



## **KINGS TRANSIT AUTHORITY SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING-MINUTES February 8, 2012**

The special budget meeting of Kings Transit Authority was held on the above date at 1:00 pm at Kings Transit Authority – New Minas.

### **PRESENT**

Vice Chairman; Bill Zimmerman, Wolfville

Dale Lloyd, Kings County  
Patricia Bishop, Kings County  
Anna Ashford-Morton, Berwick  
Basil Hall, Kings County  
Ron Mullins, General Manager

### **ABSENT**

Regrets from Town of Kentville, no alternative was available.  
Chairman; Mark Pearl, Kentville

### **Call to Order**

There was no motion to call to order.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

This is a one item agenda. 2012/2013 Budget.

### **2012/2013 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Manager Mullins started by presenting a draft business plan for 2012/2013. Manager Mullins stated that there would be an impact from the termination of Annapolis County service which would affect  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the year's revenue, management fees and mechanics revenue.

Acting Chairman, Zimmerman asked that the Acadian Lines staffing be put in the business plan to show the revenue associated with Kings Transit as Kings Transit pays and carries the Acadian Lines staff. Concerns were brought up regarding the number of hours performed on the buses for repairs and

maintenance and suggestion made to look at the style of buses carefully when ready to make another purchase.

Manager Mullins will present the budget plan and then the board will ask questions and make suggestions for the final budget presentation. Concerns were raised regarding what if: Digby County terminates service, Hantsport pulls out and if fuel costs rise. These would have another impact on future budgets.

A big concern is the increasing ridership and a business plan to implement this. Suggestion made to increase ridership by 2 % this budget based on the figures from last year which will increase revenue by \$12,000.00 or 4000 riders. This would hopefully lower the impact at year end with a possible surplus. A strategic plan should be put in place with an upcoming open meeting for all councilors to attend to bring any ideas and suggestions to the table on increasing ridership for the upcoming years.

The business plan should have a breakdown and explanation as to why the administrative staff has increased from 4 to 6 and with Annapolis County termination and the loss of drivers, how does the budget justify the increase and how it explains maintaining the increase in administrative staff.

It has been noted that the termination of Annapolis County will have a negative impact on Kings Transit but at the same time it shows that the service partners do have a positive impact on Kings Transit.

Municipal units agreed in the past to contribute \$110,000.00 to the Capital budget but this has not been asked of the units in the past couple of years.

Mechanics revenue will see an increase from \$35.00 per hour to \$45.00 which amounts to an increase of \$13,250.00.

Miscellaneous expense will see a decrease from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Total projected budget for 2012/2013 will be \$1,524,999.00 or 26% increase over last year.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

There was no discussion on the next board meeting date.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no adjournment for this meeting.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY**