

February 2025 Fast Facts from Council Chambers

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

Motions from the Feb. 18 Special Council meeting

Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Adopt changes to Policy FIN-05-009: Personal Property Tax Reduction.
- Adopt changes to Policy FIN-05-003: Fees.
- Proclaim March 8, 2025, as International Women's Day in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Proclaim March 21, 2025, as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Proclaim March 31, 2025, as International Transgender Day of Visibility in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Direct the CAO to formally issue letters to the First Nations of Nova Scotia, initiating the process for consultation discussion.
- Direct Open Arms to the Community Grants Program for future funding.

More information can be found in the agenda package and video recording of the meeting.

Motions from Feb. 4 Council meeting

Council approved motions approving the following actions:

- Give Final Consideration to entering into a development agreement to permit the development of two multi-unit dwellings at a property at Old Dyke Road in New Minas.
- Give Second Reading to the application to rezone subject properties on Brooklyn Street in North Kentville from the Residential One and Two Unit (R2) Zone to the Residential Multiunit (R4) Zone.

- Give Second Reading to changes to the text of the Land Use By-law to enable bed and breakfast operations within residential units in all zones that permit residential units.
- Give First Reading to, and hold a Public Hearing for, an application to rezone 6746 and 6754 Highway 1 in Coldbrook from Residential One and Two Unit (R2) Zone to the Residential Mixed Density (R3) Zone.
- Proclaim March 2025 to be "Amyloidosis Awareness Month" in the Municipality of the County of Kings.
- Approve a purchase order to Dillon Consulting for continuation of professional services related to expansion and upgrades at the Canning Wastewater Treatment Facility in the amount of \$185,243.33 for detailed design.
- Adopt changes to Policy FIN-05-024: Property Tax Sales.
- Give seven days' notice to change Policy FIN-05-009: Personal Property Tax Reduction.
- Approve the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority Fiscal 2025/2026
 Operating and Capital Budget.
- Approve the Kings Transit Authority Fiscal 2025/2026 Operating and Capital Budget, with approval of the capital budget subject to the completion of an electric bus infrastructure deployment and long-term capital financing plan approved by the Parties to the Intermunicipal Services Agreement.
- Direct the Mayor to respond to the correspondence from Indigenous Services Canada, expressing the complete support of the Municipality for the proposed Addition to Reserve for Annapolis Valley First Nation.
- Provide seven days' notice to change Policy FIN-05-003: Fees.
- Approve a change order to Dillon Consulting for additional professional services related to design upgrades at the Screening Building Projects in Aldershot and Avonport locations in the amount of \$62,600.80 for design and \$4,673.47 for additional construction management services.
- Approve a change order to CBCL Limited for additional professional services related to design upgrades and geotechnical investigation for the Lift Station Project in Aylesford at AD2 in the total amount of \$82,662.30.
- That Municipal Council complete the VANSDA Overcoming History training by the end of the calendar year and extend the opportunity for this training to other Municipal Councils in Kings County.

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