

TOWN OF KENTVILLE KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes: April 29th, 2019

PRESENT

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

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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

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.

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

It was moved that the agenda of April 29th, 2019 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) Minutes of Council meeting on March 25th, 2019

It was moved that the minutes of March 25th, 2019 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Kentville Historical Society

Carol Goodwin, board member with the Kentville Historical Society, gave a presentation about the need for an agreement between the Town and the Society regarding a green space near the site of the Society on the former AVCC building which is owned by the Town.

- Points of Discussion
 - What is the estimate of cost? Other funding sources and fundraising would support the cost. One estimate is \$40,000 for this project.
 - This project should be in keeping with the upcoming Active Transportation Plan.
 - There are partnership opportunities with the NSCC and Dalhousie horticulture design departments that the Society is willing to explore. Carol has extensive relationships with these departments, and experiences in community green space management and landscape design groups.

Presentation available

It was moved by Councillor Maxwell and seconded by Councillor Bolland
To amend the agenda and move the New Business item 8.a regarding the Kentville Historical Society to section 5 in the agenda.

Members who voted in favour of this motion: Bolland, Maxwell, Pulsifer

Members who voted against this motion: Andrew, Gerrard, Savage and Snow

MOTION FAILED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Update on the Nova Scotia Power Property Easement

CAO Phillips gave a verbal update on the property easement with Nova Scotia Power, which is in the hands of the legal department of NSPI.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Council Advisory Committee

Councillor Lynn Pulsifer presented the following recommendations from the Council Advisory Committee:

(1) Recommendation – Withdraw from Capital Reserve

At the April 8th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell presented the report recommending a withdrawal of \$56,125.43 from the Capital Reserve (General Allocation) to fund upgrades to the Visitor Information Centre, the Gorge to support Canada Cup, and administrative projects.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Lynn Pulsifer and seconded by Councillor Bolland

That Council approve the attached resolution for a withdrawal of \$56,125.43 from the Town of Kentville Capital Reserve – General Allocation, to partially fund several capital acquisitions (as listed) during the year 2018-2019.

MOTION CARRIED

Members who voted in favour of this motion:

Andrew, Bolland, Gerrard, Maxwell, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(2) Recommendation – Debenture Preapproval

At the April 8th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell presented the report outlining the debenture funds which will be issued this Spring by the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation in the amount of \$731,400.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That Council approve the Resolution TBR-18/19-01 for pre-approval of Debenture Issuance in the amount of \$731,400 and forwarded to a Special Council meeting for ratification.

And further, after ratification, it be forwarded to the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation to complete the Town's debenture issue for Spring 2019.

Approved during the Special Meeting of Council on April 8th, following the April Council Advisory Committee meeting.

(3) Recommendation – Crescent Avenue Property (Glooscap Curling Club)

At the April 8th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Gentleman presented her report on the request from the Glooscap Curling Club regarding a portion of their parking lot and entrance which is on Town property.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

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

That Council direct staff to move forward with closing a portion of Crescent Avenue and deed it to the Glooscap Curling Club for the sum of \$1.00.

And further, that Glooscap Curling Club pay the first \$5000, with the Town assuming additional costs up to \$5000.

And further, that Glooscap Curling Club solicit donations of services from membership to support this transaction.

MOTION CARRIED

Members who voted in favour of this motion:

Andrew, Bolland, Gerrard, Maxwell, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(4) Recommendation – Smoke Free Public Places Bylaw Revision

At the April 8th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Chief Cecchetto presented her report on the recommendations provided by the Kentville Police Commission regarding Kentville's Smoke Free Public Places Act. The changes include wording that reflects the national legislation around cannabis.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

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

It is recommended that the council give First Reading to Chapter 99 Smoke Free Public Places Bylaw with expanded definitions covering Cannabis, public places, smoking and vaping or other methods of inhalation.

And further that council rescind Chapter 84 Smoke Free Public Places upon adoption of Chapter 99.

MOTION CARRIED

Members who voted in favour of this motion:

Andrew, Bolland, Gerrard, Maxwell, Pulsifer, Savage and Snow

(5) Recommendation – Hardware Gallery Lease Extension

At the April 8th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Mayor Snow reviewed the support to date provided to the Gallery from Council and outlined the organization's request. The gallery requested an extension to their lease that would allow them to remain in the Calkin Building to the end of September 2019.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Lynn Pulsifer and seconded by Councillor Andrew

That staff negotiate a lease extension with the Hardware Gallery to the end of September 2019.

MOTION CARRIED

Members who voted in favour of this motion: Andrew, Bolland, Gerrard, Maxwell, Pulsifer, and Savage

Member who voted against this motion: Snow

(6) Recommendation – LUB Amendments

At the April 8th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Zach Best, Development Coordinator with the Kentville Business Community, gave a presentation about recent activities, member survey around signage, and the annual financial status of the organization. KBC has three suggestions for council and staff to consider around signage in the Land Use bylaw.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

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

That council send the recommendations to amend the Land Use Bylaw around signage to staff for review.

MOTION CARRIED

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

(7) Recommendation – Student Bursary Council Appointment

At the April 8th, 2019 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Mayor Snow reviewed the selection committee that supports Policy Statement G18 Student Bursary. Councillor Maxwell has been appointed to this committee in 2017 and 2018 and is interested in continuing this work.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Lynn Pulsifer and seconded by Councillor Andrew

That Councillor Maxwell be appointed to the Student Bursary selection committee for 2019-2020.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Andrew, Bolland, Gerrard, Maxwell, Pulsifer, Savage
and Snow

(b) Councillor's Reports

(1) Councillor John Andrew

Councillor Andrew presented his report on his activities over the past month. Highlights included an MOU with Acadia students for Kings Transit Authority, and the Joint Fire Services Committee. The Joint Fire Services Committee has identified inaccuracies in the payment of Kings County over the past years.

Report available

(2) Deputy Mayor Cate Savage

Deputy Mayor Savage presented her report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included the Investment Committee, Vulnerable Persons Registry for the Kings Regional Emergency Management Organization, Valley Waste, the Kentville Leadership Tea, Diversity Kings, the Provincial Volunteer Awards, Budget Lunch and Learns, Strategic Planning Session, and the Recreation Needs Assessment.

Report available

(3) Councillor Eric Bolland

Councillor Bolland presented his report on his activities over the past month. Highlights included meetings with Valley Waste, and the Kentville Leadership Tea.

Report available

(4) Councillor Cathy Maxwell

Councillor Maxwell presented her report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included the Parks and Recreation Committee, KCA Parent Teacher Association, Volunteer Brunch, Leadership Tea, Budget Lunch and Learns, and the Active Transportation Plan. KCA Walk and Wheel Days are coming up, and also the Spring Concert, planting dates and meat box fundraisers.

Report available

(5) Councillor Lynn Pulsifer

Councillor Pulsifer presented her report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included meetings with Kings Point to Point, Recreation Committee meeting, Budget lunch and learns, and Strategic Planning. At the Annapolis Valley Regional Library board meeting on April 11, discussion around reporting, bylaws and funding. Student presentations from the Kentville Historical Society oral history project.

Report available

(6) Councillor Craig Gerrard

Councillor Gerrard presented his report on his activities over the past month. Highlights included meetings with the Joint Fire Services Committee, Strategic Planning, Budget lunch and learn, Active Transportation Plan and the Needs Assessment.

Report available

(c) Mayor Sandra Snow

Mayor Snow presented her report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included the second Michelin Cities Conference. The conference focussed on sustainability including brownfields, the 8-80 city, and presentations from the European Green Capital Cities. Recommend that the Town continue to participate in this important conference.

Report available

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Pulsifer and seconded by Councillor Andrew

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Ms. Kellie Best – Dedication to Fire Chief Harmon Illsley – April 11, 2019

CAO Phillips read a letter from the daughter of the late Fire Chief Harmon Illsley who would like to have a street or other landmark dedicated to her father.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Kentville Historical Society Request for Park

CAO Phillips reviewed the request from the Kentville Historical Society regarding a space.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Cathy Maxwell and seconded by Councillor Eric Bolland

That council gives the Kentville Historical Society permission to develop the park space.

MOTION FAILED

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

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Cathy Maxwell and seconded by Councillor Eric Bolland

That council support the Kentville Historical Society project in principle and that Town staff and members of the society collaborate to provide a report to council within 30 days.

MOTION CARRIED

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

- Points of Discussion
 - Staff would need to consider the impact on traffic, infrastructure, parking dedicated to that building, public place and community destination, social impacts, affiliation with AT plan. Traffic flow and infrastructure impacts and parking are paramount considerations.
 - What would be the impacts of the site in the future- if the Society moves, if the building sells, etc.

- Fortunate to have someone with such landscape design experience working on this project.
- Having all the information by May council could allow the project to start this spring.
- This is a special opportunity for council for downtown sitting space for gathering using citizen engagement and local partnership. Should not wait for the AT study to be completed to start this project.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(a) Carol Goodwin, Deerhaven Drive

Thank you for the opportunity to work with staff on this amazing green space project.

(b) Seamus McClare, Park Street

- The proposed Kentville Historical Society park plan needs to consider the bus stop and bus traffic in that area.
- Eaves Hollow had a biking accident in that area involving 2 children. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic needs to be assessed in that area, possible related to curbs and steps.
- There is land that can be developed between Prospect and the Gorge. Changing this zoning would be helpful to further developing this area.
- Council can't rezone someone's land, but can be supportive to developers looking to change zoning.

10. IN CAMERA

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Cate Savage and seconded by Councillor John Andrew

That the April 29th 2019 meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.