



TOWN OF KENTVILLE COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE December 11, 2023 AGENDA

6:00 p.m.

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - (a) Council Advisory Committee, November 13, 2023**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**
 - (a) Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia**
 - (b) Valley Community Learning Association**
- 5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - (a) Finance**
 - 1. Director's Report**
 - 2. Valley Waste Temporary Borrowing Resolution, Capital**
 - 3. Valley Waste Temporary Borrowing Resolution, Equipment and Building Site**
 - (b) Planning and Development**
 - 1. Department Report**
 - (c) Parks and Recreation**
 - 1. Director's Report**
 - (d) Police**
 - 1. Chief's Report**
 - (e) Engineering and Public Works**
 - 1. Director's Report**
 - (f) Administration**

1. Chief Administrative Officer's Report
2. Housing and Community Partnerships Report

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/OLD BUSINESS

- (a) Review of Correspondence Policy

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant Application

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

10. IN-CAMERA

- (a) Legal

11. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF KENTVILLE
COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2023
Town Hall, 354 Main Street, Kentville Nova Scotia

This meeting was held in person in Town Hall and was livestreamed to YouTube with closed captioning.

Mayor Sandra Snow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Rachel Bedingfield reported the following members of Council and staff were present:

1. PRESENT

Council:

- Mayor Sandra Snow
- Deputy Mayor Cate Savage
- Councillor Craig Gerrard
- Councillor Paula Huntley
- Councillor Cathy Maxwell
- Councillor Gillian Yorke
- Councillor Andrew Zebian

Staff:

- David Bell, Director of Engineering
- Marty Smith, Chief of Police
- Wanda Matthews, Director of Finance
- Geoff Muttart, Solicitor
- Craig Langille, Acting Director of parks and Recreation
- Rachel Bedingfield, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
- Jennifer West, Recording Secretary

GUESTS

Becca LaPierre, Basic Income Guarantee

REGRETS

Peter Gillis, Valley Community Learning Association

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Addition: 5.e.2 Recommendation for the Joint Forcemain Funding Application

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Addition: 8.b Appointment of Assistant Returning Officer
Addition: 8.b Switching Voters List on the agenda with Advance Poll Date
Removed: 4.b Presentation by the Valley Community Learning Association

It was moved by Councillor Paula Huntley and Councillor Gillian Yorke

That the agenda for the Council Advisory Committee meeting of November 14, 2023 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) Council Advisory Committee, Meeting Minutes, October 10, 2023.

It was moved that the minutes from the Council Advisory Committee meeting held on October 10, 2023 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Basic Income Guarantee

Becca LaPierre and Roger Tatlock, volunteers with the organization supporting a Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) in Nova Scotia, introduced Council to the goals and vision of the organization, and asked for their support in promoting a basic income guarantee to the provincial and federal governments.

Presentation available

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Finance

(1) Directors Report

Director Wanda Matthews presented the report for the period ending October 31, 2023. To this date 47.9% of the operating budget has been expended, and 83.9% of revenue has been collected.

See report for more information.

Discussion

- Clarification of “process optimization”, around improving efficiency in the Department of Finance.
- Clarification of the tax levy notices having been sent out to residents.

(2) Forecast – Projections Report

Director Wanda Matthews presented the forecast report with details on revenues and an outline of expenses. Staffing represents a significant issue for the budget and are still expected to balance the budget by the end of the year.

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See report for more information.

Discussion

- Concern about the legal account approaching budget. This issue will be discussed in more detail in an in-camera session.
- Clarification of banked vacation time and encouraging staff to use their vacation days.

(3) Reserve balance update

Director Wanda Matthews presented the reserve balance update, outlining updates of each reserve funds for the town.

See report for more information.

Discussion

- Clarification of the reserves for the Kentville Water Commission, and the impact of rate changes on this reserve fund.
- Clarification of the Other Reserves as coming from gas taxes and one-time grants from other levels of government.
- Confirmation that at this time, the County of Kings has not reconciled their amounts due.

(b) Planning and Development

(1) Department Report

Development Officer Kirsten Duncan presented the planning and development department report for October 2023. Highlights included 7 development permits in October, 1 subdivision permit application, and a building valuation of \$566,695 for the year thus far.

See report for more information.

Discussion

- Request for an update on the amendment to the Land Use Bylaw for amenity space.

(c) Parks and Recreation

(1) Director's Report

Director Langille presented his report for October 2023. Some of the highlights included a condition feasibility assessment for the Kentville Arena, Roxy Peterson joining the staff team, the retirement of Gerry Little, and the capital projects including skatepark lighting, placemaking in the Gorge, the arena sign, the Memorial Park shelter, Deer Haven Park and Holly Days.

See report for more information.

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Discussion

- Clarification that the town will assess the condition of the arena because the regional recreation facility phase 1 project is not likely to include an arena. The goal is to assess the arena to keep it usable potentially until phase 2 of the regional project.
- Request that the department investigate alternative means to protect sledders and tobogganers on Burgher Hill from impacting the utility poles.
- Concern about using public funds for another feasibility assessment on the arena, and eagerness to consider investigating the construction of their own recreation facility. Many recreation facilities are aging and need to be assessed.

(d) Police Report

(1) Chief’s Report

Police Chief Marty Smith presented the police commission report, which included hiring for the Deputy Chief position, presenting at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities on the Community Crisis Navigator position.

See report for more information.

Discussion

- Clarification that residents contact the police department to report traffic issues. Suggestion of reducing speed limits and adding stop signs or speed bumps.

(e) Engineering and Public Works

(1) Director’s Report

Director Bell submitted his report for October 2023. Some of the highlights included application to the Municipal Capital Growth program for replacement of a forced main pipe in collaboration with neighbouring municipalities, Canaan Avenue construction completion, and a new snow and salt truck planning to arrive in January.

See report for more information.

Discussion

- Update on removing the parking space on Park Street at the bottom of Chester Avenue, which will be completed in the spring.
- Update on public works staff moving the speed radar around town to identify locations of speeding. These digital signs are more effective than the static “Children Playing” signs.
- Update on the asset management plan, which staff continue to maintain.

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(2) Recommendation for Forcemain Grant Application

Director Bell submitted his report outlining the need for a replacement of a forced main, the first of many capital projects in the coming years.

See report for more information.

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

That Council Advisory Committee recommend

To the November 27 2023 meeting of Council

That Council support the joint application with the Village of New Minas and the applicant and asset owner, the Municipality of the County of Kings, for up to 50% funding through the Municipal Capital Growth Program for the replacement of the forcemains from the Justice Centre to end of the existing ductile iron pipes near Eaves Hollow.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

(f) Administration

(1) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CAO Rachel Bedingfield presented the staff report for October 2023. Highlights included the Executive Leadership Team, interviews for vacant positions, and provincial pallet project letter to the province.

See report for more information.

(2) 2023 Annual residents Survey results

Deputy Clerk Jennifer West presented the results of the annual survey, and how staff will be using this information to improve projects, policies, programs and services.

See report for more information.

(3) Housing and Community Partnerships

Alisha Christie, Housing and Community Partnerships Coordinator, presented the staff report on housing and community partnerships with highlights including meetings, partners, and partnership development to support housing, access and sheltering opportunities. She introduced the release of the provincial housing needs assessment.

See report for more information.

Discussion

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- Clarification of funding directly from Federal government to the municipal government level.

(4) Provincial Housing Needs Assessment

Alisha Christie presented the Provincial Housing Needs Assessment and its impact on the housing crisis in the province and in Kentville. Staff will continue to work with developers in Kentville to identify their local needs and challenges that will help them construct deeply affordable housing.

See report for more information.

Discussion

- Concerns about the lack of trades and construction to support the housing industry.
- Clarification of the definition of a unit being an apartment or a single detached home.
- Staff have prepared a webpage with details of building permits which will be opened when the province releases a grant program for accessory dwellings.
- Concerns with the building industry constructing high end apartments and not deeply affordable housing stock. Some of these issues are being addressed by programs aimed at developers to help them reduce costs.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / OLD BUSINESS

(a) Changing of the Name of Cornwallis Street to Bridge Street Policy

CAO Bedingfield presented the policy which formalizes the name change from Cornwallis Street to Bridge Street, effective January 8, 2024.

See report for more information.

It was moved by Councillor Gillian Yorke and Councillor Cathy Maxwell

That Council Advisory Committee recommend
To the November 27 2023 meeting of Council

That Council approve by policy that Cornwallis being a street located in the Town of Kentville, as shown in Schedule A, be renamed Bridge Street.

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

(b) Basic Income Guarantee request

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Mayor Snow reviewed the request by Becca LaPierre from earlier in the meeting around a letter from Council supporting a Basic Income Guarantee in Nova Scotia.

See report for more information.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Cate Savage and Councillor Gillian Yorke

That Council Advisory Committee recommend

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That Council support the basic income guarantee.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Huntley, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke and Zebian

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Gerrard

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) **2023 Council Meeting Dates**

Mayor Sandra Snow introduced the proposed meeting dates for Council Advisory Committee and Council meetings in the 2024 calendar year, with working meetings on the second Monday of the month from January to May.

See report for more information.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Cate Savage and Councillor Gillian Yorke

That Council Advisory Committee recommend

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That Council approve the proposed schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

- (b) **Municipal Election 2024**

CAO Rachel Bedingfield outlined several decision points that Council is required to make pertaining to the 2024 municipal election.

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See report for more information.

Appointment of Returning officer

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

That Council Advisory Committee recommend

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**That Council appoint Al Kingsbury as the Returning Officer
And further, Jeannette Stapleton as the Assistant Returning Officer for the
2024 municipal election.**

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

Voting Method

Discussion

- Poll of members for voting method supported a hybrid model of voting.

It was moved by Councillor Cathy Maxwell and Councillor Paula Huntley

That Council Advisory Committee recommend

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**That Council establish online and paper voting ballots for the 2024 municipal
election.**

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

List of Electors

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

That Council Advisory Committee recommend

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**Staff recommend that Council permit the Returning Officer to obtain and
update the list of electors from Elections Nova Scotia.**

And

**That the permanent register of electors, established and maintained by
Elections Nova Scotia, be used as the basis for the preliminary list of electors
for the Town of Kentville in the October 19, 2024, municipal election.**

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MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

Advance polls

It was moved by Councillor Cathy Maxwell and Councillor Gillian Yorke

That Council Advisory Committee recommend

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Staff recommend that Council hold advance polls on October 10, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(a) Sharon Kehoe, Alicia Blvd

Concerns with the legal fees budget, traffic concerns around the arena, and offered an apology to Councillor Zebian.

9. IN CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor Paula Huntley and Councillor Gillian Yorke

That Council move into a closed session at 9:16 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

It was moved by Councillor Paula Huntley and Councillor Craig Gerrard

That Council move back into open session at 10:04 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss,

Council Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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MOTION CARRIED

Minutes Approved by Town Clerk
Rachel Bedingfield

VALLEY REGION SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

Amount: \$ 174,000

Capital Projects: Detailed in Schedule "B"
Debenture, Spring 2023

WHEREAS the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) was incorporated on October 1, 2001 pursuant to Section 60 of the Municipal Government Act;

WHEREAS the Town of Berwick, the Town of Kentville, the Town of Middleton, the Town of Wolfville, the Town of Annapolis Royal, and the Municipality of the County of Kings entered into an inter-municipal services agreement pursuant to Section 60 of the Municipal Government Act;

WHEREAS the Authority pursuant to the inter-municipal agreement states that the body corporate shall be vested with the power to borrow money for the purpose of capital projects, the estimated amounts and descriptions of which are contained in Schedule "B";

WHEREAS any borrowing and/or entering into debt obligations of the municipal body corporate must be approved by the municipal units and the Municipal Guarantee percentages and amounts for each of the six municipal parties are attached at Schedule "A"; and,

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 88 of the Municipal Government Act no money shall be borrowed by a municipality, village, committee by an inter-municipal agreement or service commission pursuant to this Act or another Act of the Legislature until the proposed borrowing and municipal guarantees have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Authority borrow a sum or sums not to exceed One Hundred and Seventy Four Thousand Dollars (\$ 174,000) for the purpose set out above;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Authority of an amount as the Authority deems necessary;

THAT pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act, the issue of debentures be postponed and that a sum or sums not to exceed One Hundred and Seventy Four Thousand Dollars (\$ 174,000) in total be borrowed from time to time from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

VALLEY REGION SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

Amount: \$ 174,000

Capital Projects: Detailed in Schedule "B"
 Debenture, Spring 2023

SCHEDULE "B"
 CAPITAL PROJECTS

		<u>Estimates \$</u>
Heading: Capital		
Item	4X4 Pick-up Truck and Plow	55,000
Item	WMC - Automated Scale House Window	19,000
Item	Utility Trailer	15,000
Item	Scale Software	85,000
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TOTAL REQUEST CONTAINED WITHIN THIS RESOLUTION		174,000

VALLEY REGION SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

Amount: \$ 553,000 _____

Capital Projects: Detailed in Schedule "B"
Capital Budget 2023-2024 _____

WHEREAS the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) was incorporated on October 1, 2001 pursuant to Section 60 of the Municipal Government Act;

WHEREAS the Town of Berwick, the Town of Kentville, the Town of Middleton, the Town of Wolfville, the Town of Annapolis Royal, and the Municipality of the County of Kings entered into an inter-municipal services agreement pursuant to Section 60 of the Municipal Government Act;

WHEREAS the Authority pursuant to the inter-municipal agreement states that the body corporate shall be vested with the power to borrow money for the purpose of capital projects, the estimated amounts and descriptions of which are contained in Schedule "B";

WHEREAS any borrowing and/or entering into debt obligations of the municipal body corporate must be approved by the municipal units and the Municipal Guarantee percentages and amounts for each of the six municipal parties are attached at Schedule "A"; and,

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 88 of the Municipal Government Act no money shall be borrowed by a municipality, village, committee by an inter-municipal agreement or service commission pursuant to this Act or another Act of the Legislature until the proposed borrowing and municipal guarantees have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Authority borrow a sum or sums not to exceed _____ Five Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Dollars (\$ 553,000) for the purpose set out above;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Authority of an amount as the Authority deems necessary;

THAT pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act, the issue of debentures be postponed and that a sum or sums not to exceed _____ Five Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Dollars (\$ 553,000) in total be borrowed from time to time from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and,

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution read and duly passed at a meeting of the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority held on the 19 day of July, 2023.

GIVEN under the hands of the Chair and the Secretary and under the seal of the Authority this 15 day of August, 2023.

Chair

Secretary

VALLEY REGION SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

Amount: \$ 553,000

Capital Projects: Detailed in Schedule "B"
Capital Budget 2023-2024

SCHEDULE "A"

MUNICIPAL GUARANTEES

MUNICIPAL PARTNER	GUARANTEE PERCENTAGE	GUARANTEE AMOUNT
Municipality of the County of Kings	73.4%	405,902
Town of Kentville	10.33%	57,125
Town of Wolfville	9.85%	54,471
Town of Berwick	3.08%	17,032
Town of Middleton	2.03%	11,226
Town of Annapolis Royal	1.31%	7,244
Total Capital Requirements for Borrowing Resolution	100%	553,000

VALLEY REGION SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

Amount: \$553,000

Capital Projects: Detailed in Schedule "B"
Capital Budget 2023-2024

**SCHEDULE "B"
CAPITAL PROJECTS**

		Estimates \$
Heading: Equipment		
Item	XL 4X4 Pick-Up Truck Lift Gate - Carts	53,000
Item		
Item		
Item		
Heading Sub Total:		53,000
Heading: Building and Site		
Item	Containers for Drop Off	330,000
Item	EMC/WMC C&D site monitoring wells	55,000
Item	Heating Ventilation Upgrade	115,000
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TOTAL REQUEST CONTAINED WITHIN THIS RESOLUTION		553,000



Town of Kentville

Staff Report to Council Advisory Committee

Planning & Development

December 2023

Programs and Operations

- **Development Permits:** 7 Development Permits were issued in the month of November, with a total building valuation of \$418,732.00. Activity & Development Permit Report is attached.
- **Subdivision Applications:** Existing Subdivision Files were reviewed and continued to be worked on in November.
- **Public Participation Meeting:** Public Participation Meeting for MPS Amendments was held November 14th.
- **Civic Addressing:** 2 new civic addresses were issued in the month of November. The process is still ongoing for the renaming of Cornwallis St (notifications to affected properties, etc.)
- **Zoning Letters/Confirmations:** 2 Zoning Letters were requested for the month of November.

Projects

- **GIS/Mapping:** Support was provided to various departments.
- The **Blooms on the Block** project has been postponed due to a shipping issue. Hopefully this project will be executed in the spring.

Meetings/Training

- Staff Meetings
- Social Committee Meetings
- Various property owners and business liaisons regarding development permits and opportunities in the Town

- Lots of inquiries regarding ancillary dwelling units in the Town of Kentville as a result of the Provincial funding opportunities that were announced this month.

Public Engagement

- Appointments are encouraged with staff for those looking for support with Development Permits and Subdivision Applications
- Frequent phone calls and email correspondence

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Duncan

Planning Technician/Development Officer

Lindsay Young

Community & Economic Development Coordinator

Activity Report

Planning & Development

November 2023



<i>PERMITS</i>	<i>PERMITS ISSUED</i> November 2023		<i>PERMITS ISSUED</i> November 2022	
	Month Total	Year Total	Month Total	Year Total
Number of Permits	7	115	12	130
Total Building Value	\$ 418,732.00	\$ 17,095,612.50	\$ 1,127,403.00	\$ 20,793,347.00
Permit Revenue	\$ 481.22	\$ 21,304.01	\$ 897.97	\$ 18,964.55

Permit Report

Planning & Development

November 2023



Permit #:	4223	Permit Date:	11/2/2023
Value of Construction:	\$200.00	Fee:	\$0.00
Signage - Installing a 2' x 4.5' (9 sf) coroplast sign on existing sign hardware.			

Permit #:	4172	Permit Date:	11/8/2023
Value of Construction:	\$5,000.00	Fee:	\$120.00
Signage - Installing new wall signage on the building for Eddy Group - 8 signs in total.			

Permit #:	4220	Permit Date:	11/8/2023
Value of Construction:	\$14,952.00	Fee:	\$50.00
Solar Panels - Installing 12 Solar Panels on the roof of the existing dwelling.			

Permit #:	4226	Permit Date:	11/8/2023
Value of Construction:	\$38,580.00	Fee:	\$104.88
Renovation/Change of Use - Changing the use from retail to a business office. Renovations include: constructing non-load bearing walls, adding a sink and counters/cabinets, upgrading lighting and adding new exterior windows.			

Permit #:	4229	Permit Date:	11/17/2023
Value of Construction:	\$350,000.00	Fee:	\$206.34
New Residential Construction - Constructing a new Single Unit Dwelling (1,096 sf) with an Ancillary Dwelling Unit (598 sf).			

Permit #:	4230	Permit Date:	11/17/2023
Value of Construction:	\$10,000.00	Fee:	\$0.00
New Accessory Structure - Constructing a 8' x 16' (128 sf) accessory building in the flank yard.			

Permit #:	4234	Permit Date:	11/29/2023
Value of Construction:	\$0.00	Fee:	\$0.00
Change of Tenant - Change of Tenant from Retail to Beauty Salon.			



**Town of Kentville
Staff Report to Council Advisory Committee
For the Month of November 2023
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 11TH, 2023**

Administration and Operations

- Hemlock Conservation (Hemlock Woolly Adelgid)
 - Town of Kentville - \$40,000 approved by Town Council – April 2023
 - For more information on Hemlock Conservation
 - In the Quiet and the Dark: Saving the Eastern Hemlock – CBC Gem
 - Donna Crossland – Retired Forest Ecologist

- Staff have signed contracts to support four students from Acadia’s Community Development Department as part of the Core Term Placement program. The students will be working with the Parks and Recreation department for 6 weeks in February and March 2024 on housing and recreation projects.
 - Claire, Emily, Logan, and Sadie

- Current recruitment:
 - Administrative and Communication Coordinator
 - Arena 1 Attendant – Refrigeration Ticket Required
 - Ashley Sheffield will no longer be working for the Town of Kentville Parks and Recreation department as she transfers to the Kentville Police Department.

Facilities and Operations

Operations:

- Bird Friendly Town through Nature Canada – the committee is working towards helping the Town to become bird friendly as part of the Bird Friendly City initiative. Becoming a bird friendly Town takes several areas into perspective, such as threat reduction, habitat protection, community outreach/education and policy design and implementation.

Programs and Operations

- Scotia Cross Country Ski Club has begun grooming ski tracks at the Kentville Sand Pit. They currently groom a small 300 meter training loop in the field which will expand once the Pit closes dirt operations in the New Year. Memberships (day and

season passes) can be purchased online and FREE cross country ski equipment can be borrowed from the Parks & Recreation Department for a four day loan! We also have a Chariot Trailer with ski attachments which can be used to tow children out on the trails.

Community Outreach and Events

- **November 1 – Pumpkin Drop at KCA** - Mayor Snow, Spike and some members of KPS joined us at KCA for this exciting event – classes design ways to protect their pumpkin to be dropped from high above. They are judged on best design, least environment impact and best appearance!
- **November 17 – Kick off to Holly Days** - Tree lighting, late night shopping, Photos with Santa and Free Hot chocolate/S'mores in Centre Square!
- **Kentville Plays Event:** The Pop-Up Play Zone at Holly Days was a major success with families enjoying washer toss, connect four, tether ball, games of catch, and drawing sidewalk chalk artwork in the Public Gardens Park.
- **2024 XCO/XCC National Championships** – The hosting committee met in November to begin its initial planning meeting for the 2024 Mountain Biking Championship

Capital Projects

- Conditions Assessment and Feasibility Study – Centennial Arena
 - Awarded to DSRA Architecture Firm on November 27
 - Committed to a needs assessment which will focus on community workshops, surveys, and public meetings.
 - Initial committee introductions started December 1st and conditions assessment begins the week of December 4th
 - Detailed work plan to follow
- Awarded Projects that are in progress:
 - Arena Sign
 - Memorial Park Shelter
 - Burgher Hill Shelter
 - Deer Haven Trail
 - Memorial Park Grandstand
 - Conditions Assessment and Feasibility Study
- Push to 2024:
 - Skatepark Lighting – Postponed, due to cost of proposals
 - Curious Gorge Bridge Replacement – Cancelled, due to erosion in the area
 - Ravine Trail Development – Waiting on more information from the Research Station on the conditions of the Ravine

Council Related

Kentville's Accessibility Action Plan:

- *Kentville Access and Advisory Committee (KIAAC):* This committee continues to meet. The public is encouraged to contact members of KIAAC with any concerns,

suggestions and queries: accessibility@kentville.ca, or visit our website at www.kentville.ca/accessibility for more information.

- The next meeting is scheduled for December 8th.
- Accessibility Audit of the Town Hall building has been completed and the report is pending submission from the consultant. This Audit will provide a record of information on existing conditions and provide recommendations on upgrades in order to determine the optimal approach to enable Town Hall and the Kentville Recreation Centre to be more accessible to guests, staff, and Council.

Kentville's Active Transportation Plan:

- Audit of the AT Wayfinding Signage has been completed and the report is pending submission from the consultant. This audit will provide a full signage deficiency review of all recreational wayfinding signage and recommendations on how to complete the installation throughout Town facilities. This includes installed signage, stored signage, missing/damaged signage, signs that need any potential updating, etc.

Regional Recreation Complex:

- No updates at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,



Craig Langille

Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

Town of Kentville

Office of the Chief of Police

October 2023



Administration	Time	August 2023	September
	Plate queries	970	1774
	Training hours	232	152
	Veh. Cks 38's	148	163
	SOT Tickets	33	49
	Foot Patrol Hours	101	133
	CC Charges	24	27
	Calls for service	298	298
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid Training • IARD Training • Carbine Training • R2MR Training • Source Course 		
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Chief's Meetings • SAC Meetings • Attended TOK Let's PLAY event • Attended the Provincial Memorial for Fallen Officers • Completed Mental Health Leadership Training • Multiple In-house meetings • Attended Special Olympics Truck Convoy • Attended Labour and Employment Seminar • Attended the Change of Command for AC Denis Daley RCMP 		
CCN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended 17 Agency meetings, i.e., Portal, Youth Community Hub, Open Arms, Homeless no more, Wellness Court • Attended 8 Community Events 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received 15 referrals from KPS members/other Agencies• 58 meetings with clients• Attended 11 other calls and assisted members
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only staffing vacancy is DC position• Dawns position filled• Interviewing for Alana• Promotional routine for Sgt• Hiring for Cst



Kentville Police Service Bylaw Report October 2023

Municipal Bylaw Investigations	1
Loitering -Warnings	6
Assist Police	6
Taxi Inspections	0
Animal Control	0
Smoking-Charges	0
Smoking-Warnings	2
Parking-Charges	52
Parking- Warnings	48



Town of Kentville

Staff Report to Council Advisory Committee

Department of Engineering and Public Works

December 11, 2023

Programs and Operations

- **Kentville Water Commission:** We have recently had to replace another one of the five deep well pumps that feed the Prospect Water Treatment Plant. With expectations of longer service life, we have switched to an all-stainless steel body pump for this installation as previous models have been failing prematurely. I shared with members of the KWC last month that we have replaced three industrial water meters at large consumers where the flow has been steadily declining for several months and although meters of this size are relatively expensive, the increase in previously metered water has more than paid for the meters in a few months. This increased revenue also positively impacts the Town's Sanitary Sewer Area Service as we prepare for a rate study for both water & sewer.
- **Sanitary Sewer Area Service:** There were no direct operational issues with the Kentville Sanitary Sewer Service in November.
- **Public Works:** We received an early taste of winter last week with some snow and cold temperatures. Although our winter fleet and crew were ready, this first storm of the season revealed some of the issues in our aging fleet. Our mechanic and operators worked hard and got the gear back on the streets and sidewalks. We are still awaiting delivery of our new salt/dump truck with plow and wing gear. The truck is now in its final weeks of upfitting and we expect delivery in mid January as the plant closes for two weeks for Christmas. Once we have the new truck integrated into our fleet, its eleven-year-old predecessor can be sold as surplus.
- **Update on Recent Storm Events, Ongoing Remediation and Design Work:** We have received a preliminary letter report from the engineering consultant engaged to conduct the Storm Drainage Review for the Condon Avenue watershed. The report

included recommendations for the Town to consider as we plan for future Capital Investments and funding opportunities; they include but are not limited to:

- Improve the inlet structure at the top of Condon Avenue to increase the inlet capacity and allow for additional sediment accumulation.
- Install a new concrete storm pipe downstream of the Condon Avenue / Park Street intersection across Town owned land towards the Parks Shed and into the former railway ditch.
- Integrate Stormwater Management areas into the design of The Donald E. Hiltz Connector Road for upstream storage of this watershed.
- Place rock armour stone on sections of the watercourse upstream of Condon that were severely eroded from the August and September 2023 rainstorms.

Projects

- MacDonald / Henry / Braeside Capital Project – Paving of the 2023/24 phase of this large Capital Project is scheduled for today, Monday December 11th. The intention is to place the top lift of asphalt on all three streets (last year's and this year's phases) in out 2024/25 Capital Investment Program, completing the project.

Public Engagement

- Frequent phone calls and site visits.
- Appointments are now being accepted for in person meetings.
- Letter & email correspondence – As required.

Meetings and Events

- Senior Staff meetings every Tuesday
- November 14th CAC
- November 27th Regional Sewer Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

D.A. Bell

David Bell
Director of Engineering and Public Works



Town of Kentville

Staff Report to Council Advisory Committee

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

DEC 11, 2023

Summary: As the winter months continually impact coordinated community response to the housing and homelessness crisis, the following report will speak to resources and opportunities available in community and across the province.

OPERATIONS

- Staff presented at the National Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference hosted in Halifax and are continuing to meet with national partners on municipal approaches to responding to community housing and homelessness.
- Staff continue to work in partnership with local not-for-profits to collaborate and identify opportunities to support the community response to homelessness.
- Staff met with Acadia University partners and the national SSRCH-funded team to continue the conversation on housing and climate change.
- Continued the work with Coordinated Access and Local Housing Working Groups
- Staff are working with CLIMAtlantic on the provincial Electricity Grid Adaptation Strategy.

Council Related

- The Province has finalized the [Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program](#) – a forgivable loan for up to 50% of the project cost, up to a maximum assistance of \$25,000 for a Secondary and/or Backyard Suite. The assistance is forgiven over the loan term of up to 5 years. Note: page 2 of this report provides more Kentville-specific details. Staff are committed to creating a guide on the program specifically for Kentville residents that lists unit opportunities within the existing Land Use By-Laws and Municipal Planning Strategy. Further communications can be expected in the new year
- The Housing Accelerator Funding Announcements for Rural Areas are now expected during the coming months and are not guaranteed for a December announcement.

SECONDARY AND BACKYARD SUITE FORGIVABLE LOAN – HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TOWN OF KENTVILLE

The Nova Scotia Provincial Government, through Housing and Municipal Affairs, has released the Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program, a forgivable loan for up to 50% of the project cost, up to a maximum assistance of \$25,000 for a Secondary and/or Backyard suite. The assistance is forgiven over the loan term of up to five years.

The program is directed toward housing for certain income levels, with a maximum rental cost threshold that must be upheld for the dwelling to meet the forgivable loan program requirements.

What does this mean for Kentville?

The landlord/loan receiver must offer housing to individuals/households below the following income levels to meet the requirements of the loan program:

1 Bedroom Unit	2 Bedroom Unit	3 Bedroom Unit
\$57,000	\$66,000	\$78,000

The landlord/loan receiver cannot require rent that exceeds the listed rental rates in the Western Zone and, more specifically, the rates listed for the Town of Kentville.

	Bachelor Unit		1 Bedroom Unit		2 Bedroom Unit		3 bedroom Unit	
	AMR	80% AMR	AMR	80% AMR	AMR	80% AMR	AMR	80% AMR
Kentville Rates	\$629	\$503	\$686	\$549	\$855	\$684	\$1,123	\$898
Western Zone Rates	\$661	\$529	\$772	\$618	\$1,037	\$803	\$1,123	\$898

[Link to Full Program Guide – Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program](#)

Respectfully Submitted,



Alisha Christie (she/her)
Housing and Community Partnerships Coordinator

INTRODUCTION

The Province of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH), is partnering with homeowners to create more affordable housing, faster, under the Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program (the Program).

The Program is available to eligible homeowners who create an affordable Secondary and/or Backyard Suite in their home or on their property. Financial assistance is in the form of a forgivable loan, for up to 50% of the project cost, up to a maximum assistance of \$25,000 for a Secondary and/or Backyard Suite. The assistance is forgiven over the loan-term up to 5 years.

NOTE – Refer to the “DEFINITIONS” section for terminology used in this document.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Program, the homeowner(s) must meet the following criteria:

- Own and occupy the existing single-family dwelling and intend to continue to be an occupant of the dwelling on an ongoing basis;
- The Secondary and/or Backyard Suite must meet all municipal requirements;
- Property taxes are paid in full and are up to date;
- The existing single-family dwelling meets minimum health and safety standards;
- The existing single-family dwelling can feasibly be modified to include a Secondary and/or Backyard Suite;
- Select tenants that have:
 - a total annual household income equal to or less than the Household Income Limits established by DMAH; OR
 - the tenant is a parent of the homeowner, age 65 years or older, or an adult child of the homeowner where the homeowner is over the age of 65 and intergenerational supports are provided.
- For tenants that are not immediate family members, the suite must be rented at a rental rate of not more than 80% of Average Market Rents for the community where the homeowner resides;
- Both tenant(s) and homeowner(s) must be residents of Nova Scotia; and
- Have an arrangement in place with the contractor(s) and/or bridge financing available, as the Program funding is released only after an occupancy permit has been obtained from the municipality.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Eligible costs include the following:

- Costs associated with construction of the Secondary and/or Backyard Suite including materials and labour costs;
- Costs associated with the purchase and placement of a prefabricated Backyard Suite on the property; and
- All taxes, legal and other associated costs with the application for and building of the Secondary and/or Backyard Suite.

