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KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

August 30, 2010

PRESENT

Mayor David Corkum, Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd, Councilor Bernie Cooper, Councilor Eric Bolland, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Mark Pearl, Councilor Tony Bentley, CAO Keith Robicheau, Solicitor Geoff Muttart, Town Clerk Carol Harmes

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor David Corkum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and CAO Robicheau reported that all Council members were in attendance

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Corkum called a Moment of Silence in remembrance of Kentville's School Board Representative, Jennie White, who passed away recently. Jennie was very well liked and respected, representing the Town well on the AVRSB. She had been a great supporter for Kentville's concerns regarding NKEC and more recently with the new KCA.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that the agenda be approved with no additions.

MOTION CARRIED

NOTE

"Points from Discussion" below show various comments made by individual councilors during debate. They do not necessarily represent the opinion of the group, nor do they always reflect accurate information.

PRESENTATION

(a) Dr. Pete Connelly

Mayor Corkum welcomed Dr. Connelly and a neighbour, Gerald Molto, who were concerned about the impact to the neighbourhood as a result of the Miner Marsh project. Both individuals expressed concerns about the drinking being done and the amount of litter being left behind by young people using the Miner Marsh and adjoining private properties.

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Councilor Mark Pearl added that during a conversation with the priest from St. Joseph's Church, Father Craig admitted an increase in traffic around the church property, but had not noticed drinking or drug use in the area.

Councilor Bentley confirmed that a relative of his lives in that area and is also concerned about the hazards of young people partying.

Mayor Corkum added that the police will continue to patrol the area and both the Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Department will review the concerns and make a recommendation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) June 28, 2010

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the minutes of June 28, 2010 be approved with a change on page # 6 of the words "free parking" to "parking permits."

MOTION CARRIED

(b) July 12, 2010 (Special Council Meeting – Kings Transit Request

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the minutes of July 12, 2010 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

(c) July 20, 2010 (Special Council Re: 2010-2011 Budget / Tax Rates)

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that the minutes of July 20, 2010 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/OLD BUSINESS

(a) Chapel Hill

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill wanted to express her opinion that the NS Civic Address File should be

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notified that the portion of Chapel Hill previously discussed and referenced as “non-existing” still exists.

CAO Robicheau advised that he would discuss the matter with the Development Officer and make sure that their records are accurate.

**REPORTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

(a) Council Advisory Committee

(i) Kings Transit Land Purchase

CAO Robicheau reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a letter was read from the Chairman of the Kings Transit Authority’s Board of Directors, in which he stated that this organization plans to build a new garage facility on land being donated by Municipality of the County of Kings, which is located behind the County building. However, to do so, KTA must purchase a small parcel of land from the Town (near the old Police Station) so that road frontage meets the requirement of the Town’s Land Use Bylaw.

At this CAC meeting, it was further noted that the Town should negotiate an agreement with Kings Transit that would ensure that the parking lot remains available for parking; that this parcel of land will revert back to the Town in the future should it be needed to realign the roads for the bridge; and lastly, that in order to meet the requirements of the Municipal Government Act, that an appraisal be done on the property and a fair market value established for the purchase.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the Town of Kentville endorses the proposal by Kings Transit Authority to purchase property located near the old police station, providing all requirements made by the Town of Kentville are met.

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CAO Robicheau stated that there is currently another option that Kings Transit Authority is seriously considering, however, the offer could remain on the table in the event that it is required later.

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(b) Fire

(i) Chief's report

Fire Chief Shawn Ripley reported that for the month of July, there were 17 calls in Kentville for a distance travelled of 201 kilometers, 21 calls in the County for a distance travelled of 1218 kilometers, and 2 mutual aid calls, for a distance travelled of 104 kilometers. These call-outs ranged in scope from brush, grass and lumber fires, rescues, and alarms sounding, to MVAs, medical assists, smoke conditions and power poles on fire.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the report from the Fire Chief be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Fire Governance Report

Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd noted that there has been no meeting, however, one is scheduled for early September.

(c) Valley Waste – Resource Management Authority

Councilor Mark Pearl reiterated some points on the attached reports, noting that the 2009-2010 Consolidate Audited Statements have been reviewed, which indicated that the Authority ended the year with a surplus of over \$300,000. As a result, staff will present a report on special use projects which will be based on the criteria set forth, with approval of the projects being given by all partners.

The Working Group has been asked to prepare a summary of all funding options developed by the auditor and this will be forthcoming. The new administration office facility project, with LEEDS Silver Certification, is moving forward and workshops are being held. Further, requests have been received from the municipal partners for 64 sorting stations and Valley Waste's draft strategic plan was approved with some minor amendments. Lastly, Councilor Pearl recapped some statistics regarding recycling streams.

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It was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the report from the Valley Waste Resource Management Authority be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(d) Kings Regional Development Agency

(i) Representative's Report

Jennifer Weisner reported that the Board will return to its regular meetings in September, but added that there is a new position in the office – a settlement navigator - to help with immigrant settlement in Kings County. She also attended the Calgary Stampede on behalf of Kings RDA and distributed 913 packages of information, with 65 requests received for more information on the Kings County area. The office will track additional requests and any moves to Kings, as a result of this venture.

Councilor Boyd added that the information presented at the Calgary booth was very well done and inclusive of all Towns and communities in the county.

(d) Kentville Community Development Committee

(i) Report

Mayor David Corkum reported that there has been no meeting recently. However, he added that the summer intern, Lindsay Pearl, has returned to school. During her work at the Town, Lindsay did an excellent job in promoting downtown and communication with the public.

