

**Town of Kensington
Committee of Council Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024
6:30 PM**

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

Staff Members Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Geoff Baker; Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley; Manager of Finance, Dellon Paul; CUC Manager, Robert Wood

Regrets: Councillor Gallant

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 January 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 Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the agenda for the January 22, 2024, Committee of Council meeting. Unanimously carried.*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3.1 Mayor Caseley discussed that Members of 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.

3.2 *Nil.*

4. Delegations, Special Speakers, and Public Input

4.1 *Nil.*

5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

5.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the Committee of Council meeting minutes from November 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 January 2024 CAO's Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the December 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 Doucette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the December 2023 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Nil.*

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 December 2023 in the amount of \$254,097.02. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.2 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Toombs to receive, and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Water & Sewer Utility Bills for December 2023 in the amount of \$6,584.40. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.3 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Doucette to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Capital*

*Expenditures for December 2023 in the amount of \$49,780.56.
Unanimously carried.*

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Doucette to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Summary Income Statements for December 2023, as prepared by Manager of Finance, Dellon Paul. Unanimously carried.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

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

8. New Business

8.1 Consolidation of Lands of Atlantic Medical Properties Ltd. – PID No.'s 77917, 77925, and 77933

8.1.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs*

THAT Committee of Council recommend to Town Council the approval of consolidation plan # 23227 as the plan of consolidation for PID No.'s 77917, 77933, and 77925, being lands of Atlantic Medical Properties Ltd.

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Credit Union Centre Rental Rates

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of Council recommend that Town Council consider and approve rental rates for 2024/25 for the Credit Union Centre Ice Rink, the Credit Union Centre Fitplex Membership rates, and the Credit Union Centre Ballfields, as proposed.

3 for (Spencer, Toombs, MacRae), 2 opposed (Doucette, Mann). Motion Carried

8.2.2 Committee of Council discussed the proposed rate increases for the Credit Union Centre facility. Several concerns were noted by Committee members about the recommended rate increases. It was noted that electrical

savings are anticipated with the recent installation of solar panels. User groups were encouraged to look at fundraising opportunities, including encouraging the growth of Kensington Cash toonie draw. Mr. Wood confirmed he spoke with the Major hockey teams regarding the possibility of a percentage of the gate fees being given back to the Credit Union Centre. It was deemed not all teams are profitable and the more profitable teams provide financial assistance to them. The teams support the arena in other means, such as the purchase of new nets and the development of the viewing room. It was noted the 27 surrounding communities do not financially support the arena, as they previously had.

Robert Wood excused himself from the Council Chamber at 7:28 pm.

9. Councillor Issues/Inquiries

- 9.1** Mayor Caseley confirmed the KACC AGM will be held on Monday, February 12 at the Kensington Murray Centre. Council members wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to Mayor Caseley.
- 9.2** Mayor Caseley drafted a letter to Minister McLane addressing concerns of the drastic cuts being made at the Prince County Hospital.
- 9.3** The flag raising in recognition of Black History Month will take place on February 5th at 10:00 am.
- 9.4** Councillor Toombs inquired about the installation of the streetlights at the new Business Park. Mr. Baker confirmed that staff anticipates a street light policy to be brought to the February Committee of Council Meeting for consideration.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1** A Thank You letter from the IWK for the Town's financial donation of \$1,000.00.
- 10.2** A request from the Canadian Mental Health Association - PEI division to enter a team in their 1st Annual Push-up Challenge from February 1-23, 2024.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Doucette

THAT Committee of Council approve a \$500.00 donation to the Canadian Mental Health Association - PEI division to enter a team in their 1st Annual Push-up Challenge.

Unanimously carried.

- 10.3** Monthly newsletter from Municipal Affairs.

11. In-Camera (Closed Session)

11.1 *Nil.*

12. Adjournment

12.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Unanimously carried.*

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor