

**Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 9, 2021
7:00 PM**

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

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

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Pickering

Visitors: Kyle Reid – Journal Pioneer

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Caseley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed Council members, staff, and visitors to the August 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 Spencer to approve the tentative agenda for the August 2021 regular meeting of Town Council with the addition of item 8.1.2 – 88 Victoria Street W. Development Permit application. 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 MacRae, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2021 regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 **July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting**

6.1.1 *Nil.*

7. Reports

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to adopt the July 2021 CAO Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.1.2 Councillor Gallant thanked Town staff and CAO, Baker for recent improvements to the Roy Paynter Park.

7.1.3 Councillor Spencer requested an update on the installation of the two overhead crosswalk signs. Mr. Baker will contact the Department of Transportation and report back to Town Council.

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the June 2021 Fire Statistical report as prepared by Fire Chief, Rodney Hickey. Unanimously carried.*

7.3 Police Department Statistical Report

7.3.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the June 2021 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the August 2021 Development Permit Summary Report. Unanimously carried.*

7.5 Bills List

7.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor MacRae to approve the June 2021 Bills in the amount of \$185,476.43. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.2 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the June 2021 Water & Sewer Utility Bills in the amount of \$5,687.55. Unanimously carried.*

Chief Sutherland excused himself from the Council Chamber at 7:09 pm.

Kyle Reid – Journal Pioneer joined the Council Meeting at 7:09 pm.

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Mann to approve the Summary Income Statement for the month of June 2021. Unanimously carried.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

7.7.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Credit Union Centre report for the month of June 2021. Unanimously carried.*

7.7.2 Councillor Gallant noted he is pleased to see an increase in activities and usage of the Credit Union Centre during the summer months.

7.7.3 Councillor Gallant inquired when the ice will be ready at the Credit Union Centre. Mr. Baker confirmed that staff are waiting for a new ice plant condenser, staff anticipate the ice will be a few weeks delayed from previous years.

7.7.4 Councillor Toombs noted he is happy to see that the Alysha Toombs Memorial Park has been well used and looks great.

7.8 Mayor's Report

7.8.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the Mayor's report for the month of August 2021 as presented by Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.8.2 Council discussed and agreed to returning the Town flags to full-mast.

7.8.3 Councillor Gallant and Spencer requested that the Town invite all Federal Nominees to meet with Council.

7.9 Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) Report

7.9.1 FPEIM will hold their Semi-Annual meeting on November 6, 2021 at the Credit Union Place, Summerside.

7.10 Heart of the Island Initiative Report

7.10.1 *Nil.*

7.11 Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report

7.11.1 KACC Annual Golf Tournament will be held on September 14, 2021.

7.12 PEI 55 Plus Games

7.12.1 *Nil.*

8. New Business

8.1 Request for Decisions

8.1.1 Xplornet Internet Pole - Site Proposal

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council authorize Xplornet to proceed with the installation of a 15 meter Internet Pole on 1.5 meter by 1.5 meter parcel of property adjacent to the Town's School well property as indicated on Xplornet's Proposal as Option B;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Town Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and Mayor to execute a Ground Site Agreement with Xplornet to facilitate the lease of a 1.5 meter by 1.5 meter parcel of property for the installation of a 15 meter Internet Pole.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.2 Water Meter Upgrades

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council award a contract to ScotiaTech for the Town of Kensington Water Meter Upgrades Project as per their quote dated August 6, 2020 in the amount of \$54,037.00 plus HST.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.3 Rescission of Motion to Demolish and Remove the Former James Mullally Blacksmith Shop

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

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council rescind the following resolution from the July 12, 2021, regularly held meeting directing staff to immediately move forward with the demolition and removal of the James Mullally Blacksmith Shop building, to allow staff additional time to analyze and provide alternative options for Town Council's future consideration:

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 carry out an independent review and to offer an opinion on the current structural condition of the burnt structure;

AND WHEREAS Coles Associates were requested to provide a professional opinion regarding the integrity of the structural components and whether the burnt structure should be salvaged, restored or taken down completely;

AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of Coles Associates Ltd. that the building structural elements are severally damaged by the fire, should not be salvaged, and would require a full 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 and to make all efforts to salvage anything salvageable.”

Unanimously carried.

8.1.4 Administration and Mayor’s Computer Replacement

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council authorize the CAO to award a contract to Combat Computers for the replacement of three administration office computers and the Mayor’s computer as per their quote dated August 3, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$7,169.95 plus HST/ACES and installation.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.5 Fire Hall Floor Epoxy Installation

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council authorize the CAO to award a contract to Hardy’s Flooring for the installation of epoxy on the Fire Hall bay floor as per their quote dated March 30, 2021, in the amount of \$21,000 plus HST.

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Other Matters

8.2.1 Harvest Festival Golf Tournament

*8.2.1.1 **Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve a four-person team entry in the Kensington Harvest Festival Golf Tournament. Unanimously carried.***

8.2.2 88 Victoria Street W. Development Permit Application

8.2.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Mann to approve a development permit application for Om Ghimire at 88 Victoria Street W. to convert the existing building to a restaurant, upgrade the exhaust system and expand the existing deck. Unanimously carried.*

9. Correspondence

- 9.1** A Thank You card from Bessy Wood and Family.
- 9.2** A Thank You card from KARSI for the Towns financial donation.
- 9.3** A Thank You letter from Operation Smile Canada for the Towns financial donation.
- 9.4** Information on an advertising opportunity with MARC Group, in partnership with Mike's Independent Grocer. – *Received*
- 9.5** Letters from Jillian Paris, Lynn Anne Hogan, Chris & Courtney Campbell, Jennifer Simmons, Megan Beairsto, Corie Goode, Kristi Bernard and Jackie McIver requesting the Towns support in securing guaranteed after school childcare facilities within the community.

Town Council requested CAO, Geoff Baker inquire about the potential closure of the Fun Times School Club and provide detail to Town Council.

10. In-Camera

- 10.1** *Nil.*

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Spencer to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Unanimously carried.

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor