

**Town of Kensington
Committee of Council Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2022
6:30 PM**

Council Members Present: Mayor, Rowan Caseley
Councillors: MacRae, Toombs, Gallant, Spencer and
Mann

Staff Members Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Geoff Baker; Deputy
Administrator, Wendy MacKinnon; Municipal Clerk, Kim
Caseley; Administrative Assistant, Ashley Christie; Police
Chief, Lewie Sutherland; Police Corporal, Adam
MacDonald.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Pickering

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 February 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. Mayor Caseley introduced and welcomed Ashley Christie to the Town in her new position as Administrative Assistant.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the agenda for February 28, 2022, Committee of Council meeting. Unanimously carried.*

Councillor Gallant joined the Council Chamber at 6:33 pm.

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 Constable Adam MacDonald made a presentation to Town Council on the recently installed ALPR (Automated License Plate Recognition) cameras. The technology uses optical character recognition (OCR) to read license plate characters automatically. The four fixed ALPR cameras take a snapshot of the license plates and transmits plate identification to a database via a secure VPN for comparison

against a “hotlist” of plates. The ALPR cameras have been successful and useful to the Police Service since they have been installed.

5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

5.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Committee of Council meeting minutes from January 24, 2022 with an amendment to reflect Mayor Caseley relinquishing the Chair to Deputy Mayor Pickering for item 8.4. 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 Gallant to receive and recommend Town Council’s approval to adopt the February 2022 CAO’s Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor MacRae to receive and recommend Town Council’s approval to adopt the January 2022 Fire Chief’s Report as prepared by Fire Chief Hickey. Unanimously carried.*

7.3 Police Department Statistical Report

7.3.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to receive and recommend Town Council’s approval to adopt the January 2022 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Nil.*

Chief Sutherland and Cst. MacDonald excused themselves from the Council Chamber at 7:11 pm.

7.5 Financial Report - Bills List

7.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Spencer to receive and recommend Town Council’s approval to adopt the General Bills for January 2022 in the amount of \$106,030.73. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.2 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Mann to receive and recommend Town Council’s approval to adopt the Capital*

Expenditures for January 2022 in the amount of \$258,505.70. Unanimously carried.

7.5.3 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Spencer to receive, and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Water & Sewer Utility Bills List for January 2022 in the amount of \$9,128.27. Unanimously carried.*

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Spencer to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Summary Income Statements for January 2022, as prepared by Deputy Administrator, Wendy MacKinnon. Unanimously carried.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

7.7.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Councillor Spencer to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Credit Union Centre Report for January 2022, as prepared by CUC Manager, Robert Wood. Unanimously carried.*

7.7.2 Councillor Mann noted that the parking lot at the Credit Union Centre was icy during a recent event and requested additional sand/salt be applied during the season of melt and freeze.

8. New Business

8.1 2021-2022 Preliminary DRAFT Budget for Review

8.1.1 Mayor Caseley presented the 2022/23 Draft Financial Plan to Town Council for comment and review.

8.2 Surplus 1997 Water Tanker Vehicle

8.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs,*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of Council recommend that Town Council authorize the CAO to dispose of the surplus 1997 Freightliner Water Tanker Vehicle to 'Holland Transport' as per their tender dated February 15, 2022, in the amount of \$19,972.00 + HST. Committee of Council understands that the surplus 1997 Freightliner will not be disposed of until the new tanker truck is commissioned.

Unanimously carried

8.3 Mandatory Vaccination Policy

8.3.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae,*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of Council recommend to Town Council that the Town of Kensington's Mandatory Vaccination Policy be formally rescinded with the understanding that the Policy can be reinstated should CPHO vaccination guidelines change in the future.

Unanimously carried.

9. Councillor Issues/Inquiries

9.1 Mayor Caseley noted that March is Kidney Awareness Month.

9.2 Councillor Spencer requested that Committee of Council recommend that Town Council pass a resolution in support of the Country of Ukraine as they deal with the outfall from the recent invasion by Russia.

Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to recommend that Town Council pass a resolution condemning Russia's recent invasion of Ukraine.

Unanimously carried.

10. Correspondence

10.1 An email from Member of Parliament, Peter Julian, requesting the Town's support in passing Bill C-229 Banning Symbols of Hate.

Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to recommend that Town Council pass a resolution in support of MP Peter Julian's Private Members Bill C-229 – Banning Symbols of Hate.

Unanimously carried.

10.2 A letter from PEI Crime Stoppers requested a financial donation.

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to recommend that Town Council approve a financial donation in the amount of \$300.00 to PEI Crime Stoppers.

Unanimously carried.

10.3 A letter from the IWK Foundation – *received*.

10.4 A Thank You card to the Kensington Police Service from the family of the late Carl Thompson for their service and escort during the funeral procession.

10.5 Advertisement information from Saltscapes Food & Travel Guide. – *received*.

11. In-Camera (Closed Session)

11.1 *Nil.*

12. Adjournment

12.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. Unanimously carried.*

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor