

**Town of Kensington
Committee of Council Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2023
6:30 PM**

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

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

Regrets: Councillor Gallant

Visitors: Bjorn Schmitt – KISH Student
Alex Elliott – KISH Student
Ethan Cole – Graduated KISH Student
Nick Andrews – ATV Federation
Peter Mellish – ATV Federation

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Caseley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed the Committee of Council members and staff to the April Committee of Council meeting. Mayor Caseley acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq First Nation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the agenda for April 24, 2023, Committee of Council meeting. Unanimously carried.*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3.1 Mayor Caseley discussed that Members of the Committee of Council or staff who believe they may have a conflict of interest on any matter that will be discussed at this meeting should declare that potential conflict at this time, withdraw at the time of discussion, and vacate the Council Chambers during deliberation and decision.

4. Delegations, Special Speakers, and Public Input

4.1 *Nil.*

5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

5.1 *Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the Committee of Council meeting minutes from March 27, 2023. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 *Nil.*

7. Staff Reports

7.1 CAO's Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the April 2023 CAO's Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor MacRae to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the March 2023 Fire Chief's Report as prepared by Fire Chief Hickey. Unanimously carried.*

7.3 Police Department Statistical Report

7.3.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the March 2023 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to receive the Development Permit Summary Report for the month of April as prepared by Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.5 Financial Report - Bills List

7.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Toombs to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the General Bills for March 2023 in the amount of \$246,094.00. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.2 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Doucette to receive, and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Water & Sewer*

Utility Bills for March 2023 in the amount of \$11,539.62. Unanimously carried.

7.5.3 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Capital Expenditures for March 2023 in the amount of \$97,925.16. Unanimously carried.*

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor MacRae to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Summary Income Statements for March 2023, as prepared by Deputy Administrator, Wendy MacKinnon. Unanimously carried.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

7.7.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Doucette to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Credit Union Centre Report for March 2023, as prepared by CUC Manager, Robert Wood. Unanimously carried.*

8. New Business

8.1 ATV Federation Request and Share The Road Pilot Project

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacRae

THAT Committee of Council recommend to Town Council that a letter of support to allow ATVs access to certain public roads throughout the Province, be drafted by the Chief Administrative Officer and sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and that such letter be also sent to Premier Dennis King and MLA, Matthew MacKay.

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Guaranteed Livable Basic Income

Mayor Caseley spoke about the last Atlantic Mayors Congress meeting, where a discussion was held on the passing of a resolution to be forwarded to Federal and Provincial Politicians in support of a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income for all Canadians. The draft resolution provided will be coming forward to the Atlantic Mayors Congress again in June, 2023. Mayor Caseley will be attending the upcoming Congress and requested to hear from Town Council and Staff on their thoughts on the resolution that will assist him during the discussion and how he

might vote.

The consensus from Committee of Council was to support the proposed resolution.

8.3 Consolidation of Lands of Bruce Bell PID No. 76711 & 80861

Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs

THAT Committee of Council recommend to Town Council the approval of consolidation plan # 20257-C01 as the plan of consolidation for PID No. 80861 and PID No. 76711, being lands of Bruce Lea Bell.

Unanimously carried.

9. Councillor Issues/Inquiries

- 9.1** Mayor Caseley spoke on the upcoming IWK Telethon, the Town will be recognized for their 2023 - \$1,000 financial contribution.
- 9.2** May 13, 2023 will be the Town Clean-up day in partnership with the WI Roadside Clean-up from 9:00-10:30 am.
- 9.3** A Public Meeting will be held on April 26, 2023 at 6:30 pm for the re-zoning application from Mark Woodside.
- 9.4** Councillor Doucette inquired about the Roy Paynter Park and noted it is need of repair. Mayor Caseley noted it is on the public works spring clean-up list.
- 9.5** Deputy Mayor Spencer noted training for Island Fire Departments being held on safety while fighting fires on structures with solar panels. Mayor Caseley confirmed that Chief Hickey will attend to the scheduling of training for the department.
- 9.6** Councillor MacRae provided positive feedback from a recent user of the Kensington Fitplex on its excellent condition and equipment.
- 9.7** Councillor MacRae expressed her appreciation for the Firefighter Recognition Dinner, noted that the prizes were well received, and recommended that we do the same format in the coming years.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Information from Workers Compensation – Day of Mourning

Flags within the Town will be lowered to Half-Mast on April 28th in memory of those who have died or suffered serious injury while on the job and raises awareness of the

importance of workplace safety.

- 10.2** Information from Saltscapes magazine with an advertising opportunity. – *Received for information.*
- 10.3** A Thank You card from retired Deputy Fire Chief, Alan MacLeod for his retirement gift.
- 10.4** A Thank You message from the Prince County Hospital Foundation.
- 10.5** IWK Newsletter – 39th Telethon
- 10.6** Heart & Stoke – Spring 2023 Impact Report & Donation request. – *Received for information.*

Councillor Gallant joined the meeting at 7:03 pm.

All visitors excused themselves from the Council Chamber at 7:07

Mayor Caseley discussed the potential of the re-development of a Youth Council, and thanked students for their attendance.

11. In-Camera (Closed Session)

One item under Section 119(1)(e) of the Municipal Government Act

- 11.1** *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to enter into an In-Camera session at 7:13 pm.*

Unanimously carried.

- 11.1** *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to come out of an In-Camera session at 7:50 pm.*

Unanimously carried.

12. Adjournment

- 12.1** *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Unanimously carried.*

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor