

Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023
7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Mayor Rowan Caseley; Deputy Mayor Jeff Spencer
Councillors: Toombs, Gallant, Doucette, MacRae, and Mann

Staff Members Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Geoff Baker; Deputy Chief
Administrative Officer, Wendy MacKinnon; Municipal Clerk,
Kim Caseley; Police Chief, Lewie Sutherland

Visitors: Retired, City of Summerside Police Chief - Dave Poirier

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Caseley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed Council members staff and visitors to the January meeting of Kensington Town Council. Mayor Caseley acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq First Nation.

2. Approval of Tentative Agenda

2.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the tentative agenda for the January 2023 regular meeting of Town Council with the addition of a presentation under item #4 and the addition of two in-camera items under section 119 – 1b of the Municipal Government Act. Unanimously carried.*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3.1 *Nil.*

4. Delegations / Presentations

4.1 *Chief Sutherland presented former Summerside Police Chief, Dave Poirier with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Kensington Police Service and a memento from the Prince Edward Island Chief's association to congratulate him on his retirement.*

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Specncer to approve the minutes from December 12, 2022, regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

6.1.1 Councillor Gallant discussed item 8.2 regarding additional street lights throughout the Town and noted two additional areas to be added to the list.

- I. Saunders Lane & Victoria St. E.
- II. Sunset Drive between Sunset Cres. & MacLean Ave.

7. Reports

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to adopt the December 2022 CAO Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.1.2 Councillor Mann inquired about item #22 – Hurricane Fiona and if the Town would consider including the batting cages for repair following Fiona. Mr. Baker confirmed that Minor Ball was to contact the Town to add them to the Towns asset schedule but noted it has not been done at this time. Mr. Baker will continue to work with insurance to determine what can be done.

7.1.3 Councillor Gallant noted that residents appreciated the Fiona debris drop-off location and requested that the site be re-opened in the spring for further clean-up. Mayor Caseley noted that residents can contact the Town hall to schedule a drop-off as required.

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the November 2022 Fire Statistical report as prepared by Fire Chief, Rodney Hickey. Unanimously carried.*

7.3 Police Department Statistical Report

7.3.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the November 2022 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

Chief Sutherland excused himself from the Council Chamber at 7:23 pm.

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the December 2022 Development Permit Summary Report as prepared by Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.5 Bills List

7.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Doucette to approve the November 2022 Bills in the amount of \$296,071.73. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.2 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the November 2022 Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$1,236,328.91. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.3 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the November 2022 Water & Sewer Utility Bills in the amount of \$36,409.71. Unanimously carried.*

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Doucette to approve the Summary Income Statement for the month of November 2022. Unanimously carried.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

7.7.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the Credit Union Centre report for the month of November 2022. Unanimously carried.*

7.7.2 Councillor Gallant requested that the ballfield netting and damaged dug-out be removed before the winter months. It was noted that a ladder is located behind the arena building and suggested it be taken inside.

7.7.3 Councillor Doucette inquired about the availability of a motorized option to install and remove the ballfield netting. Mayor Caseley noted that Mr. Wood has been investigating available options.

7.8 Mayor's Report

7.8.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Doucette to approve the Mayor's report for the month of December 2022 as presented by Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.8.2 Councillor MacRae expressed her appreciation of the Holiday Dinner hosted by the Moase Family. It was a great success and well-received by the community.

7.9 Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) Report

7.9.1 Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14th.

7.10 Heart of PEI Initiative Report

7.10.1 Mayor Caseley called for a volunteer from members of Council interested in sitting on the Heart of PEI Initiative board.

7.11 Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report

7.11.1 *Nil.*

7.12 2023 – 55 Plus Games

7.12.1 Councillor Gallant provided an updated financial statement for the 2022 55+ Summer Games.

7.12.2 Councillor Gallant reported that Cindy Doucette and himself would not be returning as co-chairs for the 2023 55+ Summer Games and inquired if another member of Town Council would take over as chair. Councillor Gallant also suggested that the Credit Union Centre staff could take over the games and run them with volunteers.

8. New Business

8.1 Request for Decisions

8.1.1 Share the Road Pilot Project Request

8.1.1.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Doucette*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kensington Town Council authorize the CAO to develop a public consultation session to solicit feedback from interested residents/business owners to aid in Town Council's consideration of an ATV 'Share the Road' pilot project, as requested by the PEI ATV Federation.

Unanimously carried

8.2 Other Matters

8.2.1 Mayor Caseley confirmed that the 4 dual EV Charging stations are expected to be commissioned shortly.

- 8.2.2 Mayor Caseley noted the 2023 Canada Winter Games Flag will be flown in Town during the games.
- 8.2.3 The Annual Kensington-Bedford U13 Hockey Exchange will take place on January 26-30th.
- 8.2.4 Mayor Caseley presented a request from the 2023 Canada Winter Games committee to make a donation of two Volunteer Gifts. – *Consensus given*
- 8.2.5 Councillor Gallant noted large holes in the Credit Union Centre parking lot that require repair.
- 8.2.6 Councillor Gallant inquired about the Credit Union Centre’s plan to fill ice rentals during the two weeks of 2023 Canada Winter Games / PEI March Break. Mr. Baker will confirm with Mr. Wood to evaluate what is required.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 A letter with information on World Religion Day 2023. – *Received*
- 9.2 A letter from Chris Beauvals; Manager, Sponsorship & Revenue Generation for the 2023 Canada Winter Games requesting the Town of Kensington to reconsider their financial contributions to a higher amount.

Moved by Councillor Doucette seconded by Councillor MacRae to approve an additional \$15,000 donation to the 2023 Canada Winter Games hosted by the Province of Prince Edward Island from February 18 – March 5, 2023.

Motion carried. 5 for – 1 opposed (Toombs)

10. In-Camera (Closed session)

- 10.1 *Two Items under Section 119-1(b) of the Municipal Government Act.*

10.1.1 Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Gallant to enter into an In-Camera session at 8:10 pm.

Unanimously carried.

10.1.2 Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to come out of an In-Camera session at 8:47 pm.

Unanimously carried.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. Unanimously carried.

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor