



MUNICIPALITY *of the*
COUNTY *of* KINGS

March 2024 Fast Facts from Council Chambers

“Fast Facts from Council Chambers” is a quick summary of some key takeaways from Council meetings held in March 2024. For more background information, use the links below each list of motions to find agenda packages and meeting recordings. Many of the topics discussed at Council meetings stem from presentations or conversations that first took place at Committee of the Whole meetings. You can find recordings of Committee of the Whole meetings on the [Municipality's YouTube channel](#).

Motions from the March 20 Special Council meeting:

Municipal Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Approve the 2024-25 Operating and Capital Budget for the Greenwood Water Utility, which includes \$1,084,900 in gross expenditures, \$127,330 in capital out of revenue, and a total Capital Budget of \$7,374,050 funded out of prior period surplus, long-term debt, and operating revenue.
- Approve the 2024-25 Operating and Capital Budget for the Regional Sewer System, which includes \$2,000,050 of gross expenditures and a Capital Budget of \$9,268,324.
- Approve a total of \$3,169,160 in specific funding for external organizations identified in Appendix C: Schedule of Specific External Organization Funding.
- Approve \$2,670,300 in grant program funding identified in Appendix D.
- Approve the 2024-25 Municipal contribution of \$82,300 to the West Hants Regional Municipality for the Hantsport Volunteer Fire Department.
- Approve the 2024-25 Capital and Project Budget with gross expenditures of \$41,648,151.
- Approve the five-year Capital Plan summarized in Appendix H and detailed in the project sheets of the Proposed 2024-25 Budget document.
- Approve the request of a Temporary Borrowing Resolution from the Province of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$14,963,256.
- Provide seven days' notice to adopt changes to Policy FIN-05-003: Fees.
- Approve the Operating Budget with gross expenditures (spending) of \$65,333,760.
- Approve the 2024-25 Operating Budget totaling \$757,720 for the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department.
- Approve the 2024-25 municipal contribution of \$475,489 to the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department.

- Set the residential and resource property tax rate for 2024-25 at \$0.853 per \$100 of assessment.
- Set the commercial property tax rate for 2024-25 at \$2.287 per \$100 of assessment.

More background information can be found in the [agenda package](#) and the [video recording for the March 20 Special Council meeting](#). For more about the 2024-25 Municipal Budget, check out this [Municipal News article](#).

Motions from the March 19 Special Council meeting:

Municipal Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Enter into a one-year funding agreement with the Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition.
- Provide the assigned \$15,000 in capital funding to Kings Point to Point Transit Society to be used for operating costs for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscal years.
- Advise the Kings Point to Point Transit Society and the Trans County Transportation Society that the Municipality wishes to remove Council appointments from the Societies' Boards of Directors.

More background information can be found in [the agenda package](#) and the [video recording of the meeting](#).

Motions from the March 5 Municipal Council meeting:

Municipal Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Give First Reading to, and hold a Public Hearing regarding, an application to rezone properties at 496/498 and 500/502 Mosher Street in Kingston from Residential One Unit (R1) to Residential Mixed Density (R3).
- Give Initial Consideration to, and hold a Public Hearing regarding, entering into a Development Agreement to permit the addition of a restaurant, event venue and expanded commercial area within an existing building at 1441 Church Street in Port Williams.
- Give Initial Consideration to, and hold a Public Hearing regarding, changes to an approved Development Agreement for a vacant parcel in the southeast area of J Jordan Road and Summer Street in Canning.
- Proclaim March 2024 as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Proclaim World Down Syndrome Day in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Proclaim World Press Freedom Day in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Proclaim March 8, 2024, as the International Women's Day in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Proclaim March 21, 2024, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
- Proclaim March 31, 2024, as International Transgender Visibility Day in the Municipality of the County of Kings.

- Give Second Reading to changes to By-law 101: Alternative Voting.
- Approve \$51,393 in additional costs to CBCL for design engineering, including the preparation of drawings and tender specifications, for the Aylesford AD2 lift station infrastructure upgrade project.
- Approve \$15,435 in additional costs for geotechnical engineering near the Aylesford AD2 lift station to CBCL to support the design of a new trenchless river crossing.
- Provide seven days' notice to change Policy FIN-05-024: Property Tax Sales. (This change allows for the tax sale to take place in June for this year only. It is typically held in March).
- Provide seven days' notice to change Policy FIN-05-026: Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations.
- Adopt changes to Policy FIN-05-009: Personal Property Tax Reduction. (These changes resulted in a \$50 increase to the maximum tax reduction amount granted to applicants whose total gross household income for the previous year is less than \$46,000).
- Instruct Municipal Council to call upon the federal government to respond to calls for an annual Guaranteed Basic Livable Income (GBLI) by either endorsing, committing to, and enacting a GBLI or giving the citizens of Canada clear reasons why a GBLI cannot be implemented.

More background information can be found in the agenda package for the [March 5 Municipal Council meeting](#) and the [video recording of the meeting](#).