



April 2025 Fast Facts from Council Chambers

“Fast Facts from Council Chambers” is a brief overview of the key takeaways from Council meetings held in April 2025. For more background information, click the links below a list of motions to find agenda packages and meeting recordings.

Motions from the April 1 Council meeting

Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Give Second Reading to the application to rezone a vacant property located on Prospect Road in New Minas from the Highway Commercial (C5) Zone to the Mixed Commercial (C3) Zone.
- Give Second Reading to the application to rezone the property located at 5329 Prospect Road in New Minas from the Highway Commercial (C5) Zone to the Mixed Commercial Residential (C3) Zone.
- Give First Reading to and hold a Public Hearing regarding the application to rezone 1.94 acres of 7015 Highway 1 in Coldbrook from the Heavy Industrial (M2) Zone to the Light Industrial Commercial (M1) Zone.
- Give First Reading to and hold a Public Hearing regarding the application to rezone a parcel of vacant land on Ernst Drive (PID 55552640), Aylesford from the Residential One and Two Unit (R2) Zone to the Residential mixed Density (R3) Zone.
- Proclaim April 2025 to be “Autism Acceptance Month” in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Proclaim May 2025 to be “Gaelic Nova Scotia Month” in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Provide consent for the Municipality’s Chief Administrative Officer to serve as Clerk or as Treasurer during periods of time when either of these positions are temporarily vacant or during periods when an appointed Municipal Clerk or Treasurer are temporarily out of office, and that the period of time of this consent be limited to the term of office of the

present-day Municipal Council, expiring when a new Council is sworn in after the 2028 general municipal election.

- Receive the April 1, 2025, briefing regarding the results of the 2020 - 2024 Lake Monitoring Programs as information.
- Pre-approve debt issuance and use of capital reserves for fiscal 2025/26 for the increased capital costs of \$356,050 associated with the Mee Road Easement Sewer Upgrade.
- Award Contract #25-12: Mee Road Easement Sewer Upgrade to Atlantic Snow and Ice Management in the amount of \$723,998.07 including non-recoverable HST.
- Give seven days' notice, per s.48(1) *Municipal Government Act*, to amend Policy FIN-05-026: Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations.
- Provide direction to the Mayor and CAO to enter into Fire Funding Agreements for the non-contracted Fire Departments.
- Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with the Kings Point-to-Point Transit Society based on the terms and conditions in the March 18, 2025, Request for Decision.

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

Motions from the April 2 Special Council meeting

Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Approve the 2025/26 Operating and Capital Budget for the Greenwood Water Utility, which includes \$1,147,500 of Gross Expenditures, \$32,000 in Capital out of Revenue, and a total Capital Budget of \$10,989,060 funded out of prior period surplus, long-term debt, and operating revenue.
- Approve the 2025/26 Operating and Capital Budget for the Regional Sewer System, which includes \$2,724,800 of gross expenditures and a Capital Budget of \$4,625,000.
- Approve the grant program funding identified in Appendix C attached to the April 2, 2025, Request for Decision totaling \$3,850,600.
- Approve specific funding to external organizations identified in Appendix D: Schedule of Specific External Organization Funding attached to the April 2, 2025, Request for Decision totaling \$2,444,590.
- Approve the 2025/26 Operating Budget for the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department attached as Appendix E to the April 2, 2025, Request for Decision totaling \$803,700.
- Approve the 2025/26 Municipal contribution in the amount of \$476,702 to the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department.
- Approve the 2025/26 Municipal contribution in the amount of \$127,700 to the West Hants Regional Municipality for the Hantsport Volunteer Fire Department.

- Approve the 2025/26 Municipal contribution in the amount of \$186,320 to the Town of Berwick and the Berwick and District Volunteer Fire Department.
- Approve the 2025/26 Capital and Project Budget with Gross Expenditures of \$48,135,544.
- Approve the Five-Year Capital Plan as summarized in Appendix H to the April 2, 2025 Request for Decision, and as detailed within the Project Justification Sheets of the Proposed 2025/26 Budget Document.
- Provide seven days' notice, per s. 48(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, to adopt amendments to Policy FIN-05-003, the Fees Policy.
- Approve the 2025/26 Operating Budget with Gross Expenditures of \$69,813,150.
- Set the residential and resource property tax rate for 2025/26 at \$0.853 per \$100 of assessment.
- Set the commercial property tax rate for 2025/26 at \$2.287 per \$100 of assessment.
- Award Contract #24-42: Asset Maintenance Management Software to Applied GeoLogics for a term of five years at a total cost of \$1,078,830.33 (including non-recoverable HST).
- Award Contract #24-45: Human Resource Information System to ADP Canada for a term of five (5) years at a total cost of \$176,940.25 (including non-recoverable HST).

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Motions from the April 15 Special Council meeting

Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Provide seven days' notice, per s.48(1) of the Municipal Government Act, to change Policy FIN-05-002: Council and Committee Remuneration.
- Accept the proposed road for repaving (Sandy Court) as detailed in the letter dated March 27, 2025, received from the Office of Minister of Public Works.
- Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to propose a replacement J-Class Program to the Province of Nova Scotia based on information provided to Municipal Council on November 19, 2024.
- Award Contract #25-09: Permitting Software to Clariti Cloud Inc. for a term of five years at a total cost of \$346,518.88 (including non-recoverable HST).
- Adopt changes to Policy FIN-05-003, the Fees Policy.
- Adopt changes to Policy FIN-05-026, the Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations Policy.
- Rescind the motion passed on April 2, 2025, to approve the request of a Temporary Borrowing Resolution from the Province of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$14,963,256 as attached as Appendix I to the April 2, 2025, Request for Decision.

- Approve and submit for Provincial approval the Temporary Borrowing Resolution from the Province of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$20,776,027 as attached as Appendix A to the April 15, 2025, Request for Decision.
- Give seven days' notice, per s. 48(1) Municipal Government Act, to adopt Policy DBS-03-006: Storm Water Management.

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