INELIGIBLE COSTS

Ineligible costs include the following:

- Costs of work done prior to receiving written approval from DMAH;
- Costs of construction in excess of the maximum forgivable loan;
- Costs associated with bringing the existing single-family dwelling, or an existing Secondary and/or Backyard Suite up to minimum health and safety standards or to comply with municipal building codes;
- Prorated costs for common areas that are not attributable to the Secondary and/or Backyard Suite; and
- Labour costs of homeowners, occupants of the home and immediate family members that will occupy the Secondary and/or Backyard Suite.

DEFINITIONS – For the purposes of the Program, the following definitions apply:

- “Average Market Rent” is the average rent paid by tenants in “A census metropolitan area (CMA) or a census agglomeration (CA)” as defined by CMHC.
- “Backyard Suite” is a self-contained small home with living space including a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, and living room, which is built or installed on the same lot as a single-family dwelling.
- “Household Income Limits” means the income thresholds under which a household would be considered to be in Core Housing Need.
- “Immediate Family Member” means mother/stepmother, father/stepfather, daughter/stepdaughter, and son/stepson.
- “Occupant” of a single-family dwelling means a person, other than a foster child, who is at least 16 years of age and:
 - Has occupied the dwelling for a continuous period of at least one year;
 - Does not have a principal place of residence elsewhere; and
 - Does not pay rent to any owner of the dwelling.
- “Owner” of a single-family dwelling means a person(s) who holds fee simple interest in real property or verifiable form of ownership.
- “Program” means the Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program.
- “Resident of Nova Scotia” means a person lawfully entitled to be or to remain in Canada who makes their home and is ordinarily present in the province but does not include a tourist or visitor to the province. A resident of Nova Scotia:
 - Is a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident;
 - makes their permanent home in Nova Scotia; and,
 - Is present in the province 183 days every calendar year.
- “Secondary Suite” means a self-contained dwelling unit constructed within a single-family dwelling.

- “Single-Family Dwelling” means the following and is used for residential purposes:
 - A detached house;
 - A duplex; and
 - A semi-detached house;
 - A Townhouse.
- “Total Household Income” means the total income of the household before taxes from all sources.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the attached Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program Application form; and
- Submit the completed application along with all required information to a DMAH Housing Services Office:

Central Region

Halifax Regional Municipality & Hants County

3770 Kempt Road, Suite 3

Halifax, NS B3K 4X8

Switchboard: 902-424-5110

Toll-free: 1-844-424-5110

Fax: 902-424-2091

Eastern Region

Cape Breton Island

Suite 22, Provincial Building

360 Prince Street

Sydney, NS B1P 5L1

Switchboard: 902-563-2120

Toll-free: 1-844-424-5110

Fax: 902-563-2370

Western Region

Annapolis Valley & South Shore

101 Magee Drive

Box 1000, Middleton, NS B0S 1P0 Switchboard:

902-825-3481

Toll-free: 1-844-424-5110

Fax: 902-825-6560

Northern Region

*Guysborough, Antigonish, Pictou, Cumberland,
& Colchester Counties*

7 Campbell’s Lane

New Glasgow, NS B2H 2H9

Switchboard: 902-755-5065

Toll-free: 1-844-424-5110

Fax: 902-752-7133

TENANT HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS

Household Income Limits			
Housing Services	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom
Eastern	\$ 57,500	\$ 66,000	\$ 78,000
Northern	\$ 57,500	\$ 66,000	\$ 78,000
HRM	\$ 47,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 67,500
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Eastern Region – Cape Breton Island

Northern Region – Guysborough, Antigonish, Pictou, Cumberland, & Colchester

Counties Central Region – Halifax Regional Municipality

Western Region – Annapolis Valley, South Shore, and Hants counties

MAXIMUM RENTAL RATE

Housing Services Region	Location	Bachelor		1 Bedroom		2 Bedroom		3 Bedroom	
		AMR	80% AMR	AMR	80% AMR	AMR	80% AMR	AMR	80% AMR
Eastern	CBRM (excluding Sydney)	\$ 667	\$ 534	\$ 725	\$ 580	\$ 872	\$ 698	\$ 1,276	\$ 1,021
	Sydney	\$ 673	\$ 538	\$ 759	\$ 607	\$ 927	\$ 742	\$ 1,339	\$ 1,071
	Remainder of Cape Breton Island	\$ 583	\$ 466	\$ 668	\$ 534	\$ 789	\$ 631	\$ 934	\$ 747
Northern	Truro CA (map)	\$ 668	\$ 534	\$ 746	\$ 597	\$ 943	\$ 754	\$ 1,137	\$ 910
	Cumberland County & Remainder of Colchester County	\$ 668	\$ 534	\$ 746	\$ 597	\$ 943	\$ 754	\$ 1,137	\$ 910
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For Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH) Use Only	
Date Received: _____	Case ID: _____

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Date of Birth	Social Insurance Number (SIN)	DMAH requires SIN to operate its programs & services.
Phone No. 1	Phone No. 2	Email
	Health Card Number (HCN)	Required for proof of residency.
CO-APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Date of Birth	Social Insurance Number (SIN)	DMAH require SIN to operate its programs & services
Phone No. 1	Phone No. 2	Email
	Health Card Number (HCN)	Required for proof of residency.
APPLICANT ADDRESS (Must be the same location as the planned Secondary &/or Backyard Suite)		
Number	Street	Unit/Suite/ P.O. Box
City/Town/Community	Province	Postal Code

ABOUT THE SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

What type of property do you live in?

- Detached house
 Semi-detached house
 Duplex
 Townhouse

Property tax account up to date?

- Yes
 No
 (Please provide verification)

Mortgage payments up to date? Yes No (Please provide verification)

ABOUT THE PROPOSED SECONDARY &/OR BACKYARD SUITE

Type of unit to be created: Secondary Suite Backyard Suite

Do municipal bylaws allow for the creation of the proposed Secondary &/or Backyard Suite?

Yes No I do not know

Number of bedrooms: _____

FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES

Please provide information on other sources of funding, in any form received or expected to be received (including equity & debt financing):

OCCUPANCY & RENTAL CONDITIONS

If renting to a non-family member, a lease agreement is required between the homeowner landlord & the tenant with the rental rate of not more than 80% of Average Market Rents, as set by the Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation for the community where the homeowner resides. If renting to an immediate family member, a lease agreement is required but the rental rate may be one that is determined by the homeowner and their family member.

Proposed rental rate for the Secondary &/or Backyard Suite: \$ _____

Services included in rent rate:

Heating Electricity Water Hot Water

APPLICANT HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES & DECLARATION

As the Applicant & Homeowner(s) of the property, I/we acknowledge & agree to the following:

1. Prior to completing the Program application, I/we will contact the Municipal Building Department to verify the property is properly zoned for Secondary &/or Backyard Suite.
2. I/We am/are responsible for hiring & managing all contractors & are required to submit all receipts & invoices to DMAH.
3. I/We will obtain all approvals/permits related to the creation of the Secondary &/or Backyard Suite, including Municipal Building Permits, Municipal Building Department approval of drawings, Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) permits & inspections, plumbing permits, & all other related approvals/permits. I/We also acknowledge & agree to comply with all relevant Fire Code requirements.
4. Obtain two (2) quotes for the construction of the Secondary &/or Backyard Suite, including contractor Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) of Nova Scotia & insurance coverage, & forward to DMAH for review.
5. When Approval is received from DMAH, I/we am/are required to sign an Operating Agreement & Loan Agreement & related documentation (promissory note), outlining the scope of work, funding amount(s), roles & responsibilities.
6. I/We agree to start work within 90 days of receiving final approval in writing.
7. I/We agree to pay for, or arrange for financing for, any costs not funded under the Program.
8. I/We agree to allow inspections by DMAH &/or its authorized representatives & agents at mutually agreed upon times during the work. Municipal occupancy permit(s) may serve as a substitute for a final inspection. I/We understand that any inspections conducted by DMAH &/or its authorized representatives are for internal administrative purposes only & provide no guarantee or assurance of compliance with any applicable building code or standards.
9. I/We agree to keep the rent within the AMR for the program as updated from time to time by DMAH, unless the suite is rented by an immediate family member.
10. I/We hereby confirm that I am/we are the owner(s) of the dwelling, & no other person is an owner.
11. I/We hereby confirm that I am/we are occupying the Single-Family Dwelling where the Secondary &/or Backyard Suite & will be created & will continue to occupy the Single-Family Dwelling during the up to five (5) year forgivable loan period.
12. I/We have attached all required supporting documentation to my/our application.
13. I/We hereby confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, the information provided is complete & accurate in every respect.
14. I/We agree to adhere to all the Program requirements, rules, & timelines throughout the process, & if applicable, during the up to five (5) year forgivable loan period.
15. I/We have read, understand, & agree to the terms & conditions listed above.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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December 11, 2023

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RE: Correspondence to Council

Staff have been tasked with reviewing the existing policies for correspondence to Council, and how correspondence is presented and discussed at Council and CAC meetings.

Staff acknowledge that Policy Statement G64 Public Engagement and Participation section 4.a states “Written correspondence (if signed by the author) will be included on a Council agenda and will be considered during Council discussion and debate, if applicable”.

Following this policy, letters and emails to Council, which do not include offensive, derogatory or defamatory matter or language, if delivered to the Deputy Clerk, prior to the release of the meeting package to Council, will be included on the meeting agenda under “Correspondence”. The Chair will acknowledge receipt of all correspondence and the full submission shall be read following a motion of Council. This policy does not apply to public hearings or other planning processes.

Staff recommends that Council adopt these correspondence best practices until a full review of Policy Statement G70 Council Meetings.

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December 11, 2023

RE: Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant Application

Staff have completed an application for the Sustainable Communities Challenge grant- a provincial grant program for local action on climate change in Nova Scotia. It supports community efforts to reduce or remove greenhouse gas emissions, or to prepare for and respond to the impacts of a changing climate.

The Town of Kentville has made an application for a project called “Climate Resiliency Initiative: Natural Stormwater Management” – a two-year project that would see staff offer a series of community education seminars on localized green infrastructure and stormwater management best practices on private properties. Staff would also work in collaboration with a natural infrastructure expert to build a stormwater management demonstration site that showcase natural stormwater management methods. Finally, the project will also help residents by offering property assessments and advice, and supplying stormwater management tools such as rain barrels, soil, gravel, and equipment to homeowners to promote stormwater management on private properties.

The total project cost is \$156,450 with \$124,000 coming from the grant and the Town’s share being \$29,450. The project would begin in April 2024.

If approved, staff will need to show Councils approval of this project to receive the funds for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years. To be eligible for funding, initiatives must show they are a community priority, which can be demonstrated through a letter or motion from Council.

Staff recommend that Council support the application to the Sustainable Communities Challenge grant for stormwater management and climate resiliency initiatives in the Town of Kentville.

Rachel Bedingfield
Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Kentville