(e) Kings Transit Authority

(i) Representative's Report

Councilor Mark Pearl stated that this group met only once during the summer. From the report, he noted that with ridership, the year to date is 4% below and with revenues, 1% above last years. The fare structure will be revised to encourage students to take the bus, and work continues with Acadia and the Community College regarding this.

Also, plans are well underway to move Kings Transit to

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the old Bonnyman Pontiac building in New Minas and the contract is being negotiated at this time. The current plans involve both the garage and office to be moved to this building, and this should result in significant savings in fuel and time.

It was moved by Councilor Mark Pearl and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the report from Kings Transit Authority be received.

MOTION CARRIED

(m) Environmental Advisory Committee

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that there has been no meeting over the summer, however, one will be scheduled in September.

(n) Councilors' Report

Councilor Tony Bentley reported that he has been out of town for much of the last month.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that she attended all meetings and accompanied her daughter, Princess Kentville, to several community events – Hantsport Canada Day, Digby Scallop Days and Kingsport Days. She also attended the Memorial service for Richard Mason.

Councilor Mark Pearl had nothing further to report.

Councilor Eric Bolland reported that he attended all meetings; enjoyed the Canada Day events, and the Ducks Unlimited opening. He added that the trail is a great facility for families.

Councilor Bernie Cooper attended all meetings and the Canadian Association of Police Boards in St. John, NB.

Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd reported that he attended a number of functions and meetings, along with Richard Mason's funerals and other members of the community. He added that he appreciated the concern of citizens regarding his own recent medical concerns and the condolences from the public on the loss of his mother-in-law recently.

(o) Mayor's Report

From Mayor Corkum's written report, he added that he attended a meeting at Kingstec and enjoyed the Canada Day Celebrations. Sadly, he attended a number of

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funerals over the summer months.

He also attended the Wildcats 25th reunion and presented the team with a key to the Town; met with Jim Morton, the Mayors and Warden; visited Camp Aldershot, the Miner Marsh opening, and participated in the “Big Bike” fund-raiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. During a recent tour of the new school, he was pleased to learn that it would be a LEEDS gold or silver building. Lastly, over the last week, he attended the Tourist Bureau to promote the area for immigration.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Valley Regional Hospital Foundation

This letter from Diane Schofield, the Fundraising Coordinator, outlined the plans for the “Lights of Love” tree lighting ceremony, the Festival of Lights and the annual request for a large fir tree. The letter also extended an invitation to Council to become involved in these events.

It was moved by Councilor Tony Bentley and seconded by Councilor Mark Pearl

that the Town endorse the requests of the Valley Regional Hospital Foundation.

MOTION CARRIED

Director Mark Phillips noted that this tree would not replace the one downtown, but would be in addition to it.

(b) A.B.F. Connelly Re: Ducks Unlimited Development

A letter from Pete Connelly of Fairview Street expressed concern about the additional amount of trespassers and mosquitoes that the new Ducks Unlimited project has created, and how these problems negatively affect his property and that of his neighbour, Gerald Molto.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the letter be referred to Council Advisory Committee.

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NEW BUSINESS

(a) Town Piper

Mayor Corkum stated that Ed Coleman has requested that the Town appoint him as the Official Town Piper, at the cost of \$200 per year for up to 10 events a year. This might involve a special certificate that he can use as part of his credentials.

It was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

that Ed Coleman be appointed as the official Town Piper.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bernie Cooper

that the motion be sent to Council Advisory Committee for further discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Federal Gas Tax Funding Agreement

CAO Robicheau reported that a letter was recently received from Minister of SNSMR, Ramona Jennex, which was accompanied by a Funding Agreement for the Federal Gas Tax. This new Federal Provincial Agreement replaces that earlier one of five years ago, and as a comparison, he pointed out the following changes:

- (1) some of the eligible projects have been changed;
- (2) better wording is used regarding the use of funds for municipal roads;
- (3) some eligibility exists for capacity building and studies;
- (4) requirements are listed relating to ICSP;
- (5) requirements are listed for progress reporting;
- (6) notice that a climate change adaptation plan is required;

He added that the new agreement provides for \$455,000 per year and that it applies to years 2010 to 2014.

It was moved by Councilor Eric Bolland and seconded

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by Councilor Mark Pearl

that the Municipal Funding Agreement be executed by the Mayor and Town Clerk and that this be returned to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that the meeting adjourns at 8:02 p.m. to go “In Camera” to discuss the appointment for Legal Services.

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Solicitor Geoff Muttart left the room for this In Camera session)

IN CAMERA

(a) Recommendation Re: Appointment of Legal Services

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Mark Pearl

that the In Camera Meeting adjourns at 8:09 p.m. and that the regular meeting of Council continues.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESUMES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Boyd and seconded by Councilor Mark Pearl

that Town Council appoints the firm of Muttart Tufts DeWolfe and Coyle, for the term September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2015, subject to their review and reappointment on a yearly basis.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Council Eric Bolland

that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:13 p.m. and that an In Camera meeting be held

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**to discuss a contractual matter and a land
negotiation issue**

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It was moved by Councilor Bernie Cooper and
seconded by Councilor Tony Bentley

**that the In camera meeting adjourns and that
the regular meeting of Council resumes at
9:29 p.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and
seconded by Councilor Eric Bolland

that the meeting adjourns at 9:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED