

**Town of Kensington
Committee of Council Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022
6:30 PM**

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

Staff Members Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Geoff Baker

Attending Virtually: Deputy Mayor Pickering
Councillor Spencer
Deputy Administrator, Wendy MacKinnon
Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley

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 Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the agenda for January 24, 2022, 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.

3.2 Mayor Caseley and Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley declared a conflict of interest with Item # 9D.

4. Delegations, Special Speakers, and Public Input

4.1 *Nil.*

5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

5.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the Committee of Council meeting minutes from November 22, 2021. 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 Spencer to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the January 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 Toombs to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the December 2021 Fire Chief's Report as prepared by Fire Chief Hickey. Unanimously carried.*

7.3 Police Department Statistical Report

7.3.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor MacRae to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the December 2021 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 List for December 2021 in the amount of \$1,528,727.54. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.2 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Gallant to receive, and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Water & Sewer Utility Bills List for December 2021 in the amount of \$41,735.18. Unanimously carried.*

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Mann to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Summary Income Statements for December 2021, as prepared by Deputy Administrator, Wendy MacKinnon. Unanimously carried.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

7.7.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Credit Union Centre Report for December 2021, as prepared by CUC Manager, Robert Wood. Unanimously carried.*

7.7.2 Councillor Gallant expressed his appreciation to Council & Staff for developing and supporting the outdoor rink initiative. He has received many positive comments from members of the community.

7.7.3 Councillor MacRae requested that additional lights be installed in the outdoor rink area. Mr. Baker will speak with Mr. Wood regarding available options.

7.7.4 Councillor Toombs noted that the sledding hill located near the ballfields is ready. He suggested that lights be added next year to encourage evening use.

8. New Business

8.1 Anti Racism Strategy Development

8.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor MacRae,*

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Committee of Council recommend that Town Council approve a budget of a minimum of \$5,000 to be allocated towards anti-racism initiatives for the 2022/23 fiscal year.*

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Electric Vehicle Chargers

8.2.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Spencer,*

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Committee of Council recommended that Town Council approve a budget of \$30,000 in their 2022/23 Capital Budget for the purchase and installation of 6 Electric Vehicle Chargers.*

5 for – 1 opposed (Toombs)

8.3 Wage Increase

8.3.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Gallant,*

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Committee of Council recommend that Town Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a wage increase, effective January 1, 2022, to exempt staff including the Deputy Administrator, Municipal Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief, Public Works Supervisor, Credit Union Centre*

Manager, and Credit Union Centre Assistant Manager in an amount up to 6.7%

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Caseley and Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley excused themselves from the Council Chamber at 7:17 pm. Mayor Caseley relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Pickering.

8.4 Business Park Street Naming

8.4.1 Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of Council recommend that Town Council approve Ingham Drive as one of the street names within the new Kensington Business Park.

4 for – 1 opposed (Spencer). Motion carried.

8.4.2 Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Mann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of Council recommend that Town Council approve Ganata as one of the street names within the new Kensington Business Park.

2 for – 3 opposed (Gallant, Toombs, MacRae). Motion defeated.

8.4.3 Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Councillor Gallant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of Council recommend that Town Council approve Five Lanes as one of the street names within the new Kensington Business Park.

Unanimously carried.

8.4.4 Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of Council recommend that Town Council approve Darrach as one of the street names within the new Kensington Business Park.

4 for – 1 opposed (Spencer). Motion carried.

Mayor Caseley and Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley returned to the Council Chamber at 7:54 pm. Deputy Mayor Pickering relinquished the Chair to Mayor Caseley.

9. Councillor Issues/Inquiries

9.1 Councillor Toombs thanked the Public Works department for the great work this year with the winter snow removal.

10. Correspondence

10.1 A Thank You letter from the Kensington Food Bank for the Town's support.

10.2 A Thank You card from the family of the late Brian Lewis.

11. In-Camera (Closed Session)

11.1 *Nil.*

12. Adjournment

12.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Unanimously carried.*

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor