

**KCA Community Meeting**  
**August 15, 2024**  
**7:00pm**  
**Lloyd Memorial Centre**

**Called to order**

**1. Acceptance of today's agenda:**

Moved: Judy Bushnell, 2nd Merle MacDonald

**2. Approval of minutes:** Not posted prior to meeting. (They are on the website now.)

**3. Financial matters:**

a. Approval of financial statements

Moved: Ken Kingsbury, 2nd Paul Bushnell

- Discussion. Judy Bushnell opposed the motion with questions about where some items were recorded. She will contact Sharon directly to discuss.

**4. Committee updates: Standing committees**

a. Buildings & Maintenance

- The new heat pump has been installed. Insurance covered all but \$1100.

- The generator for the warming centre has been repaired and it is expected the cost will be over \$1000 as the control panel was broken. When we receive the invoice, we will request repayment from EMO.

- There have been recent problems with the keys for the door and it was agreed that there are far too many keys floating out in the community. The board approved a motion to spend up to \$150 to purchase a keyless lock that will track who comes and goes by assigning unique codes for each group.

b. Canteen

- report from Ken Kingsbury attached

c. Pleasant Street Park & Playground

- The playground committee raised almost \$9000 through the recent GoFundMe and RaffleBox fundraising campaigns. These funds combined with the successful grant funding this winter and spring means the playground will be built this fall.

- Merle MacDonald read a report on behalf of Charlene MacLellan re. the status

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the park sign. There have been delays due to the difficulty in finding a Mi'kmaq translator. In order to move ahead with the project, the committee has decided to create the sign in English and French only. Lost Art Cartography has completed the graphics and layout. Consent has been obtained for several images and we are awaiting consent for one more. Once received, Atlantix will have the go

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to fabricate and install the sign. Estimated installation date will be sometime in October.

d. Waterfront

- We are still awaiting a response from Kody Blois's office. They are talking with ACOA about funding options. (The wharf is under federal jurisdiction.)
- Question about the porta potties. The outhouses have been removed and porta potties brought in in their place. They are located beside the boardwalk and will be in place until at least Labour Day weekend. The board liaison will contact the porta potty company about extending that contract through Thanksgiving.
- The porta potty company is responsible for emptying and cleaning the units. They do this weekly. The canteen staff is responsible for ensuring there is toilet paper.
- The county has allotted us a budget of \$50,000 and will work with the board to come up with a more permanent solution.

**5. Committee updates: Special committees**

a. Finance

b. Comfort Centre

c. Communications

- The new website was unveiled. Denise walked the meeting attendees through the new features and edited content.
- The KCA Gmail address will be archived and an auto reply will go out to all incoming messages, directing people to use the new kingsport.ca emails:  
[info@kingsport.ca](mailto:info@kingsport.ca)  
[kcaboard@kingsport.ca](mailto:kcaboard@kingsport.ca)  
[tidesin@kingsport.ca](mailto:tidesin@kingsport.ca)  
[bookings@kingsport.ca](mailto:bookings@kingsport.ca)

d. Fundraising & Special Events

- Community breakfast this Saturday is all ready to go and we look forward to a fun community gathering.
- Gala Days was well attended and raised roughly the same amount for the KCA that last year's event did. The fireworks and band had to be rescheduled due to the provincial fire ban. They are both happening this Saturday. There will need to be community discussion around whether we continue to offer fireworks in the future.

**6. Business arising:**

a. The stairs to the beach at the end of Pleasant Street are being removed because they are no longer safe. There was a brief discussion around whether we want to take on a community project of rebuilding and maintaining the stairs. It was unanimously decided that NO, we do not want to do that.

b. The KCA is at a crossroads and unless we have more volunteers, the association won't be able to operate in its current state. As a board, we will be discussing the future of the association at the community meeting in October and at the AGM in November. If you like the convenience of the canteen, availability of the Lloyd Centre, have access to the water for your watercraft and the effort it takes raise the money to build a playground and benefit from these things, a volunteer (or volunteers) is making it possible.

We are in an “in between” space where the volunteers we relied on for years ‘aged out’ of doing the physical work and we need people in their 30’s, 40’ 50’s to step up.

- Suggestion of having a team of people (volunteers) canvas the community to recruit new board members and committee volunteers.

- Further discussion is needed.

**7. New business:**

**8. Next board meeting:** September 19, 2024

**9. Next community meeting:** October 17, 2024

**10. Adjournment of Meeting:** Motion Howard Eaton

## **Canteen Committee Report – 15 August 2024**

The weather has hit us a bit hard since my last report to the Board, with us losing a number of full days and some partial days where we had to close the canteen due to rain.

Sales compared to last season are now down slightly, by about 3% at a total of \$65,603 net sales as of yesterday.

Our product quality is still very high, and we continue to receive numerous compliments from customers about the quality of the food and the service provided by our staff. Thank you to everyone who has supported us with purchases from the canteen.

As I mentioned at the last board meeting, working as the board liaison for the canteen is particularly challenging and not a role that I will be able to continue with next year while working full time. There are almost daily needs that need to be addressed, and this would be best served by a full time manager or a team of individuals who are able to devote their time for the full 4 months of operation.

Based on the financials of the canteen, I don't know that it would support other than a student manager, therefore the community will have to step up to help, or there is no way the Tide's In Canteen can continue to operate.

I am thankful for the assistance of various individuals in the community who have assisted with grant applications, running errands for the canteen, mowing the lawn, filling in with emergency labour, providing maintenance for the building as well as other tasks. Even with this assistance, daily tasks that land on the board liaison involve personnel issues, product restocking, customer inquiries, grant paperwork filing, payroll reports, Dept. of Health requirements, equipment maintenance, and many other issues too numerous to mention.

With the canteen being the largest financial contributor to KCA, closure would adversely affect the Association's ability to operate. The services provided to the community by KCA include operation of the Lloyd Centre, various fitness classes, community meals including the breakfast this Saturday, Gala Days, music and fireworks, the park including the amazing new playground, beach, and boat launch, to name just a few.

None of these activities are able to financially support the operation on their own, as the Lloyd Centre alone requires significant funding each year for utilities, maintenance, insurance, etc. We must all seriously consider and have discussions with our neighbours as to what we may be able to provide to KCA on a volunteer basis. This organization cannot continue to operate with just a handful of volunteers, and I fear what could happen without significant changes for 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Kingsbury