



TOWN OF KENTVILLE EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING COVID-19 PROTOCOL Meeting Minutes: July 8, 2020

This meeting was held via electronic means in accordance with the Direction from Minister Chuck Porter: “Effective at 2 pm on March 22, 2020, all municipal councils will discontinue holding their meetings in person, instead only virtual meetings may be held by video or telephone. Those virtual meetings must be recorded, and the minutes posted on a public website within 24 hours of the meeting.”

Town Hall is closed to the public. Council voted by poll.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Sandra Snow called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENT

Chief Administrative Office (CAO) Kelly Rice reported that all members of Council were present: Mayor Sandra Snow, Councillor John Andrew, Councillor Eric Bolland, Deputy Mayor Craig Gerrard, Councillor Cathy Maxwell, Councillor Cate Savage and Councillor Lynn Pulsifer.

Staff in attendance included Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Rice, IT Manager Jason Bethune and Recording Secretary Jennifer West.

REGRETS

None.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

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 July 8, 2020 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/OLD BUSINESS

(a) Atlantic PACE Program (Property Assessed Clean Energy)

Mayor Snow gave a background on the Atlantic PACE program application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), which is due July 14. The information for this issue was distributed with the package for the June 29, 2020 meeting of Council. Funding for this program would be sourced by the FCM but municipalities would carry the debt of payments from residents. The Town has been interested in this program but only if it was not funded from our reserves.

Report available

- **Points of Discussion**

- This program does place a financial burden on the Town. It may decrease the Town's ability to borrow other funds because of this debt.
- This program would have been a great opportunity for collaboration with other municipalities but may place too much financial risk to the Town.
- How does this program compare to the program in Berwick? Berwick started their program with the hopes that the FCM grant would come through, but this did not happen. The AREA program has helped to finance their PACE program.
- Need to have the financial stability of the Town as the first priority.
- The Director of Finance has been aware of this program, and she offered her feedback prior to this meeting. She and the CAO have had concerns about the financing for this program since these discussions began.
- What is the rate that FCM is offering? Around 2.2%. Is there any program offered through PACE that isn't available through Clean, NSPI or local solar companies? PACE would have taken advantage of all available rebates in a single package. Towns would take the role of a bank to finance this program.
- Concerns and disappointment about the change in the proposed financing model.
- Future infrastructure upgrades such as Burke subdivision, or building a potential wellness centre, would be better use of financing risk taking.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

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

That Council approve the Property Assessed Clean Energy funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

MOTION FAILED

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor John Andrew

That the July 8, 2020 meeting of Council be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED