

Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022
7:00 PM

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

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

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 January 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 Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the tentative agenda for the January 2022 regular meeting of Town Council with the addition of one in-camera item. 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 Councillor Spencer to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

6.1.1 *Nil.*

7. Reports

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Councillor Spencer to adopt the January 2022 CAO Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

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

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Nil.*

7.5 Bills List

7.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor MacRae to approve the November 2021 Bills in the amount of \$1,526,634.78. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.2 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering to approve the November 2021 Water & Sewer Utility Bills in the amount of \$8,671.31. Unanimously carried.*

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Mann to approve the Summary Income Statement for the month of November 2021. Unanimously carried.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

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

7.7.2 Councillor Gallant confirmed that the Kensington – Bedford Peewee Hockey Exchange has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

7.7.3 Councillor Gallant noted that the rubber flooring at the FitPlex has started to bubble and separate in places, creating a tripping hazard. Mr. Baker will speak with Mr. Wood to have it repaired or replaced.

7.8 Mayor's Report

7.8.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Mayor's report for the month of January 2022 as presented by Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.8.2 Mayor Caseley and Council discussed adding additional Christmas lights and electrical plugs in the core area of Town. Consideration will be given to solar lighting if available.

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae that Town Council allocate \$10,000 in the 2022/23 budget for the addition of Christmas holiday lights and electrical outlets. Unanimously carried.

7.9 Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) Report

7.9.1 *Nil.*

7.10 Heart of the Island Initiative Report

7.10.1 *Nil.*

7.11 Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report

7.11.1 *Nil.*

7.12 PEI 55 Plus Games

7.12.1 *Nil.*

8. New Business

8.1 Request for Decisions

8.1.1 Broadway Street South Water and Sewer Main Extension – Borrowing Resolution

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

WHEREAS Section 164 of the Municipal Government Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1. authorizes a Town Council to borrow money for the completion of a capital project;

AND WHEREAS Town Council intends to undertake and complete the Broadway Street South Water and Sewer Main Extension Capital Project in 2022;

AND WHEREAS the amount to be borrowed will not cause the Town to exceed its legislated debt capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Kensington be empowered to borrow \$555,376 from the Scotiabank, under the following terms:

i repayable in full by Town Council over an amortization period up to 25 years.

ii at an interest rate of Prime, less 0.3% per annum with interest payable monthly.

iii advances repayable on demand.

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Other Matters

8.2.1 Mayor Caseley addressed a recent incident at the Kensington Credit Union Centre where a Kensington Moase Plumbing & Heating hockey player used racial slurs towards a member of an opposing team. Town Council discussed systemic racism and their ability as leaders to effect change.

Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Gallant to direct CAO, Geoff Baker to compile a preliminary anti-racism strategy and action plan for the January Committee of Council meeting. Unanimously carried.

8.2.2 Mayor Caseley noted that the Love Local window display in the Council Chamber will be updated with a new design.

8.2.3 Councillors inquired if the new Provincial water analysis program for free bacterial and general chemistry testing is available for residents within the municipality, Mr. Baker confirmed that it was not. Councillor Mann and Gallant will request FPEIM to lobby for this free service that is available to property owners in unincorporated areas, to be available for municipal residents as well.

9. Correspondence

9.1 A letter to Mr. Baker & Mrs. MacKinnon from CAMA acknowledging their effort and ingenuity while leading staff and their community through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Kyle Reid excused himself from the Council Chamber at 7:34 pm.

10. In-Camera (Closed session)

10.1 Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) – Two matters under Section 119(d) of the Municipal Government Act

10.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to enter into an In-Camera session at 7:34 pm. Unanimously carried.*

10.1.2 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to come out of an In-Camera session at 8:33 pm. Unanimously carried.*

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council authorize the CAO to create a Deputy Chief position and the addition of a full time Police Constable position in the Kensington Police Service.

Unanimously carried.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. Unanimously carried.

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor