

**Town of Kensington
Committee of Council Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2021
6:30 PM**

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

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

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Caseley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed Council members, and staff. 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 Pickering, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the agenda for the October 25, 2021 Committee of Council meeting with the removal of the in-camera (closed session). 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.

4. Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input

4.1 *Nil.*

5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

5.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Committee of Council meeting minutes from September 27, 2021. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 *Nil.*

7. Staff Reports

7.1 CAO's Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Spencer to receive and recommend approval to Town Council the adoption of the October 2021 CAO's Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.1.2 Council discussed item #12 – Chair lift request at the Town Hall. Councillor Mann suggested that a chair lift also be considered at the Credit Union Centre. Town staff will research information on potential solutions and research possible funding sources.

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Councillor Toombs to receive and recommend to Town Council the adoption of the September 2021 Fire Chief's Report as prepared by Fire Chief Hickey. Unanimously carried.*

7.3 Police Department Statistical Report

7.3.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Gallant to receive and recommend to Town Council the adoption of the September 2021 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor MacRae to receive the October 2021 Development Permit Summary Report as prepared by Administrative Assistant, Kim Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.5 Financial Report - Bills List

7.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Mann to receive and recommend to Town Council the approval of the General Bills List for September 2021 in the amount of \$539,961.07. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.2 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor MacRae to receive, and recommend to Town Council the approval of the Water & Sewer Utility Bills List for September 2021 in the amount of \$9,191.92. Unanimously carried.*

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering to receive and recommend to Town Council the adoption of the Summary Income Statements for September 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 Gallant to receive and recommend to Town Council the adoption of the Credit Union Centre Report for September 2021, as prepared by CUC Manager, Robert Wood.*

Unanimously carried.

7.7.2 Councillor Gallant inquired if unpaid signage at the Credit Union Centre is removed. Mr. Baker will confirm with the Credit Union Centre Manager, Robert Wood.

8. New Business

8.1 Former Blacksmith Shop/Go!Fish Eatery

8.1.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor MacRae,*

WHEREAS a fire occurred at a town owned building, formerly the James Mullally Blacksmith Shop and the Go! Fish Eatery, located at 29 Commercial Street, on May 16, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Coles Associates were retained by PE Claims Services Inc. to provide engineering services to conduct an independent review and to offer an opinion on the current structural condition of the burnt structure;

AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of Coles Associates Ltd. that the building's structural elements are severally damaged by the fire, should not be salvaged, and would require a full replacement;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Kensington retained the services of WSP Engineers to provide engineering services to conduct an independent review and to offer a second opinion on the structural integrity of the structure;

AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of WSP Engineers that the floor system, three of the four walls and roof system all have significant fire damage which has resulted in section loss and reduced structural capacity of the main structural components of the building and that the structural systems cannot be rehabilitated and require full structural replacement;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council authorize the CAO to proceed with having the former James Mullally Blacksmith Shop, located at 29 Commercial Street, demolished, and removed, through its insurance company as quickly as reasonably possible.

Unanimously carried.

- 8.1.2 Councillor Gallant requested that a section of shingles be removed and saved for future use, and to commemorate the building. Council discussed and agreed that the shingles and forage would be saved if possible.

9. Councillor Issues/Inquiries

- 9.1 Mayor Caseley noted that November 6, 2021 is the FPEIM Semi-Annual meeting. Council members wishing to attend should contact Mrs. MacKinnon to RSVP.
- 9.2 Mayor Caseley discussed having a Love Local window display created on the front windows of the Town Hall/Council Chamber between November 22 and the first week of January. - *Council agreed.*
- 9.3 Mayor Caseley announced the Town Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021, more details to follow.
- 9.4 Deputy Mayor Pickering inquired about the potential of an outdoor rink. Mr. Baker confirmed that staff have discussed this, but nothing has been confirmed at this point.
- 9.5 Councillor Spencer noted that the Supreme Court of Canada recently ruled that municipal snow removal activities are subject to negligence and liability claims.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 A Thank You note from the Kensington Artisan Market.

11. In-Camera (Closed Session) One item under Section 119(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act

- 11.1 *Nil.*

12. Adjournment

- 12.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. Unanimously carried.*

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor