

**Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023
7:00 PM**

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

Staff Members Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Geoff Baker; Municipal Clerk,
Kim Caseley; Manager of Finance & Administration, Dellon
Paul

Visitors: Marie Burge and Wayne Easter - Cooper Institute

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 July 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 Toombs to approve the tentative agenda for the July 10, 2023 regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3.1 *Nil.*

4. Delegations / Presentations

4.1 Marie Burge and Wayne Easter from the Cooper Institute made a presentation to Town Council on a Basic Income Guarantee Program.

Marie Burge and Wayne Easter excused themselves from the Council Chamber at 7:45 pm.

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the minutes from June 12, 2023, regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 **June 12, 2023, Regular Meeting**

6.1.1 *Nil.*

7. Reports

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Toombs to adopt the June 2023 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 May 2023 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 May 2023 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

Chief Sutherland excused himself from the Council Chamber at 7:49 pm.

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the July 2023 Development Permit Summary Report as prepared by Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.5 Bills List

7.5.1 *Town of Kensington Bills Report – Nil.*

7.5.2 *Water & Sewer Utility Bills Report – Nil.*

7.5.3 *Capital Expenditures Report – Nil.*

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Nil.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

7.7.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Doucette to approve*

the Credit Union Centre report for the month of May 2023. Unanimously carried.

7.8 Mayor's Report

7.8.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the Mayor's report for the month of June 2023 as presented by Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.9 Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) Report

7.9.1 *Nil.*

7.10 Heart of PEI Initiative Report

7.10.1 *Nil.*

7.11 Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report

7.11.1 The newly established "Ask Kensington" Facebook page is active and going well.

7.11.2 The KACC held a successful Car Rally, it was noted that additional volunteers will be required for next year.

7.11.3 The KACC Golf Tournament was a success and are hoping to keep its June schedule next year.

7.11.4 Councillor MacRae discussed a potential *Locks of Love* project at the Alysha Toombs Memorial Park.

7.12 2023 – 55 Plus Games

7.12.1 Deputy Mayor Spencer confirmed that registration will open on July 12th.

8. New Business

8.1 Request for Decisions

8.1.1 2023-24 Credit Union Centre Upgrades Project – Parking Lot Expansion and Additional Paving

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

THAT Kensington Town Council authorize staff to proceed with an expansion to the Credit Union Centre Parking Area, as per the quote from Curran and Briggs in the amount of \$168,833.00 plus HST, dated July 5, 2023.

4 for – 2 opposed (MacRae & Toombs) – Motion carried.

8.1.2 Re-Zoning Application – PID No. 685545

8.1.2.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Doucette*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council direct the CAO to proceed with scheduling a public meeting to gather further information in the consideration of an application to amend the Town of Kensington Development Control Bylaw and Official Plan, to re-zone PID No. 685545 from its current Single Residential Zoning designation (R1) to a Low-Density Residential Zoning Designation (R2).

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Financial Statements

8.2.1 2022/23 Audited Financial Statements

8.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Toombs*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council approve the 2022/2023 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis Chartered Accountants.

Unanimously carried.

8.3 Other Matters

8.3.1 Mayor Caseley confirmed that Committee of Council will not meet during the months of July & August.

8.3.2 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Gallant to enter a Town of Kensington team in the 2023 Harvest Festival Golf Tournament in the amount of \$450.00.*

Unanimously carried.

8.3.3 Councillor Toombs and Councillor Gallant inquired about the broken barricades at the property located at 88 Victoria Street (Hello Kitchen) and requested the area be cleaned up.

8.3.4 Councillor Gallant noted that some residents are cutting their grass onto the roads, creating a hazard for vehicles and pedestrians. It was requested that residents are provided with a notice when situations occur.

- 8.3.5 Councillor Gallant noted the unmaintained grass of the vacant lot located 105 Victoria Street and requested the property owner be required to have it regularly maintained.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Annual Report from the Kensington Senior Surfers Club
- 9.2 A thank you note from Jack McCarville, KISH 2023 Grad and recipient of the French 621 Academic Award sponsored by the Town of Kensington.
- 9.3 A thank you note from the PEI Humane Society for the recent donation in memory of Judy Cole.
- 9.4 A thank you note from the KISH 2023 Grads for supporting their Prom & Grad activities.
- 9.5 A letter on behalf of the International Wrongful Conviction Committee requesting that the Town of Kensington proclaim October 2, 2023, as “Wrongful Conviction Day”.
- Approved
- 9.6 The 2023 Annual Harvest Festival theme is “Celebrating our First Responders”. Councillor Toombs and Councillor Gallant noted that members of the community would like to see more booths available at the Harvest Festival activities.
- 9.7 Saturday, August 19 at 2:00 PM is the Annual Harvest Festival Parade. The float will be lined up by 1:00 PM for Council members available to attend.

10. In-Camera (Closed session)

- 10.1 *Nil.*

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM. Unanimously carried.

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor