



TOWN OF KENTVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2024

Town Hall, 354 Main Street, Kentville Nova Scotia

This meeting was held in Town Hall and was livestreamed on YouTube.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Sandra Snow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that all members of Council were present: Mayor Sandra Snow, Councillor Craig Gerrard, Councillor Paula Huntley, Councillor Cathy Maxwell, Deputy Mayor Cate Savage and Councillor Gillian Yorke and Councillor Andrew Zebian.

Staff in attendance included Chief Administrative Officer Jeff Lawrence, Solicitor Geoff Muttart, and Recording Secretary Jennifer West.

REGRETS

None

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Addition: 6.b New Business, Coastal Communities
Addition: 6.c G62 Public Participation Policy
Addition: 4.c Kings Transit Budget, Motion to Amend
Addition: In Camera Item, Land

It was moved

That Council add a discussion about the Pallet Community to the agenda

MOTION DEFEATED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Gerrard, Huntley, and Yorke

Councillors who voted against this motion:

Maxwell, Snow, Savage and Zebian

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

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That the agenda of February 26, 2024 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Huntley, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke and Zebian

Councillors who voted against this motion:

Gerrard

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) Council meeting held on January 29, 2024

It was moved that the minutes of the Council meeting on January 29, 2024 be approved as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments – Second Reading

Mayor Snow described the process for reviewing and approving amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Report available

Discussion

- Direction was given to the CAO to inform the County of Kings of this amendment.

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

That Council give second reading to the Municipal Planning Strategy amendments.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Huntley, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke and Zebian

*Councillors who voted **against** this motion:*

Gerrard

(b) Valley Waste Change to Motion

Mayor Snow described the error in the approved motion on January 29, 2024 and gave the corrected financial information relating to the approval of the Valley Waste budgets.

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Report available

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Zebian and Deputy Mayor Cate Savage

That Council amend the previously adopted motion for the 2024-2025 Valley Waste operational budget as follows

In the amount of \$6,859,565

And further that Council approve the fiscal 2024-2025 capital budget in the amount of \$2,540,000 for which the Town of Kentville has no requirement for the contribution.

And further that Council approve the municipal contribution in the amount of \$6,859,565 the Town of Kentville's 10.33% share is \$708,444

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

It was moved by Councillor Andre Zebian and Deputy Mayor Cate Savage

That Council amend the previously adopted motion for the 2024-2025 Kings Transit operational budget in the amount of \$3,836,948

And further that Council approve the 2024-2025 capital budget in the amount of \$5,630,000

And further that Council approve the municipal operating grant in the amount of \$1,729,103 the Town of Kentville's 20% share is \$345,821

And further that Council approve the municipal capital grant in the amount of \$80,000 of which Town of Kentville's share is \$16,000

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

5. RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

(a) Council Advisory Committee Reports

None.

(b) Councillors' and Mayor's Reports

Reports were received and are part of the meeting record.

(1) Councillor Craig Gerrard

Councillor Gerrard had no meetings since the January meeting of Council.

Report available for more information.

(2) Councillor Paula Huntley

Highlights included Valley Regional Enterprise Network meeting to appoint a new board member, and an info session on women in trades apprenticeship program.

Report available for more information.

(3) Councillor Cathy Maxwell

Highlights included Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition, and the opening of the reading room at the Heritage Centre.

Report available for more information.

(4) Deputy Mayor Cate Savage

Highlights included the regional sewers committee, Kentville Business Community meeting regarding staffing and budget, Investment Advisory Committee, Audit Committee meeting, webinar on housing and homelessness, public meeting at the site of the pallet community and at the fire hall, and the Fire and Ice events.

Report available for more information.

(5) Councillor Gillian Yorke

Highlights included a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting about correspondence relating to community concerns around the pallet community, Kings Point to Point board meeting, and participation in the Fire and Ice event.

Report available for more information.

(6) Councillor Andrew Zebian

Highlights included a meeting of the audit committee, and the opening of the Heritage Centre reading room.

Report available for more information.

Verbal report from CAO Jeff Lawrence with highlights including organizational structure, contract negotiations with the Kentville Police Service, rolling out a new Planning and Development department, and getting to know challenges and opportunities in town hall.

(c) Mayor Sandra Snow

Mayor Snow reported on her activities this month with highlights including a meeting of Intermunicipal Services Agreement interim board, Valley Waste is introducing Extended Producer Responsibilities, an Immigration Roundtable

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discussion, African Heritage Month celebrations in the County of Kings and community meetings on the pallet community.

Report available for more information.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Investment Committee Memo

Deputy Mayor Cate Savage is the Chair of this committee. She outlined the work of the Investment Advisory Committee and the contract with the investment advisor. There is a need to extend the contract in order to overlap with election year, to maintain consistency with the advice of the committee with changing members.

Report available

Discussion

- Concerns about the proposed extension to improve consistency of members in the fall of 2024, and to support the transition to adhere to the new investment policy.

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

That Council approve a one-year extension for the TD Wealth Investment Advisor until September 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

(b) Coastal Communities

Mayor Sandra Snow shared a provincial announcement involving a plan to reduce coastal flooding and development, instead of enacting a Coastal Protection Act. The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities is disappointed with this decision and plans to meet with the province on this matter.

Report available

(c) Policy G62 Public Participation Policy

Mayor Sandra Snow reviewed the request presented by the planning consultant regarding public consultation and introduced the review and amendment of policy statement G62 Public Participation (Planning).

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Cate Savage and Councillor Andrew Zebian

That Council direct the CAO to amend the Policy Statement G62 Public Participation (Planning) as detailed in the Municipal Government Act

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MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Janet Specht – Flooding and Property Damage**
- (b) Bunny Bennett – Flooding and Property Damage**
- (c) Gary Cleveland – Engineer Stormwater Report**
- (d) Jenna Gabourie – Homeless Pallet Community**
- (e) Herb MacIntosh – Housing Crisis**
- (f) Robert McCullough – Pallet Community**

The flooding report relating to Condon Avenue should be released to the public this week.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(a) Robert McCollough

Concerns with the pallet community location, and residents in North Kentville feeling that their concerns have not been taken seriously.

(b) Janice Palmer

Concerns with the pallet community location and not being concerned with the future of housing and homelessness in Kentville.

(c) Marcia McNeil

Concerns with the legal budget for the town relating to the lawsuit around the former Robinson property.

Concerns with the delays around development due to staffing issues.

(d) Ruth Dougie

Concerns about Council's lack of support for residents' concerns around the pallet community. Concerns that there was not a town-led community meeting about the issue. Request that Council show leadership and transparency on the matter.

(e) Ron Cousins

Concerns about homelessness and encampment residents.

(f) Fiona vanWilkenburg

Grateful to Councillors who attended the community meeting. Asks if there is liability to the town for connecting water and sewer services to the pallet community.

9. IN CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Zebian and Councillor Gillian Yorke

That Council move into a closed session at 7:09 pm to discuss legal matters.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

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

It was moved by Councillor Gillian Yorke and Councillor Paula Huntley

That Council move back into open session at 7:44 pm

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

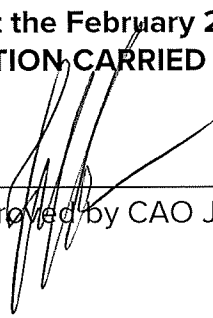
Gerrard, Huntley, Maxwell, Savage, Snow, Yorke and Zebian

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved

That the February 26, 2024 meeting of Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved by CAO Jeff Lawrence

