

This month in KENTVILLE COUNCIL

The monthly municipal update from Kentville Nova Scotia



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A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Each month, staff bring together the highlights from the month's Council meeting. On November 27, Council met and talked about a number of issues. Here are the highlights!

Ceasefire in Gaza

With a full house of supporters in the audience, Councillor Gillian Yorke read a statement to amplify calls for peace and a ceasefire in Gaza. Council approved a motion to send a letter to the Prime Minister: It was moved that Council write a letter to the Federal government to amplify calls that are being made from municipal governments and provincial governments across the Country for the release of hostages, the establishment of humanitarian pathways, diplomatic and political solutions to the crisis and a ceasefire in Palestine.

Cornwallis Street Officially Renamed Bridge on January 8

At the November 14, 2023 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, CAO Bedingfield presented the policy which formalizes the name change from Cornwallis Street to Bridge Street, effective January 8, 2024.

Basic Income Guarantee

Becca LaPierre and Roger Tatlock gave a presentation about the importance of the federal government establishing a model of a Basic Income Guarantee for Canadians. They requested a letter from Council supporting a Basic income Guarantee in Nova Scotia.

Preparation for 2024 Municipal Election

Acting CAO Rachel Bedingfield described a number of motions required to prepare for the October 2024 municipal election, including appointing the Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer, using both virtual voting and in person voting methods, and setting the advance polling date for October 10, 2024.

Motions Passed

- 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.
- 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.
- That Council support the basic income guarantee.
- That Council approve the proposed schedule (for the 2024 meetings of CAC and Council).
- That Council appoint Al Kingsbury as the Returning Officer
And further, Jeannette Stapleton as the Assistant Returning Officer for the 2024 municipal election.
- That Council establish online and paper voting ballots for the 2024 municipal election.
- 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.
- Staff recommend that Council hold advance polls on October 10, 2024.
- That Council proclaim November 22, 2023 as Project Red Ribbon Day in the Town of Kentville.
- That the apology be put in written form in a letter from Mayor Sandra Snow to Councillor Andrew Zebian to bring closure to this issue and that the letter be placed in the minutes.
- That Council write a letter to the Federal government to amplify calls that are being made from municipal governments and provincial governments across the Country for the release of hostages, the establishment of humanitarian pathways, diplomatic and political solutions to the crisis and a ceasefire in Palestine.