

Minutes
Kentville Community Development Committee
Kentville Council Chambers
June 12, 2007 – 3:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Dave Corkum, Town of Kentville; Gary Morse, HomeLife Valley Realty Ltd; Linda Power, Café Central; Betty Ann Balcom, Pulsifer’s Flowers; Gary Cleveland, Cleveland’s Home Décor; Brian Desloges, Sperry and Partners.

Resource: Beverly Gentleman, Town of Kentville; Jennifer Weisner, Kings CED Agency; Erin Mason, Kings CED Agency; Mark Phillips, Town of Kentville.

Regrets: Erin Beaudin, Kings CED Agency.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Corkum called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Cleveland moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Desloges.

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2007

Morse moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2007, seconded by Balcom.

Motion Carried.

4. Roundhouse Update – Mayor Corkum: Corkum noted that he wanted to provide an update on the roundhouse to the committee. Corkum noted that the Town has finally purchased the roundhouse land, but much of the land is contaminated. In 1999, Sperry and Partners wrote a report and one of the recommendations was to save the roundhouse. Desloges noted that the report was not to intend the restoration of the building, but meant to preserve the industrial ruin (interpretive panels outside, etc.). Corkum noted that the Town had an engineer review the condition of the building and it was estimated to cost \$1.5 million to bring the building up to a standard warehouse. It would take millions more to restore it and maintain it. Therefore, Council approved to demolish building and tenders have gone out. Corkum noted that no one wants to destroy history, but there is just not any money to repair the building. Corkum has suggested that the new library be built in the style/replica of the roundhouse. Corkum noted that some have suggested that the Friends of the Library Society take over the roundhouse as their library, but the group wants to have a new environmentally sustainable building. Phillips noted that individuals have viewed the roundhouse and have had an opportunity to catalogue the building’s contents and salvage what can be saved. Therefore, the building is still slated for demolition.

Cleveland moves due to the engineer’s report, the state of the building, the associated long-term costs and maintenance of the building and future possible development opportunities for the downtown, the Kentville Community Development Committee supports Council’s approval to demolish the roundhouse, seconded by Desloges.

Motion Carried.

5. Strategy Progress Update – Erin Mason:

a. Develop promotional programs, materials and initiatives for downtown: Mason noted that she is developing tourism materials for the Town and she showed travel itineraries she is working on to the committee. Mason noted that the tourism materials will be primarily electronic with hyperlinks, but there will also be paper

copies at the tourist bureau. Mason also noted that the Kings CED Agency's Annual General Meeting will be held on June 13, 2007 at 4:45 p.m. at Acadia University for any who want to attend.

6. Committee Discussion

- a. **Further development of 7 strategies:** Corkum suggested putting off the action planning session for the next meeting, since there are so few members in attendance. Mason noted that she will contact the newest members of the committee to see if they are still interested in being part of the committee. Mason will also survey all committee members to see the best times to hold meetings and if they are still committed in being part of the committee. Desloges suggested removing "Maximizing parking efficiency in the downtown" from the committee's list of strategies. Desloges suggested that this should be resolved through the Town's parking committee. Morse noted that parking is part of the downtown and should be part of the committee's mandate.

3:56 p.m. – Powers enters the meeting.

The committee decided to complete the action planning session at the next meeting. The committee decided to keep "Maximizing parking efficiency in the downtown" as one of its strategies. However, the Town's parking committee will do the leg work for this strategy. Corkum suggested that the committee recommend the parking committee be more proactive in their approach to improving parking in the Town and ask for suggestions into the committee's action planning for the parking strategy. Mason showed the committee the logic model layout of objectives and actions to date.

7. Additional Business:

- a. **Resignation and proposed new member for committee – Mayor Corkum:**

Corkum noted that Dave Reid has resigned from the committee. Corkum noted that he sent an e-mail to Reid, thanking him for his past service to the committee. Corkum also noted that he would suggest Bruce Beaton as Reid's replacement on the committee.

Desloges moved to recommend Bruce Beaton as the proposed new member of the Kentville Community Development Committee, seconded by Morse.

Motion Carried.

Mason noted that she will make sure this motion goes to Council and Gentleman and Phillips will approach Beaton.

8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be an action planning meeting and will be held on July 5, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

9. **Adjournment:** Cleveland moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Jennifer Weisner