

**Town of Kensington**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, June 10, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

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

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

**Regrets:** Councillor Doucette

**Visitors:** Lorraine MacDonald - Kensington Pickleball Club  
Paul McGuire – Kensington Pickleball Club  
Marlene Clark – Kensington Pickleball Club  
Brenda MacLellan – Kensington Pickleball Club  
Joanne Poirier – Kensington Pickleball Club  
Kevin Blacquiere – Kensington Pickleball Club

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**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 June 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 Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the tentative agenda for the June 10, 2024, regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

**3.1** *Nil.*

**4. Delegations / Presentations**

**4.1** Paul McGuire made a presentation, to Town Council, on behalf of the Kensington Pickleball Club, requesting the Town to consider the Canada Games Legacy Fund being utilized to construct pickleball courts in the Town.

The pickleball club has 72 active members and plays twice a week out of the Queen Elizabeth Elementary School gymnasium. The group proposed the development of 4-6 outdoor courts on a Town-owned piece of land located adjacent to the Town Public Works Shop located at 28 Stewart Street. If constructed, the pickleball club would partner with the Town to manage the facility.

*All members of the Kensington Pickleball Club excused themselves from the Council Chamber at 7:17 pm.*

**5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**5.1** *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024 regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

**5.2** *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2024 special meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

**6.1 May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting**

**6.1.1** *Nil.*

**6.2 May 27, 2024 Special Meeting**

**6.2.1** *Nil.*

**7. Reports**

**7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report**

**7.1.1** *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to adopt the May 2024 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 April 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 Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the April 2024 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

**7.3.2** Chief Sutherland thanked everyone for attending and volunteering at the Annual Kensington Police Service Fishing Derby.

**7.3.3** June 15, 2024 Kensington Police Service will host the Annual Bike Rodeo at the Credit Union Centre. BBQ & Judge Volunteers are welcome.

- 7.3.4 Councillor Toombs inquired if the ATV right of way had been approved by the Province of PEI for Broadway Street S. It was confirmed that the right of way has not been approved at this time.

*Chief Sutherland excused himself from the Council Chamber at 7:23 pm.*

**7.4 Development Permit Summary Report**

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

7.4.2 Councillor Gallant inquired if the finished side of a property fence is required to face outward to the neighbouring property. Mr. Baker confirmed that the bylaw is silent on the matter.

**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 MacRae, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the Credit Union Centre report for the month of April 2024. Unanimously carried.*

**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 May 2024 as presented by Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

**7.11 Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) Report**

7.11.1 Councillor Mann noted he will remain Vice-President of Cities and Towns on the FPEIM Board.

**7.12 Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report**

**7.12.1** *Nil.*

**7.13 Heart of PEI Initiative Report**

**7.13.1** *Nil.*

**8. New Business**

**8.1 Request for Decisions**

**8.1.1 Kensington Lions Club – 70th Anniversary Celebration – Financial Contribution**

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

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council authorize a \$1,000.00 financial contribution to the Kensington Lion’s Club for their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for November 2024.*

*Unanimously carried.*

**8.1.2 PEI 2024 Queer Ride and Meet Up**

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

*THAT Kensington Town Council sponsor the PEI 2024 Queer Ride and Meet Up at the Destination Sponsor Level in the amount of \$360.00.*

*Unanimously carried.*

**8.1.3 Rural Growth Initiative (RGI) Funding Program – Authorizing Resolution**

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

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kensington Town Council authorize staff to proceed with submitting a Rural Growth Initiative Funding Program application to the Province of PEI to fund the 2024/25 Fire Department, Credit Union Centre, and Town Capital Upgrades Project and that the project be designated as priority number 1.*

*Town Council understands and commits that it will be responsible for its designated share of the total eligible costs of the project and will assume responsibility for any and all operations and maintenance costs resulting from the project.*

*Unanimously carried.*

## **8.1.4 Appointment of Remuneration and Allowances Commission**

### **8.1.4.1 Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Gallant**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council appoint a 3-person Remuneration and Allowances Commission for the purpose of reviewing current remuneration levels for elected officials, as required under Section 82 of the Municipal Government Act, consisting of the following members:***

- ***Jim Blanchard (Chairperson)***
- ***Deborah O'Brien***
- ***Claus Schmidt***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Town Council establish an honourarium for the Remuneration and Allowances Commission in the amount of \$1,000 per member.***

***Unanimously carried.***

## **8.2 Other Matters**

**8.2.1** Mayor Caseley noted he continues to work with the PEI Museum & Heritage Foundation to have improvements made to the train engine located at the Kensington Railyards.

**8.2.2** Mayor Caseley reminded Town Council of the Provincial Infrastructure Funding Announcement at 11:00 am on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Railyards Gazebo.

**8.2.3** Mayor Caseley confirmed a public meeting for the re-zoning application of PID No. 77768 – lands owned by Provincial Credit Union, for June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

**8.2.4** Mayor Caseley discussed the potential cancellation of the June Committee of Council meeting.

***Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to cancel the June 24 Committee of Council meeting due to a conflict with the KISH Grade 12 High School Graduation. Unanimously carried.***

**8.2.5** Councillor Gallant and MacRae noted an unsightly property at 24542 Highway 2.

## **9. Correspondence**

**9.1** A Thank-you letter from the PCH Foundation for the Town's Annual Donation.

- 9.2 An email invitation from Kim Knight-Picketts to the East Prince Community Concert Band's inaugural concert on Wednesday, June 12.
- 9.3 Correspondence from the PEI Rural Beautification Society. Mayor Caseley discussed applying for the Community Spirit Peoples Choice Award.
- 9.4 A Thank-you from the Coldest Night of the Year
- 9.5 A Thank-you from the KISH Relay for Life Committee
- 9.6 Mayor Caseley noted that Mr. Wood is submitting an application to the PEI Rural Beautification for the recent Credit Union Centre upgrades.

**10. In-Camera (Closed session)**

10.1 *Nil.*

**11. Adjournment**

*Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. Unanimously carried.*

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Geoff Baker,  
CAO

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Rowan Caseley,  
Mayor