

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
12 JUNE 2001

Present: Chairman Mayor John P. Prall
 Deputy Mayor Donald E. Clarke
 Councillor Gary W. Whittier
 Councillor Bruce H. Morse
 Councillor Richard Horsburgh
 Councillor Thomas S. Banks
 Councillor Michael E. Trinacty
 Ms. Linda Parker, Chief Administrative Officer
 Mrs. Rachel Turner, Recording Secretary

In attendance: Ms. Sara Keddy, Register
 Smoke Free Kings Representatives
 Kings Citizens for Community Well Being
 Members of the Public

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed members of the public and press in attendance.

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Hearing of no errors or omissions the Chairman approved the minutes of 8 May 2001 as circulated.

4. **Presentations**

(a) **Kings Citizens for Community Well Being**

Ms. Wanda Miller presented information on the group and responded to questions from Council.

(b) **2001/02 Operating and Capital Budgets**

Ms. Parker presented the draft 2001/02 Operating and Capital Budgets providing an overview of the significant issues included in the documents. The draft budgets include proposed increases of \$0.015 in the Residential tax rate and \$0.075 in the Commercial tax rate. As well, Council is proposing a separate levy of \$0.025 to fund the costs of Assessment Services downloaded by the Provincial Government. Council is seeking and encouraging public input for consideration at the regular Committee of the Whole meeting on June 26th. Council expects to set the tax rates and approve the budgets at the next Council meeting on July 10th.

5. **Recommendations from Committee of the Whole**

(a) **Smoke-free Indoor Public Places Bylaw**

Mrs. Turner reviewed the report, noting the comments made by Mr. McInroy regarding the draft Bylaw. Councillor Banks provided clarification from the Committee regarding Mr. McInroy's comments, specifically that the "reasonable distance" phrase had been included so as not to exclude outdoor patios. This

provision leaves it up to the judgement of the proprietor as to where the public is allowed to smoke outside an establishment.

Mr. Stockman noted his concern with excluding smoking during the bingo games held at the Lions Club, which will seriously affect the viability of the Club. Mr. Logie spoke as the Chairman of the Annapolis Valley Regional Health Authority, noting his concerns regarding the public health issues around smoking and second hand smoke. An item of correspondence included in this agenda was pointed out, which dealt with the Smoke-free Bylaw.

Councillor Trinacty suggested that the Committee contact the native Reserve to solicit support of the Bylaw and include the Reserve in the effort to promote no smoking throughout the County. It was agreed that the Committee's role is to facilitate presenting a common bylaw, and, in that role, the Committee will bring all concerns from the various municipal units forward for consideration.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to accept first reading of the
Smoke Free Indoor Public Places Bylaw.**

Motion Carried

A Public Hearing will be held prior to the July Council meeting on July 10th at 6:30 p.m.

(b) Benefit Package Renewal

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council renew the Life Insurance, Long Term Disability, Extended Health and Dental Plans with Maritime Life effective June 1, 2001.

Motion Carried

(c) Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Mrs. Turner noted the addition to page 4 of the Policy, regarding additional licenses for software to be installed on home computers for staff and Councillors. After a brief discussion of the Policy,

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to accept the Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

Motion Carried

6. New Business

(a) LUB Amendment: Yard Sales – 2nd Reading

Councillor Trinacty reviewed the report, noting the provisions that other local municipal units have for regulating yard sales within their boundaries.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve second reading of the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy amendments.
Motion Carried**

- (b) Dog Bylaw – 2nd Reading
Mrs. Turner reviewed the changes that were discussed at the May Council meeting.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve second reading of the Dog Bylaw.

Discussion followed regarding fierce and dangerous dogs. It was suggested that wording be added to Section 18 requiring warning signs to be posted indicating the presence of a guard dog.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to amend the motion to include a reference that requires the posting of signs to indicate the presence of a guard dog in Section 18.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion Carried

A vote was taken on the amended motion.

Motion Carried

- (c) Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw – 1st Reading
Mrs. Turner reviewed the report. Based on budget deliberations, the Deed Transfer Tax is proposed to increase from .5% to 1.5%. After a brief discussion,

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the amendments and accept first reading of the Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw.

Motion Carried

- (d) UNSM Equalization Proposal Response
Ms. Parker reviewed the report, and she and Mayor Prall updated the Council on meetings which they attended on Monday, one with the Town's Caucus, and another general meeting with the UNSM regarding the UNSM Equalization Proposal. President Anna Allen is strongly encouraging municipal units to support the UNSM Proposal; otherwise, it is unsure if the original proposal from the Province is still on the table, or if an alternate Proposal will be brought forward. It was agreed to forward the response to the UNSM as drafted.

7. Correspondence

- (b) Berwick Community Access Project

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Ms. Parker noted that the UNSM Fall Conference accommodation information has been received. Per budget deliberations, it was decided that only two Councillors would be registered at the Conference. Those two names will be chosen in September, with the rooms being booked when available.

Ms. Parker noted that the Town of Wolfville has booked an assessment services workshop for next Tuesday afternoon. Councillors are invited to attend that session or there is the option to book our own workshop if there is enough interest. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to invite staff from Assessment Services to September Council to answer questions. All questions should be submitted to Ms. Parker by August 21.

8. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Rachel L. Turner
Recording Secretary