



TOWN OF KENTVILLE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes: June 24, 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 Cathy Maxwell and Councillor Rob Baker.

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

REGRETS

Councillor John Andrew, Councillor Samantha Hamilton, Councillor Cate Savage

ABSENT

None

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Add 3.a Canada Day Event Budget

Add 3.b Tender Results

Item 3.c Draft Operating Budget

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

That the agenda of June 24, 2025 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Baker, Crowell, Maxwell and Zebian

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3. NEW BUSINESS

(a) **Canada Day Grant**

Mayor Zebian made a proposal to support Canada Day festivities. CAO Matheson asked for clarification for how this will be funded. Director Craig Langille gave clarification on how this budget would impact other recreation events.

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

That Council direct the CAO to carry out planning for Canada Day festivities on July 1st 2025 including opening of the Kentville Pool, with free swim, cake and bouncy castles.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:

Baker, Crowell, Maxwell and Zebian

(b) **Tender Results**

Director Dave Bell gave an update on the tender results for the GRID funding for sidewalks and storm sewer from the NSLC to Prospect Avenue, and paving, being awarded to Dexter Construction Ltd.

Report available for more information

(c) **Draft 2025-2026 Operating Budget**

CAO Kevin Matheson gave an update on potential changes to programs and projects that would reduce the deficit in the operating budget. To reduce the remaining amount would require a \$0.05 tax increase.

Report available

Discussion

- Recommendation to defer the accessibility study for town hall
- Recommendation to support Kings Transit Authority from reserves
- Recommendation to remove more from the Perpetual Reserve Fund
- Suggestion that residential and commercial tax rates not be increased this year.

4. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved

That the June 24, 2025 special meeting of Council adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved by CAO Chris McNeill

