

Minutes
Rural Municipality of KINGSTON
Emyvale Recreation Center
Rescheduled Regular Monthly Council Meeting
Budget Presentation
Thursday March 21, 2024 7PM

Attendance

Y	Alan Miller (Mayor)		Y	Allan Holmes
Y	Dwight Thompson (DM)		Y	Darlene MacDonald
Y	Tom Coady		N	Pierce MacLean
Y	Tory Kennedy		Y	Keith Boire (CA0)

Public Attendance	Wayne Gairns
Logan Docherty	Gregg Dawson
Alex Docherty	Trevor MacNeil
	Rob McAdam

Call to Order At:	7:02pm			
Approval of Agenda	M	Darlene MacDonald	S	Dwight Thompson
Approval of Minutes February 13, 2023	M	Tory Kennedy	S	Tom Coady

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Given the attendance of members of the public present for two specific topics, Mayor Alan Miller with agreement from council changed the order of the agenda to address their concerns first.

1. APM Centre Expansion

- a. Trevor MacNeil and Rob McAdam gave a presentation similar to the one held at the APM centre the previous Tuesday with greater detail.
- b. The difficulty in moving this worthwhile project forward is based on the requirement to have a single municipal principal initiator in order to move the feasibility study beyond the drawing phase to seek quotes and to subsequently seek Federal and Provincial funding.
- c. The current model of Communities 13 as a non-profit owning and running the facility was not viable in the context of expanding the centre to include a second ice surface and additional racket and commercial spaces.
- d. Council was supportive of the work being done by the expansion committee, but without any hard estimates or a formula for municipal funding, no financial commitment to the project was made.
- e. Council was however prepared to encourage the committee to continue to seek options to move the project forward and to that end, council made the following motion:

Council supports the APM centre expansion committee and the Communities 13 board to explore options to allow a single government entity to take the lead in moving the project forward, to seek quotes and to apply for Federal and Provincial Funding. Council will maintain its current capital funding to the centre and will evaluate further support at such a time as is appropriate should the project advance beyond the concept phase.

Moved by:	Darlene MacDonald				
Seconded by:	Alan Holmes				
Motion Carried:	Unanimously X	Vote for:		Vote against:	

2. Excavation Pits

- a. Alan Miller gave Alex and Logan Docherty as well as council a summary of the events surrounding the issue of jurisdiction regarding excavation pits and what efforts had been taken over the past two years to come up to a reasonable process whereby the province could continue managing the day to day permitting and monitoring of the pits while respecting Council's right and obligation to manage land use in the municipality. At the end of that process, it became clear the province would not work with the municipality on a solution.
- b. Alan also described the reasons why council had decided to put a hold on any new applications pending approval of the new plan and development bylaw.
- c. Keith noted the plan to model our future pit bylaw on that of West River, who now have full jurisdiction over managing pits in their municipality.
- d. Given the unexpected delay in completing our new Plan and Development bylaw that would likely take the better part of a year to complete and be approved, council felt the delay was unreasonable to potential applicants seeking pit permits and to that end council made the following motion.

Council to allow applications for a new excavation pit to be received and processed in accordance with Kingston's current excavation pit bylaw 6.6. Council will establish a new fee schedule which will include new fees for excavation pits which will be in keeping with the current fees charged by municipalities similarly having jurisdiction over excavation pits.

Moved by:	Allan Holmes				
Seconded by:	Tory Kennedy				
Motion Carried:	Unanimously X	Vote for:		Vote against:	

3. Plan and Bylaw Review

- a. Realistically the process has been delayed by 3 months. We are likely to get a final draft the end of June.
- b. By the end of July, we may have something to submit to the province and then there will be a period of time before we can expect ministerial approval.

4. Emyvale Rec Centre

- a. Keith apologized for not making any progress on this file.
- b. Keith requested Alan make the first call to Cox and Palmer to get the process started Keith would follow up and continue with them until the process was complete.

2. Community Planning

1. Report from Planning Board

- a. Wolters Subdivision
 - i. The board noted the application was already approved by council, but noted section 12.9 of the bylaw was not brought to the applicant's attention in a timely manner

- ii. The board determined that clause was not something council would want to enforce and recommended it be noted to our planner to remove it from the new bylaw
- iii. Council was in agreement and the following motion was made:

To maintain the current approval for the Wolter Subdivision and make recommendation to our planner to remove clause 12.9 of the bylaw.				
Moved by:	Darlene MacDonald			
Seconded by:	Tory Kennedy			
Motion Carried:	Unanimously x	Vote for:		Vote against:

b. Murphy – Two lots

- i. The Planning Board recommended the approval of the two-lot subdivision and noted the confusion over the 660-foot road frontage clause in the bylaws.
- ii. In this case the available frontage exceeded 1320 feet, but given the continuing confusion and mixed interpretation of this clause, it recommended the clause be removed from the new bylaw.
- iii. Council was in agreement and the following motion was made:

To give approval of the subdivision subject to the application being compliant with the bylaw. Mirko Terrazas to process and ensure the lots sizes are in keeping with the provincial requirements for the given septic categorization.				
Moved by:	Tom Coady			
Seconded by:	Tory Kennedy			
Motion Carried:	Unanimously x	Vote for:		Vote against:

c. Sarah Miller – One lot

- i. The Planning Board recommended the approval of the one lot subdivision.
- ii. Mayor Alan Miller recused himself from the discussion as the application was made by his daughter and he is a co-owner of the property.
- iii. Council was in agreement and the following motion was made:

To give approval of the subdivision subject to the application being compliant with the bylaw.				
Moved by:	Tom Coady			
Seconded by:	Tory Kennedy			
Motion Carried:	Unanimously x	Vote for:		Vote against:

2. Development Report

- a. Mirko Terrazas gave a summary of current approvals and noted the recommendations of the Planning Board and the conditional approvals of council.

2. Finance Report

1. Budget Presentation

- a. The 2024-25 Annual Budget was presented by councilor Coady with additional details provided by the CAO
- b. Council were in agreement with the proposed budget and the following motion was made:

To approve the budget as presented, to approve minor adjustments to the 2023-24 expense inputs are determined by March 31, 2024.

Moved by:	Darlene MacDonald		
Seconded by:	Allan Holmes		
Motion Carried:	Unanimously X	Vote for:	Vote against:

2. Councilor Stipends

- Keith noted stipend amounts had been determined. Any corrections to the amount should be noted and additional funds would be paid as required.
- Any additional mileage claims should be supplied so they can be paid out in this fiscal year.
- Keith request preferred payment method from councilors – cheque or e-transfer.
- Amounts

3. Visa Expenditures

- Current expenditures were included in the budget documents.

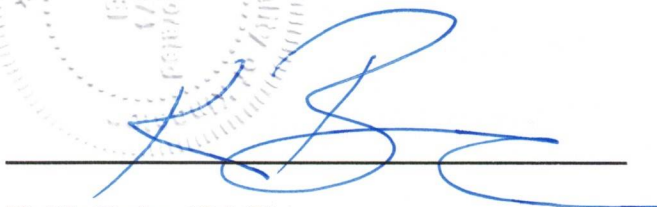
3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:	9:15pm		
Moved by	Darlene MacDonald	Seconded by	Allan Holmes
Motion Carried - Yes			



Alan Miller (Mayor)

Date APRIL 9, 2023



Keith Boire (CAO)