

**Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024
7:00 PM**

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

Staff Members Present: CAO, Geoff Baker; Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Caseley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed Council members and staff to the April meeting of Kensington Town Council. Mayor Caseley acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq First Nation.

2. Approval of Tentative Agenda

2.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor MacRae to approve the tentative agenda for the April 8, 2024, regular meeting of Town Council with a correction to the in-camera agenda item to reflect Section 119 (e). Unanimously carried.*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3.1 *Nil.*

4. Delegations / Presentations

4.1 *Nil.*

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024 regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

5.2 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the minutes from March 25, 2024 special council meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting

6.1.1 *Nil.*

6.2 March 25, 2024 Special Meeting

6.2.1 *Nil.*

7. Reports

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to adopt the March 2024 CAO Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the February 2024 Fire Statistical report as prepared by Fire Chief, Rodney Hickey. Unanimously carried.*

7.3 Police Department Statistical Report

7.3.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Doucette to approve the February 2024 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.3.2 Councillor Gallant thanked the Kensington Police Service for providing the Kensington Monaghan Farms Wild Hockey Team with an escort following their win at the Major U18 Hockey Atlantic Championship.

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to approve the April 2024 Development Permit Summary Report as prepared by Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.5 Bills List Town (General)

7.5.1 *Nil.*

7.6 Bills List Water & Sewer Utility

7.6.1 *Nil.*

7.7 Bills List Capital Expenditures

7.7.1 *Nil.*

7.8 Summary Income Statement

7.8.1 *Nil.*

7.9 Credit Union Centre Report

7.9.1 *Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the Credit Union Centre report for the month of February 2024. Unanimously carried.*

7.9.2 Councillor Doucette expressed his appreciation to the staff of the Credit Union Centre for an excellent season, especially their effort and hours at the outdoor skating rink.

7.10 Mayor's Report

7.10.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor MacRae to approve the Mayor's report for the month of March 2024 as presented by Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.11 Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) Report

7.11.1 FPEIM recently had a Municipal CAO out of New Brunswick, who spoke to the FPEIM Board of Directors, on the RMA Insurance Program.

7.11.2 Discussions were had on HST being charged on sporting facilities and programs. FPEIM will consider putting the issue on the fall semi-annual meeting for further discussion.

Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor MacRae to have Town staff draft a resolution for Council's consideration, requesting the FPEIM to lobby the Provincial Government to eliminate HST from sporting initiatives and facilities. Unanimously carried.

7.12 Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report

7.12.1 The KACC Presidents Casino Night event will take place at the New London Community Complex on April 25, 2024.

7.12.2 KACC Trivia event will take place Thursday, May 9, 2024 at the Emerald Boxcar Pub & Grill.

7.12.3 The Annual KACC Golf Tournament registration is open. The event will take place on May 30, 2024 at Andersons Creek Golf Course.

7.12.4 June 6th & 13th - Red Cross Emergency First Aid Course. Contact the KACC office to register.

7.13 Heart of PEI Initiative Report

7.14.1 *Nil.*

8. New Business

8.1 Request for Decisions

8.1.1 Kensington Moase Plumbing and Heating Vipers - Support Request

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council approve a financial donation to the Kensington Moase Plumbing and Heating Vipers in the amount of \$1,200.00, to offset the cost of two team meals as they travel to Mount Pearl, Newfoundland to compete in the Don Johnson Memorial Cup.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.2 Credit Union Centre – Sign Rental Rates

8.1.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council increase sign rental rates at the Credit Union Centre for 2024/25 as follows:

- Stands Signs 200.00 + HST***
- Arena Board 300.00 + HST***
- Arena Wall 250.00 + HST***

Unanimously carried.

8.1.3 Community Safety Net – Partners in Safety – Request for Financial Support

8.1.3.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council contribute \$960.00 in 2024 for the development of a drug safety book for Kensington youth, through a partnership between Community Safety Net and the Kensington Police Service.

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Other Matters

8.2.1 Mayor Caseley congratulated the Kensington Moase Plumbing and Heating Vipers as they travel to Mount Pearl, Newfoundland to compete in the Don Johnson Memorial Cup.

8.2.2 Mayor Caseley congratulated the Monaghan Farms Wild Major U18 hockey team on winning the Atlantic Championship.

8.2.3 Town flags will be at half mast in recognition of Vimy Ridge Day – April 9.

- 8.2.4 Town Council discussed the length of the FPEIM Board Member term leading into the 2024 FPEIM AGM and requested to pass a motion to nominate Councillor Mann if it is required.

Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer

THAT Kensington Town Council nominates Councillor Rodney Mann to the position of Prince County Representative of the Cities/Towns Caucus of FPEIM.

Unanimously carried.

- 8.2.5 Councillor Doucette congratulated the Kensington Monaghan Farms Wild and the Moase Plumbing and Heating Vipers on their successful season.

- 8.2.6 Councillor Doucette inquired about the Harvest Festival Committee and when they will start meeting. Mayor Caseley recommended anyone looking to volunteer with the festival to contact Robert Wood.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Information on the KACC Golf Tournament – Council members wishing to participate are asked to confirm their attendance with town staff.

- 9.2 The Town recently received 10 letters from Grade 11 Law students from KISH, regarding accessibility around the Town. Mayor Caseley read two letters written by the students as examples of their findings. Mayor Caseley thanked the students for their feedback and will write a letter in response.

10. In-Camera (Closed session)

- 10.1 *One item under Section 119(e) of the Municipal Government Act.*

- 10.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to enter into an In-Camera session at 8:03 pm.*

Unanimously carried.

- 10.1.2 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to come out of an In-Camera session at 8:14 pm.*

Unanimously carried.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. Unanimously carried.

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor