



# TOWN OF KENTVILLE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

## Meeting Minutes: May 30, 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 5:00 p.m. and noted that all members of Council were present: Mayor Sandra Snow, Councillor Craig Gerrard, Councillor Cathy Maxwell, Councillor Paula Huntley, Deputy Mayor Cate Savage and Councillor Gillian Yorke and Councillor Andrew Zebian.

Staff in attendance included Chief Administrative Officer Jeff Lawrence and Recording Secretary Jennifer West.

### REGRETS

None.

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Paula Huntley and Councillor Andrew Zebian

**That the agenda of May 30, 2024 be approved.**

### MOTION CARRIED

*Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:*

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

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### (a) Staff Presentation: 2024-2025 Town of Kentville Operating Budget

Director Wanda Matthews gave a presentation to Council on the proposed operating budget for 2024-2025.

*Report available*

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## Discussion

- Clarification of the role of the Strategic Initiatives Coordinator.
- Clarification of the impacts of the retirement of the public works lead on full time employee changes.
- Clarification of the successful Nature Kids program pilot, and the proposal for the program to continue as a full program.
- Review and clarification of the mandatory AVRCE payment.
- Concern about the number of roles in the Recreation Department.
- Clarification of the different roles and responsibilities of staff in the Recreation Department.
- Concerns about revenues for future capital projects.

Members voted to defer the budget

What is the purpose of deferring this budget? Time to review and understand the document. Members found no major issues with the budget. The budget will be brought back to the June meeting of Council. Questions on this budget should be directed to Council and Mayor, the CAO and the Director of Finance.

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

**That Council defer approval of the 2024/25 Town of Kentville Operational Budget subject to changes requested.**

## **MOTION CARRIED**

*Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:*

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

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **(a) Mike McLean, Kentville**

Appreciation for deferring the budget for review by residents.

Concern for paying for housing in the provincial budget, and request that it be applied as a tax reduction for residents.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved

**That the May 30, 2024 special meeting of Council adjourned at 6:26 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**



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Approved by CAO Jeff Lawrence

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