

VILLAGE-MUNICIPAL MEETING
April 17, 7:00 pm, 2019
ORCHARDS ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING
87 Cornwallis Street, Kentville
AGENDA

1. Opening Comments

2. Call to Order - Mayor, County of Kings

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes, October 17, 2018

5. Updates from the County of Kings

- J-Class Road Initiative
- Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Program

6. Updates from Villages:

- Chair, Village of Aylesford
- Chair, Village of Canning
- Chair, Village of Cornwallis Square
- Chair, Village of Greenwood
- Chair, Village of Kingston
- Chair, Village of New Minas
- Chair, Village of Port Williams

7. Items Brought Forward:

- 2019 Beautification and Streetscaping Program Guidelines
- Village use of Gas Tax
- Contributions to Federal Government
- Standing versus competitive grants for Villages

8. Councillor Comments

- District 1 - Megan Hodges
- District 2 - Pauline Raven
- District 3 - Brian Hirtle
- District 4 - Martha Armstrong
- District 5 - Paul Spicer
- District 6 - Bob Best
- District 7 - Emily Lutz
- District 8 - Jim Winsor
- District 9 - Peter Allen

9. Next Meeting: 3rd Wednesday in October - October 16, 2019

10. Closing Comments from Mayor, County of Kings

11. Open Forum (15 minutes)

12. Adjournment

VILLAGE-MUNICIPAL MEETING

October 17, 2018

7:00 pm

Orchard Room - Municipal Building
87 Cornwallis Street, Kentville, NS

In Attendance:

Peter Muttart, Municipality of the County of Kings, Mayor
Meg Hodges, Municipality of the County of Kings, Councillor
Brian Hirtle, Municipality of the County of Kings, Councillor
Paul Spicer, Municipality of the County of Kings, Councillor
Jim Winsor, Municipality of the County of Kings, Councillor
John DeCoste, Village of Aylesford
Angela Cruickshank, Village of Canning, Chair
Michael Keith, Village of Cornwallis Square
Roy Quartermain, Village of Cornwallis Square
John Foote, Village of Cornwallis Square
Brian Banks, Village of Greenwood, Chair
John Pierce, Village of Kingston, Vice-Chair
Mike McCleave, Village of Kingston, Clerk
Dave Chaulk, Village of New Minas, Chair
Lewis Benedict, Village of Port Williams, Chair
Scott Leier, Village of Port Williams
Scott Conrod, Municipality of the County of Kings, CAO
Rob Frost, Municipality of the County of Kings, Deputy CAO
Scott Quinn, Municipality of the County of Kings, Director of Engineering & Public Works, Lands & Parks
Chad West, Municipality of the County of Kings, Manager of IT

Regrets:

Emily Lutz, Municipality of the County of Kings, Deputy Mayor
Pauline Raven, Municipality of the County of Kings, Councillor
Martha Armstrong, Municipality of the County of Kings, Councillor
Bob Best, Municipality of the County of Kings, Councillor
Peter Allen, Municipality of the County of Kings, Councillor

1. Opening Comments:

Mayor Muttart welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided the opportunity for everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

3. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Brian Hirtle, Municipality of the County of Kings, and seconded by Jim Winsor, Municipality of the County of Kings, to approve the agenda as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes April 18, 2018:

It was moved by Meg Hodges, Municipality of the County of Kings, and seconded by Paul Spicer, Municipality of the County of Kings, to approve the minutes as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

5. Update from the County of Kings:

➤ Strategic Plan

Scott Conrod, CAO of the Municipality of the County of Kings (MOK) provided an overview of MOK's Strategic Plan.

Scott Leier, Village of Port Williams, asked if the Climate Change Staff member would be available to the Villages if funding is granted.

The CAO responded that arrangements could be made with Villages on some initiatives.

➤ J-Class Roads

The 1995 Provincial – Municipal Service Exchange is the source of the discussion. Kings has more kilometres of J-class roads than any other rural municipality.

Scott Quinn, Director of Engineering & Public Works, Lands & Parks for the MOK, presented about the challenge MOK will face if the current status quo is maintained and outlined some possible solutions that MOK will be exploring in the near future for a sustainable program.

➤ Broadband Initiative

Chad West, Manager of IT for the MOK provided a progress update on the ~7.5 Million Connect to Innovate funding.

➤ Grants to Organizations (not in the County of Kings) – brought forward by the Villages

Rob Frost, Deputy CAO for MOK provided an overview of the Community Grants Policy progress to date and elaborated on the changes that would be recommended for the upcoming year.

6. Updates from the Villages:

Village of Aylesford: New sidewalks are being installed and are partially funded by Gas Tax. Phase 1 of the extension to our picnic park is complete.

Village of Canning: Replacing some sidewalks. Had a well attended Picnic in the Park. The community gym is now open in the Canning MultiComplex.

Village of Cornwallis Square: Completed some repairs to a dry hydrant in Grafton and put in service, a big flow pumper truck which has helped out significantly with a few recent fires. Bus shelters are in the works with Kings Transit.

Village of Greenwood: New sidewalks are coming in the future and a few sections of J-Class roads are about to be paved. A new tractor has been purchased to help clear sidewalks and a dog park area is being created.

Village of Kingston: The arena opened a few weeks ago with a new cooling plant, thanks to contributions from MOK. One of the lift stations has been replaced.

Village of New Minas: \$25,000 a year is being put aside to help beautify the area with benches, planters, etc. Commercial Street has been repaved and dug up. The new interchange should be open soon which should ease traffic. Preliminary planning has begun with the MOK to develop the area south of the 101.

Village of Port Williams: The Lieutenant Governor will be attending the Remembrance Day Ceremony, as the last soldier killed in World War 1 was from Port Williams. The Village is disappointed by PAC and Council in regards to wellfields, and would like to be consulted on matters in the future. Flooding in Stars Point from the dyke is a concern. The roofless building has been removed and a new fire truck has been purchased.

7. Items Brought Forward

➤ **Accessibility Act-Rick Hansen Foundation Training Program**

The CAO of MOK announced that MOK has staff that will be taking training. The technical aspects aren't out yet, but MOK will send Villages a roll-out plan when more is known.

➤ **Municipal Modernization**

Mayor Muttart is willing to discuss the topic with anyone or at a Village meeting.

8. Councillor Comments:

Meg Hodges, District 1: Left meeting early.

Pauline Raven, District 2: Not present.

Brian Hirtle, District 3: Appreciates the comments from Port Williams, and as the Chair of PAC, hopes a way forward can be found. Council should be blamed for the policy changes not the organizations that took advantage of the grant policy.

Martha Armstrong, District 4: Not present.

Paul Spicer, District 5: Thanked Commissioner Pierce for bringing forward concerns with the grant policy.

Bob Best, District 6: Not present.

Deputy Mayor Emily Lutz, District 7: Not present.

Jim Winsor, District 8: Pleased to see the presentation on the Strategic Plan. It would be nice to see all Councillors present as the information shared is valuable. Jim is delighted with the Ground-Up Planning Process going on in New Minas. The relationship with the Village of New Minas and the County has really improved over the past few years and is demonstrated in the work the parties are doing together.

Peter Allen, District 9: Not present.

9. The Updated MOU was passed around and signed.

10. Next Meeting:

April 17, 2019, 7:00pm, Municipal Building, Kentville.

11. Closing Comments from Mayor:

Mayor Muttart closed by speaking about what makes governance so difficult in this area and how meetings like this help us, the Municipality and Villages, work together.

12. Open Forum:

John Pierce, Village of Kingston: We have had great discussion with the Villages, but it is discouraging to not have Councillors present.

Mayor: We will circulate the minutes from this meeting before Council and let Councillors know of your concern.

John DeCoste, Village of Aylesford: There were a number of things discussed here that should have been heard by all councillors.

Mike McCleave, Village of Kingston: Issues from the County are not brought up to the Villages.

Mayor: If we had issues we would bring them up.

13. Adjournment:

Mayor Muttart called for adjournment at 9:22 PM.