



Special Joint Council Meeting

July 4, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Town Hall

359 Main Street

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order of Joint Council Meeting – Mayor Muttart**
- 2. Call to Order of Individual Councils (alphabetically)**
- 3. Approval of Agenda of Individual Councils**
- 4. Review of Request for Decision: Amending Agreement Valley Waste and Kings Transit IMSA (Interim Municipal Services Agreement) – Mayor Muttart**
- 5. Resolution of Individual Councils: Authorize Execution of Amending Agreement**
- 6. Regular Meeting Adjourned**

REQUEST FOR DECISION 036-2024

Title: Amending agreement Interim Valley Waste & Kings Transit IMSA

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SUMMARY

(AMENDING AGREEMENT INTERIM VALLEY WASTE AND KINGS TRANSIT IMSA)

Council are being asked to authorize the execution of an Amending Agreement to extend the Term of the 2021 Interim Municipal Services Agreement with Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority and Kings Transit Authority, and to add the Municipality of the District of Digby to the Interim Agreement.

DRAFT MOTION:

That Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the attached Amending Agreement to the 2021 Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority and the Kings Transit Authority Interim Intermunicipal Service Agreement, as detailed in RFD 036-2024.

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1) CAO COMMENTS

The CAO supports the recommendation of Staff.

2) LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 60 of the MGA

3) STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approve the recommendation and authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute the attached Amending Agreement.

4) REFERENCES AND ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Amending Agreement Package

5) DISCUSSION

In 2021 the seven municipal units in Kings and Annapolis Counties executed an Interim IMSA with a twenty-four-month term which expires on July 12, 2024. This IMSA was established to engage and manage the resources associated with analyzing and generating recommendations surrounding transformational change in Valley Waste and Kings Transit (among other aspects, Extended Producer Responsibility in Valley Waste and the electrification funding provided to Kings Transit under a Federal Provincial Bi-lateral funding agreement).

The 2021 IMSA has Board decision-making (governance) detailed in two separate components: pilot undertakings, and regular business related to operational matters. Because not all municipal units are currently owners of both municipal corporations, all Participating Units to the Interim IMSA can vote on pilot related activities (such as the engagement of consultants and deliverable recommendations) but voting on operational matters is limited to the present-day owners. Because the Municipality of the District of Digby is presently not an owner of either of the municipal corporations they were not included as a signatory to the original Interim IMSA. The District of Digby did however contribute to the cost of the pilot activities.

Provision 32 of the 2021 Interim IMSA allows an extension of the Term by unanimous resolution of the Participating Units.

On June 19, 2024, the Board of the Directors of the Interim IMSA resolved to recommend to the respective Councils that the Term of the Interim IMSA be extended to June 30, 2025. The extension is being requested to enable the completion of deliverables set out in the Interim IMSA for consideration by the Board and ultimately the Participating Units including:

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- Governance, e.g., ownership parties, service agreement partners
- Administration including corporate structure
- Service Delivery including transit routing; and
- Capital Investment Planning including asset acquisition options, smoothing of costs, etc.

While much progress has been made to date, the Interim IMSA Board believes that the extension will provide the time required to complete and table recommendations related to the electrification of the Kings Transit Fleet, updated bus routes, and among others, finalization of the work in progress around proposed approaches in the sharing of net municipal costs.

After the Board of Directors meeting, contracted Managers of the IMSA and the CAOs of Kings and Wolfville corresponded on next steps. As part of those discussions, it was decided to further recommend to the Participating Units that the Municipality of the District of Digby be formally included in the Interim IMSA Amending Agreement.

It is being recommended that the Participating Units to the 2021 Interim IMSA and the Municipality of the District of Digby each pass motions to enter into an Amending Agreement to extend the Term of the Interim IMSA and to add the Municipality of the District of Digby as a Participating Unit. The Amending Agreement would permit the Municipality of the District of Digby to vote at the Board of Directors on pilot related matters relative to Kings Transit.

The Councils of the eight municipal units will be meeting jointly on July 4th to review this Request for Decision and to individually consider resolutions on the adoption of an Amending Agreement.

6) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications related to the Amending Agreement

7) REFERENCES TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN AND TOWN REPORTS

- N/A

8) COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

Pilot recommendations are intended to be vetted by the Interim IMSA Board and then the Councils of the Participating Units.

9) ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose not to sign the Amending Agreement or alter the proposed extension date