



November 2023 Fast Facts from Council Chambers

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“Fast Facts from Council Chambers” offers a quick summary of some of the key takeaways from Council meetings held in November 2023. A complete list of topics discussed can be found in the agenda packages for the meetings, and recordings of the meetings are available on the [Municipality’s YouTube channel](#) and www.countyofkings.ca.

Nov. 6 Municipal Council Meeting:

- Municipal Council agreed to hold a Public Hearing on Dec. 5 regarding a development agreement application for a proposed dog daycare at 7311 Highway 1 in Coldbrook.
- Council discussed a recent Blomidon Naturalists Society (BNS) request asking the Municipality to write a letter of support to the Province of Nova Scotia to back a BNS proposal calling for all development on Crown Lands in Southwestern Kings County to be paused to allow for the creation of a new wilderness area. Municipal Council voted to wait until BNS has provided a written statement of support for the inclusion of wind power generation projects within the designated geographic area.
- Municipal Council voted to provide seven days’ notice of changes to Policy FIN-05-013: Interest Rate & Tax Due Date Policy. The changes were required to allow the Municipality to release the delayed 2023 tax bills in mid-January and set the due date of Feb. 29, 2024.
- Municipal Council directed staff to release an update on the Municipality’s response to the housing crisis.

More background information about the topics listed above, and other matters discussed at the meeting, can be found in the [agenda package for the Nov. 6 Municipal Council meeting](#). A [recording of the meeting](#) is available on the Municipality’s YouTube channel.

Nov. 21 Special Council Meeting:

- Municipal Council approved changes to Policy FIN 05-013: Interest Rate and Tax Due Date to allow the delayed tax bills that could not be prepared while financial systems were offline in the fall to be mailed out in mid-January, with a new due date set at Feb. 29, 2024. More details about the upcoming release of the delayed tax bills can be found in this [Municipal Advisory and Frequently Asked Questions document](#).
- Municipal Council directed staff to apply for provincial Municipal Capital Growth Program funding to help with the replacement of sections of wastewater lines between the Town of Kentville and Regional Sewer Treatment Plant in New Minas. The joint application is to be filed on behalf of the Municipality, the Town of Kentville and the Village of New Minas.
- Municipal Council voted in favour of issuing a letter of support to be included in the Village of Canning's Municipal Capital Growth Program application for capital funding.

More background information on these topics, and others discussed at the meeting, can be found in the [agenda package from the Nov. 21 Special Council meeting](#). A [recording of this meeting](#) is available on the Municipality's YouTube channel.