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KENTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

September 8, 2004

PRESENT

Mayor Gary Pearl, Deputy Mayor Larry Eaton, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Larry Honey, Councilor Dennis Kehoe, Councilor Linda Rankin, Councilor David Corkum, CAO Bill Boyd, Solicitor Peter Muttart, Recording Secretary Carol Harmes

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Linda Rankin and seconded by Councilor Larry Honey

that the agenda be approved with the addition of:
4 (a) Cost of Roads Update
6(a) Letters from Ian Maxwell
10. In Camera (personnel and negotiations)

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Councilor David Corkum and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that the minutes of July 14, 2004 be approved as circulated

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Cost of Roads Update

It was noted that a report was submitted and discussed at the last meeting of Council Advisory Committee, and that further work will be carried out on this issue.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Council Advisory Committee

(i) Sewer Account Write-Offs

Councilor Linda Rankin reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, a report was reviewed from Finance Director Crowell in which she stated that the collections officer for the Town of Kentville identified several unpaid sewer accounts. These amounted to \$271.72 (copy is attached) and have remained uncollected for a year. As such, a recommendation was made to write these off in accordance with the Collection Policy.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Linda Rankin and seconded by Councilor David Corkum

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that those outstanding sanitary sewer bills, amounting in total to \$271.72 be written off as recommended.

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(ii) Withdrawal from Operating Reserve - \$393,700
Councilor Linda Rankin reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director Crowell reported that \$393,700 should be withdrawn from the Operating Reserve and transferred to the Operating Fund to provide a source of revenue, in accordance with the 2004-2005 operating budget.

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Linda Rankin and seconded by Councilor Larry Honey

that \$393,700 be withdrawn from the Operating Reserve for transfer to the Town of Kentville Operating Fund, as outlined in the 2004/05 Operating Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) TBR – Streets \$130,000 and \$110,000
Councilor Linda Rankin reported that at a recent meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Director of Finance Debra Crowell submitted a report regarding renewal of expired temporary borrowing resolutions for streets, in the amounts of \$130,000 and \$110,000

Therefore, it was moved by Councilor Linda Rankin and seconded by Councilor David Corkum

that Town Council authorizes the temporary borrowing resolutions as follows:
TBR 95/96-01 Streets - \$130,000
TBR 95/96-02 Streets - \$110,000

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(a) Finance

(i) Director's Report

Finance Director Debra Crowell reported that the final tax bills were generated (and due September 30) and that the first quarter utility bills were due on August 26th. Further, she added that as a benchmark of 42% of the year used, that

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revenue exceeds the average, with net taxation revenue presented reporting at \$7,300 over budget.. Director Crowell added that expenditures are slightly above average due to annual payments and bulk ordering, and she expounded on various accounts.

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Deputy Mayor Larry Eaton

that the report prepared by the Director of Finance, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Points from Discussion

- The presentation process of this financial information should be discussed at CAC, as a more comprehensible portrayal of the financial picture should be implemented.

(c) Planning and Development

(i) Director's Report

Director Wayne Gibbons reported that there were 18 permits issued during August; that the Town took possession of the former CP lands; that Parsons Investments in McDougall Heights has seen the installation of municipal services; that the property owned by Mitchell Brison on the Dalhousie Avenue extension has seen the development of 26 lots. The Oulton development (Fox Hollow Subdivision) has had the street construction and municipal services installed and lots have been selling well, although neither the Healy property, nor the Goodwin property on Prospect Avenue has submitted a formal application for final subdivision approval. Lastly, as Traffic Authority, he added that new signage has been added around town to ensure safety.

It was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor David Corkum

that the report prepared by the Director of Planning and Development be received.

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(ii) Committee Report

Councilor Dennis Kehoe stated that there was nothing further to report.

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(b) Fire

(i) Chief's Report

Fire Chief Ripley reported that there were 30 alarms in July, (double of those in 2003), none of which were serious in nature. He added that forest fires have been down due to the wet weather, and that the department has been busy with the Maritime Fire Chiefs' Annual Conference in July and in preparing for tenders for the new passenger van.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Larry Eaton and seconded by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill

that the report from the Fire Chief be received.

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(ii) Representative's Report

Deputy Mayor Larry Eaton reported that an interim draft paper has been received regarding the administration review and that there will be a meeting in the near future to discuss its content.

(c) Parks and Recreation

(i) Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Phillips reported that because a late event at the arena has been scheduled (Craft Show – September 24-26), ice will be installed on October 4th. At Memorial Park, many tournaments, championships and school use of the ball fields have been scheduled; the pool closed on August 29th and that fall maintenance will begin soon at the parks. Director Phillips added that the access from Anderson Blvd. to the Kentville Trails has been completed and that the entrance sign in the North end has been installed. Lastly, the camps and summer programs have ended for the year, with fall programs advertised, and preparations for the Harvest Festival well underway.

It was moved by Councilor Linda Rankin and seconded by Councilor David Corkum

that the report prepared by the Director of Parks and Recreation be received.

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(ii) Committee Report

Councilor Linda Rankin reported that there will be an advisory meeting shortly, however, she has attended meetings over the summer - one on skateboarding and another regarding the pool.

(f) Police

(i) Chief's Report

Police Chief Mark Mander reported that there were 276 calls during August and stated that for August, 69 hours were spent on foot patrol. Chief Mander added that comments about the lack of loitering in the downtown have been received, but parking remains a problem, primarily due to the fact that people working in the downtown, are using the customer- designated areas for themselves. Chief Mander added crime statistics to complete his report

It was moved by Councilor Nola Folker-Hill and seconded by Deputy Mayor Larry Eaton

that the report from the Chief of Police be received.

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(ii) Board Report

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow evening.

(g) Transportation Services

(i) Director's Report

Director Hal Henderson reported that it has been a very busy summer for Public Works crews and that a new employee has been hired, and that another employee remains off work. As for capital projects, work has finished on curbing and paving and a new storm sewer has been placed along Park Street. A number of other streets (or parts of streets) have been identified for payment and new street signage and lighting will be installed in other areas. He added that fall clean up will be on September 13th.

It was moved by Councilor David Corkum and seconded by Councilor Linda Rankin

that the report from the Transportation Services Department be received.

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(ii) Committee Report

Councilor David Corkum had nothing further to report.

(h) Water Commission

(i) Director's Report

Director Hal Henderson reported that water lines are being renewed on Canaan Avenue and should water service be extended to Balsor Subdivision, the mains will have been completely replaced. The new booster station on Prospect Avenue is 80% complete and will be operating at the end of September. Some repairs are being done to the well pump on Mitchell Avenue. The Operation and Maintenance Manual for the department has been completed, the Wellfield Planning Advisory Committee has recommended revisions to both town and county MPS and LUBs and the McGee Lake Watershed Advisory Committee has not met since April, although work continues behind the scenes.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Larry Eaton and seconded by Councilor Larry Honey

that the report from the Water Commission be received.

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Points from discussion

- A water rate study should be undertaken and Council should ask the Water Commission to do this.

It was moved by Councilor Dennis Kehoe and seconded by Councilor David Corkum

that Town Council request the Kentville Water Commission to engage a consultant for the purpose of carrying out a water rate study.

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(ii) Commission Report

It was noted that there will be a meeting this week.

(i) Valley Waste Resource Management Authority

(i) Representative's Report

Deputy Mayor Eaton reported that after a slower summer

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schedule, regular meetings will now resume. He pointed out that Valley Waste has just completed a very successful five years of operations. A celebration of this achievement is being organized and recognition of long term employees will be made at that time.

(j) Kings Community Economic Development

(i) Representative's Report

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill reported that there had been a meeting on August 24, at which some discussion took place on the retirement of Robin Marshall and his replacement in this position.

(k) Kings Transit Authority

(i) Representative's Report

Mayor Gary Pearl (Chairman of Kings Transit Authority) reported that there had been no written report, as the next meeting will be tomorrow. He added that KTA will be meeting with officials regarding the possibility of extending the western route to Weymouth. This would be fully financed by that part of the province. Lastly, he stated that on this coming Friday, the CAOs will meet, and following this, the Mayors will join them, at which time a new style bus (from Halifax) will be viewed.

(l) Councilor's Report

Councilor Linda Rankin had nothing further to report.

Councilor David Corkum had nothing further to report.

Councilor Dennis Kehoe had nothing further to report.

Councilor Larry Honey reported that the Kings Partnership Steering Committee met on July 15 and the next meeting is Monday, September 13. He added that AVRLB is meeting tomorrow evening.

Councilor Nola Folker-Hill commented that the work being done on the Cornwallis Inn is making a wonderful difference to that building and that recognition for this restoration should be made.

Deputy Mayor Larry Eaton reported that the 100th anniversary of Aldershot is fast approaching and that tickets should be arranged for those attending.

(m) Mayor's Report

Mayor Gary Pearl reviewed some highlights from his report (attached) and pointed out that a meeting took place with Maple Leaf Foods. This company may build a new plant and officials are looking at the possibility of locating in

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Kentville.

He added that some residents in the north part of Kentville have been complaining about some heavy trucking being done in that area after normal working hours. This issue and the Noise Bylaw will be addressed at the next meeting of CAC. Lastly he added that a meeting took place with the consultant to discuss the environmental status of the CP land.

(n) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CAO Boyd reported that there continues to be lots of interest in development of the CP lands, and that a remedial strategy plan is being prepared on the site. He added that Council commissioned a traffic study for the development.

It was moved by Councilor David Corkum and seconded by Council Linda Rankin

that the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

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CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Ian Maxwell

CAO Boyd reported that a number of letters have been received from Mr. Maxwell, addressing the same issue that he has addressed over the last many years. In spite of countless telephone discussions, meetings and written responses, he refuses to accept the requirements as dictated by the MGA relating to his land development. As such, CAO Boyd suggested that once again, the solicitor receive these letters and prepare a response.

NEW BUSINESS

none

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Larry Honey moved adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

**QUESTIONS &
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None

Mayor

Secretary

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