



Policy 107
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

1. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to appoint a person to act as a traffic authority for the Town of Kentville pursuant to Section 86(6) of the Motor Vehicle Act, as well as an alternate in their absence.

2. Policy Application

This policy shall designate persons as traffic authorities who shall have power to consider granting access to, special use, temporary closure, erection or removal of signage, and other powers granted, on any street within the legal boundaries of Town of Kentville.

3. Definitions

- a. "Chief of Police" means Chief of Police of Kentville Police Service for Town of Kentville.
- b. "Engineer" means Director of Engineering and Public Works of the Town of Kentville.
- c. "Town" shall mean Town of Kentville.

4. Legislation

Section 311 of the *Municipal Government Act* states

- (2) The council may, by policy, appoint a traffic authority for all or part of the municipality.
- (3) A traffic authority has, within the municipality, the powers of a traffic authority of a city or town pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Act.
- (4) The clerk shall notify the Provincial Traffic Authority of the appointment of a traffic authority.
- (5) Where there is no traffic authority appointed by a council, the Minister of Public Works may appoint a traffic authority to hold office until the council appoints a traffic authority.
- (6) Where it appears to the Minister of Public Works that a traffic authority appointed by the council is not performing the duties and functions of a traffic authority, the Minister of Public Works may cancel the appointment of the traffic authority.
- (7) The Provincial Traffic Authority has, with respect to

- (a) highways vested in His Majesty in right of the Province;
- (b) highways in areas of a municipality for which there is no traffic authority; and
- (c) highways in a municipality that have been designated by the Minister of Public Works as main travelled or through highways, the powers conferred upon a traffic authority by or pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Act.

(8) The traffic authority for a municipality has, with respect to highways in the municipality, excluding those for which the Provincial Traffic Authority has authority, the powers conferred upon a traffic authority by or pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Act.

Section 48 of the Municipal Government Act states that

- (1) Before a policy is passed, amended or repealed the council shall give at least seven days notice to all council members.
- (3) In addition to matters specified in this Act or another Act of the Legislature, the council may adopt policies on any matter that the council considers conducive to the effective management of the municipality.

5. Appointment of Traffic Authority and Alternate Traffic Authority

- a. Director of Engineering and Public Works, David Bell, as Engineer for Town of Kentville, is hereby appointed Traffic Authority for Town of Kentville.
- b. Chief of Police, Martin Smith, as Chief of Police for Kentville Police Service, is hereby appointed as Alternate Traffic Authority for Town of Kentville in the absence of Traffic Authority.

6. Repeal

Policy G65, Appointment of Traffic Authority Policy, approved on the 28th day of October 2019, is hereby repealed.

Seven Day Notice of Policy: January 12, 2026

Council Approval: January 26, 2026

In Effect: January 26, 2026

This is to certify that Policy 107, Traffic Authority, was approved by Town Council on the 26th day of January, 2026.

Original signed by Andrew Zebian

Mayor

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Clerk