

**Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular March Council Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2008
7:00 PM**

Council Members Present: Mayor Barry Campbell; Councillors: Cole, MacLean, Mill, Gallant, Kiff, Mann

Staff Members Present: Town Manager/Administrator: Geoff Baker; Deputy Administrator: Wendy MacKinnon; Administrative Assistant: Kimberley Verhulp, Chief Lewis Sutherland, Cst. Jason Reeves.

Visitors: Mr. Marc LeClair – MBCU Manager

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed Council members, staff & visitors.

2. Approval of Tentative Agenda

2.1 *Moved by Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Mill to approve the Tentative Agenda for the March 10, 2008 Council Meeting. Item #9 to be removed from the agenda and item #7 will be moved up to agenda item #3. Unanimously carried.*

3. Malpeque Bay Credit Union Presentation

3.1 Mr. Marc LeClair made a presentation to Council demonstrating the benefits that the Malpeque Bay Credit Union (MBCU) could bring to the Town of Kensington. The MBCU is a very active and supportive organization within the town. Their long term goal is to be a support base for Kensington and the surrounding areas, not only as a banking institution but an all around community supporter. Mr. LeClair left Council with the request to consider using the MBCU for their long term debt and day to day banking requirements.

4. Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting

4.1 *Approval of minutes for February 11, 2008 regular meeting. Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Gallant. Unanimously carried.*

4.2 *Approval of minutes for February 26, 2008 Special Meeting. Moved by Councillor Cole, second by Councillor Kiff. Unanimously carried.*

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Volunteer of the year award was presented to Mr. Leslie Davison as part of the 2008 Winter Carnival and was announced at the Kensington Adult Appreciation Dance on February 23, 2008.

6. Approval of Accounts

6.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Cole to approve expenditures from February 11 – March 7, 2008 for \$121,579.23. Unanimously carried.*

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Property Committee Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve a building permit for MS Woodside to construct a semi-detached residential dwelling on Lot No. 13, Barrett Street. Unanimously carried.*

7.1.2 *Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Kiff to approve in principal for Paul Brown to move the property lines of PID # 78923 which borders PID # 78717 and PID # 78733. PID #78915 and PID #78915 parcel J-1 will be combined into one parcel. Unanimously carried.*

7.2 Recreation, Parks and Special Events Committee Report

7.2.1 Councillor Cole expressed appreciation with the turn out for the 2008 Winter Carnival activities. Re-consideration should be given in future years for financial support of the winter carnival adult dance. There has been a small turn out at the dance for the past couple of years.

7.2.2 The team that was registered for Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowling Tournament was cancelled due to lack of interest.

7.2.3 The Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held Friday, May 30th, 2008 at the Kensington Intermediate Senior High School.

7.2.4 The Alcohol Roadside Screening Device (Dragger) has been ordered and will be received by the Kensington Police Department within the next few weeks.

7.3 Police Committee Report

7.3.1 *Moved by Councillor Mill, seconded by Councillor MacLean to approve the Police Report for February as prepared by Chief Lewis Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.4 Public Works

7.4.1 Town Manager will obtain quotes for the snow removal contract for the 2008 – 2009 winter months for Council’s consideration.

7.5 Fire Report

7.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Kiff to approve the Fire Report for February as prepared by Fire Chief Folland. Unanimously carried.*

7.6 Finance Report

7.6.1 As presented by Councillor Mann.

7.7 Mayor’s Report

7.7.1 Nil

8. Malpeque Bay Credit Union Presentation – Discussion

8.1 Town Council has requested that the Town Manager meet with the Credit Union Manager, Marc LeClair and have the MBCU quote on financial services for the Town. The quote will be brought before Council for consideration.

9. 2008 Budget Estimates

- 9.1** *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Mill to approve the 2008 Budget Estimates with revenue of \$1,415,603.41 and expenses of \$1,415,603.41. Unanimously carried.*
- 9.2** *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor MacLean to approve the 2008 municipal tax rate of \$0.65 for Non-Commercial, and \$1.30 for Commercial properties. Unanimously carried.*
- 9.3** Town Manager will prepare a press release to announce the 2008 Municipal Tax Rates.

10. Correspondence

- A letter from Barry Murray with the Sea View Watershed Association looking to discuss the possibility of the Town playing a role in the management of watersheds in the area. Town Manager and Councillor Kiff will meet with Barry Murray of the Watershed group to discuss what role the Town can play in their organization.
- March Newsletter from KISH
- A letter for Nomination for the 2008 Mayor's Good Neighbour Award for the City of Summerside.
- A letter from Mayor David Miller of Toronto, encouraging the Town of Kensington to join them on March 29, 2008 from 8:00 – 9:00 PM when they “power down” for Earth Hour.
- A letter from the PEI ATV Federation announcing their new office in Tyne Valley.
- A newsletter from the PEI Council of the Disabled.
- A newsletter from Child Find PEI.
- A letter from PEI Crime Stoppers requesting financial support in 2008. Council has declined this request.
- A letter from CUPW regarding the recently proposed changes to be made to the rural route mail boxes on the Island.

11. Other Matters

- Les Zaba has spoke to the Town Manager regarding the old Rec Centre property and inquired if there was any further interest in purchasing this property by the Town Council.
- A property on Broadway Street North has been brought to the attention of Council as an unsightly premise. Councillor MacLean and Town Manager will look into the situation further.
- A letter will be drafted regarding a propane tank on the corner of Broadway Street North and School Street with the request of placing a barrier to protect the tank from street traffic.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mill, seconded by Councillor Gallant to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Unanimously carried.

Wendy MacKinnon,
Deputy Administrator

Barry Campbell,
Mayor