

**Town of Kensington
Committee of Council Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2024
6:30 PM**

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

Staff Members Present: Chief Administrative Officer Geoff Baker

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Jeff Spencer; Councillors: MacRae and Mann; Municipal Clerk Kim Caseley

Visitors: Melissa Caseley (Resident)

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Caseley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed Committee of Council members, staff and guest to the March 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 tentative agenda for the March 25, 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 Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the Committee of Council meeting minutes from February 26, 2024. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

- 6.1** *Nil.*

7. Staff Reports

7.1 CAO's Report

- 7.1.1** *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Doucette to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the March 2024 CAO's Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

Councillor Gallant questioned the CAO regarding updates on the Town of Kensington Dog Bylaw and whether the recent adoption of the Dog Act by the Province of PEI has any impact. CAO Baker indicated that staff are currently researching the Provincial Dog Act to determine what authority the Town has with respect to dogs and whether or not the new Act would be comprehensive enough to allow the appropriate regulation of dogs within the community.

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

- 7.2.1** *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the February 2024 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 Councillor Toombs to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the February 2024 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

- 7.4.1** *Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Gallant to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the March 2024 Development Summary Report as prepared by Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.5 Financial Report - Bills Lists

7.5.1 Nil.

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 Nil.

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

7.7.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to receive and recommend Town Council's approval to adopt the Credit Union Centre Report for February 2024, as prepared by CUC Manager, Robert Wood. Unanimously carried.*

8. New Business – Nil

9. Councillor Issues/Inquiries

9.1 Mayor Caseley recognized April 25, 2024 as Cyberbullying Awareness Day on Prince Edward Island.

9.2 Mayor Caseley commended Police Constable Karlie Arnold and her heroic efforts in saving the life of a Kensington resident, who was suffering from a drug overdose on the evening of Friday, March 22, 2024.

9.3 Mayor Caseley invited committee members to attend a presentation from Senator Kim Pate on why we need a Guaranteed Basic Income Guarantee. Mayor Caseley and Deputy Mayor Spencer are currently planning to attend.

9.4 Mayor Caseley reminded committee members of the Volunteer Firefighter Recognition night planned for Monday, April 15, 2024 at the Clinton Hills Wedding and Events venue. The start time is 6:30 PM.

9.5 Councillor Toombs inquired about the status of the Industrial Park sign at the Gerald McCarville Drive entrance to the Park. The sign was damaged in a windstorm and is leaning forward. CAO Baker indicated that maintenance staff met with Clark Masonry and a repair is planned for this week to repair the lean and to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that the sign is not damaged from wind again in the future.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1** Torches Take Action – Tickets available to support the Queen Elizabeth Elementary School Playground Upgrades. – *Received for Information*

In-Camera (Closed Session)

- 11.1** *One item under Section 119(d) of the Municipal Government Act*

11.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to enter into an In-Camera session at 6:44 pm. Unanimously carried.*

11.1.2 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to come out of an In-Camera session at 7:34 pm.*

12. Adjournment

- 12.1** *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Unanimously carried.*

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor