

# TOWN OF KENTVILLE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2025

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 Andrew Zebian called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and noted that the following members of Council were present: Deputy Mayor Debra Crowell, Councillor Samantha Hamilton, Councillor Cathy Maxwell, and Councillor Cate Savage.

Staff in attendance included Interim Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Matheson and Deputy Clerk Jennifer West.

## **REGRETS**

Councillor John Andrew

#### **ABSENT**

Councillor Rob Baker

# **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

# 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Cathy Maxwell and Deputy Mayor Debra Crowell

That the agenda of June 17, 2025 be approved.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Crowell, Hamilton, Maxwell, Savage and Zebian

## 3. NEW BUSINESS

# (a) Updated Intermunicipal Service Agreements

CAO Kevin Matheson gave a review of the past and present organization of the governance of Kings Transit and Valley Waste. He described the funding

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Report available

It was moved by Councillor Cate Savage and Deputy Mayor Debra Crowell

That Council recommend approval of the updated intermunicipal service agreements to the special meeting of Council on June 23, 2025.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Crowell, Hamilton, Maxwell, Savage and Zebian

# (b) Sanitary Sewer Operating Reserve

CAO Kevin Matheson described the status of rate review, and gave a recommendation.

Report available

It was moved by Councillor Cate Savage and Deputy Mayor Debra Crowell

That Council recommend to the June 23 meeting of Council that in the event of a Sanitary Sewer operating deficit persists, the final audited value be withdrawn from the Town of Kentville Sanitary Sewer operating reserve.

## MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Crowell, Hamilton, Maxwell, Savage and Zebian

## (c) Approval of Funding Commitment Resolution

CAO Kevin Matheson reviewed the potential approval of a \$70,000 grant with the condition that Council provide an approval motion to support the project through \$17,000. The grant will support the preparation of a climate ready plan for the town.

Report available

It was moved by Councillor Cate Savage and Councillor Cathy Maxwell

That Council commit \$17,500 as its contribution to the development of a Climate-Ready Plan for the Town of Kentville.

# **MOTION CARRIED**

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion: Crowell, Hamilton, Maxwell, Savage and Zebian

# 4. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved

That the June 17, 2025 special meeting of Council adjourned at 4:46 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

Approved by CAO Chris McNeill