at the end of the meetings to allow for audience to ask for clarification about council meeting topics.

9. IN CAMERA

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by EB and seconded by LP

That the February 25th 2019 meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.