

This month in KENTVILLE COUNCIL

The monthly municipal update from Kentville Nova Scotia



This summer Kentville and New Minas opened a dog park at Eaves Hollow. If you have a name suggestion for this park, submit it through our website survey!

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A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Each month, staff bring together the highlights from the month's Council meeting. On October 30, Council met and talked about a number of issues. Here are the highlights!

Audit Committee Re Appointments

Mayor Sandra Snow reviewed the procedures for member reappointment and put forward two names for reappointment to the Audit Committee: Mr. Jim Noonan and Ms. Susan MacDougall. The process of reappointing citizen members was reviewed for both the Audit Committee and the Board of Police Commissioners. Mayor Snow reminded Council that part of this process has changed recently in the Municipal Government Act. Residents are encouraged to apply to participate in committee groups at any time of year.

Tax Relief for Property with Fire Damage

Interim Chief Administrative Officer Rachel Bedingfield reviewed the application for reduced property tax applied to 5 Lacewood Drive where a house was lost to a structure fire. When a house in Kentville is lost by fire or other disaster, the homeowners have the opportunity to apply to the town for a reassessment of their property in order to have decreased property tax until the structure is rebuilt.

Provincial Announcement – Housing and Homelessness Solutions

The Province of Nova Scotia will be announcing a bundle of solutions in response to the housing and homelessness crisis. One solution will be a \$7.5 million investment to purchase 200 Pallet Company Shelter Units. The units will be implemented in select municipalities across the province with the intent to increase and enhance local community shelter services by providing temporary and dignified private shelter units. The Town of Kentville was identified as a strong candidate to partner on the provincially led project. For up to date information on this proposal, please watch our website for more details.

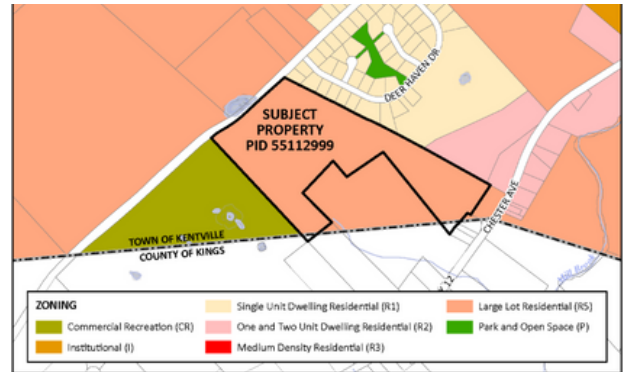
Council Committee Appointments

Mayor Sandra Snow reviewed the annual process of appointing and reappointing Councillors to committees, commissions and boards. She reviewed each committee, the members needed, councillors requests, and the appointments. Below is the table showing the members which are appointed to each committee, commission and board for the Town of Kentville.

Committee	Mayor	Gerrard	Huntley	Maxwell	Savage	Yorke	Zebian
Council Advisory Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CAO Appraisal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Intermunicipal Service Agreement Board (M)	X						
Audit Committee (M+2)							
Water Commission (M+3)							
Source Water Protection (M+1)							
Board of Police Commissioners (2)							
Investment (Perpetual Fund) (2)							
AV Regional Library (1,A)			A				
AV Trails Coalition (1,A)						A	
Joint Fire Services (2)							
Kings Point-to-Point (1,A)		A					
Kings Regional Sewer (1,A)		A					
Regional Emergency Management Org. (D,1)							
Regional Enterprise Network (1,A)	A						
Diversity Kings (1,A)					A		
Inclusion and Access (2)							
Student Bursary (1)							
Kentville Business Community (D,A)			A				
Heritage Committee (2)							
Names List Committee (2)							

Planning and Development

Planner Raleigh King outlined a request to rezone a property on Prospect Road and presented Council with the opportunity to give second reading to this request to amend the Land Use Bylaw. The Municipal Planning Strategy policy will allow the remainder of the property to develop for more intensive uses. Council passed second reading, which means it is approved by residents and Council and will be sent to the Department of Municipal Affairs for final approval.



Motions Passed

Here are all the motions passed at the September 25, 2023 meeting of Council:

- That Council approve second reading of the proposal to rezone of a portion of PID 55112999, shown as lot 23, from large-lot R5 zone to single-unit dwelling R1 zone as outlined.
- That Council appoint the following citizen committee voting members to the 2023-2024 Audit Committee: Ms. Susan MacDougall and Mr. Jim Noonan
- That Council direct staff to draft proposed amendments to the Curb and Sidewalk Bylaw – Chapter 63 regarding an approved petition process for resident initiated local improvements.
- That Council direct staff to implement the Tax Exemption Policy 37F for the property at 5 Lacewood Drive.
- That Council appoint members of Council to the Committees of Council, as discussed.
- That Council direct the teller to destroy the ballots for Deputy Mayor.
- That Council send a letter to the provincial Department of Community Services requesting details about the planned temporary shelter project.