

December 2024 Fast Facts from Council Chambers

"Fast Facts from Council Chambers" is a quick summary of some key takeaways from Council meetings held in December 2024. For more background information, use the links below the list of motions to find agenda packages and meeting recordings.

Motions from Dec. 17 Special Council meeting

Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Repeal ADMIN-01-012: Policy for the Investigation and Adjudication of Complaints under the Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials.
- Approve the March 31, 2024, Consolidated Financial Statements.
- Receive the March 31, 2024, Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for information.
- Accept the General Operating Accountability Report for the period ending March 31, 2024, for information.
- Approve the transfer of \$265,345 in unspent funds from approved project budgets to the Special Project Reserve
- Approve a transfer of \$22,976 in unspent funds from the approved Municipal Specification Manual Update project to the Municipal Sewer Operating Reserve.
- Approve the 2025-26 Budget Timeline.
- Accept the General Operating Accountability Report for the period ended Sept. 30, 2024, as information.
- Proclaim February 2025 as "African Heritage Month" in the Municipality of the County of Kings."
- Provide seven days' notice to adopt changes to Policy FIN-05-008: Business Expense.
- Provide seven days' notice to adopt changes to Policy FIN-05-020: Hospitality.
- Approve additional fees for design and engineering upgrades for Screening Building Projects in Hants Border and Aylesford, in the amounts of \$55,149.57 including non-recoverable HST and fees for construction management services in the amount of \$59,736.06 including non-recoverable HST for CBCL Limited.
- Award Contract 24-20 Infrastructure Maintenance Services East to Gary Parker Excavation Limited.
- Award Contract 24-41 Infrastructure Maintenance Services West to Gary Parker Excavation Limited.

- Approve the 2024-25 Five-Year Capital Investment Plan outlined in Appendix B of the Dec.
 17, 2024, Request for Decision.
- Approve the 2024-25 Canada Community-Building Fund allocations and use for Village projects as outlined in Appendix A of the Dec. 17, 2024, Request for Decision.
- Adopt the "Our Joint Accessibility Plan Update 2025-2028."

More background information can be found in the <u>agenda package</u> and <u>video recording of the meeting</u>.

Motions from the Dec. 3 Municipal Council meeting

Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Approve changes to the Municipality's Group Benefit Plan to increase coverage for active Council members to 75 years of age for Health (excluding drug coverage) and Dental benefits.
- Confirm the reappointment of Lloyd Smith as the Honourary Crier for the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Receive the Nov. 19, 2024, letter from the Municipal Solicitor and Investigator's Report in accordance with the Municipality of the County of Kings Code of Conduct for Elected Officials and Policy for the Investigation and Adjudication of Complaints under the Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials dated Oct. 11, 2024.
- Approve the Canning Sewer Lagoon Expansions project for application under the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program.
- Approve the issuance of letters to provide confirmed support to the Village of New Minas, Village of Greenwood, and Village of Canning to accompany their applications for funding under the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program, and to identify the Canning Sewer Lagoon Expansions project application by the Municipality as the priority application.
- Adopt the provincial model code of conduct, which will be called the "Code of Conduct for Elected Officials of the Municipality of the County of Kings".
- Provide seven days' notice to repeal ADMIN-01-012: Policy for the Investigation and Adjudication of Complaints under the Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials.
- Approve the 2024-25 Councillor appointments to Boards and Committees as detailed in the report attached to the <u>Dec. 3, 2024, Council agenda</u>, effective Dec. 1, 2024, for a one-year term ending Nov. 30, 2025.
- Appoint Citizen Members to various Committees of Council.

More background information can be found in the $\underline{agenda\ package}$ and $\underline{video\ recording\ of\ the}$ $\underline{meeting}$.

Highlights from other Special Council meetings hosted in December:

- Council received presentations about the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office, ICS-402 Training for Elected Municipal Officials for information during a Special Council meeting on Dec. 4.
- Municipal Council received presentations about the Interim Intermunicipal Services
 Agreement for Kings Transit Authority and Valley Region Solid Waste Management Authority,
 Annapolis Valley Regional Library and Valley Regional Enterprise Network during a Special
 Council meeting on Dec. 11.
- Municipal Council approved the issuance of a letter confirming support to the Village of Cornwallis Square to accompany their application for funding under the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program, and to identify the Canning Sewer Lagoon Optimization project being advanced by the Municipality of the County of Kings as the priority project application during a <u>Special Council meeting on Dec. 12</u>.