



TOWN OF KENTVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes: June 28, 2021

Town Hall, 354 Main Street, Kentville Nova Scotia

This meeting was held in Council Chambers and was livestreamed on Facebook using Zoom. The meeting was posted to YouTube with closed captioning after the meeting.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Sandra Snow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Dan Troke reported that all members of Council were present: Mayor Sandra Snow, Councillor Craig Gerrard, Councillor Paula Huntley, Councillor Cathy Maxwell, Councillor Cate Savage and Councillor Gillian Yorke and Councillor Andrew Zebian.

Staff in attendance included Chief Administrative Officer Dan Troke, and Solicitor Geoff Muttart, IT Manager Jason Bethune (remotely) and Recording Secretary Jennifer West.

REGRETS

None.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Zebian declared a conflict of interest for item 5.a.1, Robinson Property.

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 by Deputy Mayor Cate Savage, and seconded by Councillor Paula Huntley

That the agenda of June 28, 2021 be approved with the following additions:

- **9.a Land matter**
- **9.b Legal matter**

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) Council meeting held on May 31, 2021.

It was moved that the minutes of the Council meeting on May 31, 2021 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / OLD BUSINESS

(a) Alternate Voting Bylaw Second Reading

Mayor Snow reviewed the proposed alternative voting bylaw which would allow municipal elections to be held entirely online or by phone, in some cases.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Cate Savage and seconded by Councillor Paula Huntley

That Council approve second reading of the Alternate Voting Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Huntley, Gerrard, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke and Zebian

5. RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

(a) Council Advisory Committee Reports

(1) Robinson Property

Councillor Andrew Zebian leaves the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor Snow reviewed the sale and proposed development of the Robinson Property by owner Mr. Andrew Zebian. The owner requested to extend one of the terms of development to September 30, 2021.

Report available.

- Discussion
 - Recommend the final completion date to June 30, 2022 be reflected in the amending agreement.

It was moved by Councillor Craig Gerrard and seconded by Councillor Paula Huntley

That Council direct the CAO to engage in an amending agreement with Mike's Clothing for a deadline by Mike's Clothing to September 30, 2021 and completion of construction to June 30, 2022.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

It was moved by Councillor Craig Gerrard and seconded by Councillor Paula Huntley

That Council direct the CAO to execute the amending agreement to adjust the dates and further, the construction completion date to June 30 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

*Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:
Huntley, Maxwell, Savage, and Snow
Councillors who voted against this motion:
Gerrard and Yorke*

Councillor Andrew Zebian returns to his seat.

(2) Kings Regional Emergency Management Organization

CAO Troke reviewed the updated Kings REMO bylaw which will replace the existing Town bylaws.

Report available.

It was moved by Councillor Craig Gerrard and seconded by Councillor Andrew Zebian

That Council give first reading to the Kings REMO bylaw to Town Council.

MOTION CARRIED

*Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:
Huntley, Gerrard, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke and Zebian*

(3) Western Regional Housing Authority Board Vacancy

CAO Troke reviewed the Town's involvement on the Western Regional Housing Authority Board and a request to extend the term of the existing representative.

Report available.

It was moved by Councillor Craig Gerrard and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cate Savage

That Council extend of the term of Kentville representative Ashley Hancock on the Western Regional Housing Authority board.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Huntley, Gerrard, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke and Zebian

(b) Councillors' and Mayor's Reports

(1) Councillor Craig Gerrard

Mayor Snow received Councillor Gerrard's report on his activities over the past month. Highlights included Valley Waste and Regional Fire Services.

Report available for more information.

(2) Councillor Paula Huntley

Mayor Snow received Councillor Huntley's report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included accessibility advisory committee, Kings Point to Point, Festival of Flowers, Women of Excellence awards, affordable housing webinar, professional development around climate change and reconciliation.

- Discussion
 - Regarding the renaming of Cornwallis Street committee. There is no set timeline for the completion of this process.
 - Are other municipalities incorporating affordable housing into their strategic plans? The webinar did not address municipal strategies.
 - Update on the Mentoring Plus program and the change of staff in Kentville. The CAO is also working on this staffing issue for this program.

Report available for more information.

(3) Councillor Cathy Maxwell

Mayor Snow received Councillor Maxwell's report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included accessibility committee meeting, opening of the Kentville Historical Society, and the Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition.

Report available for more information.

(4) Deputy Mayor Cate Savage

Mayor Snow received Councillor Savage's report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included Kentville Business Community board meeting, investment advisory committee, regional sewer committee, the joint fire service commission, women of excellence award and the Pride Walk.

Report available for more information.

- Discussion

- Does the Kentville Business Community include home based businesses?
Yes these businesses are included as well.

(5) Councillor Gillian Yorke

Mayor Snow received Councillor Yorke's report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included Police Commission meeting, Kings County Academy cafeteria update, Pride Walk, affordable housing webinar with The Portal, We Are All Treaty People webinar.

Report available for more information.

(6) Councillor Andrew Zebian

Mayor Snow received Councillor Zebian's report on his activities over the past month. Highlights included vigil at Drive In Theatre, opening of Kings Historical Society, and the Pride Walk.

Report available for more information.

(c) Mayor Sandra Snow

Mayor Snow submitted her report on her activities over the past month. Highlights included Municipal Finance Corp annual general meeting, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities online conference with webinars about harassment of women in politics.

Report available for more information.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Craig Gerrard and seconded by Councillor Paula Huntley

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Huntley, Gerrard, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke and Zebian

6. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Kings Point to Point Financial Statements

Letter available for review

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- (a) Email comment, concerns about overgrown weeds at the bus stop at Duncan and Main Street.

9. IN CAMERA, LAND AND LEGAL

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Zebian and seconded by Councillor Cathy Maxwell

That Council move into a closed session at 6:51 pm to discuss confidential matters.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Gerrard, Huntley, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke, and Zebian

It was moved by Councillor Craig Gerrard and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cate Savage

That Council return to open session at 7:12 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Gerrard, Huntley, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke and Zebian

Completion of Business – Land

It was moved by Councillor Gerrard and seconded by Deputy Mayor Savage

That Council direct the CAO to proceed with the sale of 50% of lot GA as discussed in Camera.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Gerrard, Huntley, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke, and Zebian

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Craig Gerrard

That the June 28, 2021 meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED