

**Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2014
7:00 PM**

Council Members Present: Mayor Gordon Coffin; Councillors: Deputy Mayor Caseley, Spencer, Mann, Mill and MacLean

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

Visitors: Mike Carson – Journal Pioneer
Kensington Girl Guides

Regrets: Councillor Gallant

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed Council members, staff and visitors. Mayor Coffin presented the Kensington Sparks/Girl Guides with a donation in support of their upcoming trip to London, England.

2. Approval of Tentative Agenda

2.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer seconded by Councillor Mill to approve the tentative agenda for the May 12, 2014 regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor MacLean to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2014 regular Council Meeting. Unanimously carried.*

3.2 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Caseley to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2014 special Council Meeting. Unanimously carried.*

4. Business Arising from Minutes

4.1 Minutes from April 14, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

4.1.1 CAO Geoff Baker will endeavour to provide further information regarding the former warehouse properties on North Street at the June Council meeting.

- 4.1.2 A letter has been sent to the home based business operating out of a residence at 24 Victoria Street East. No response has been received at this point in time.

4.2 Minutes for the May 1, 2014 Special Council Meeting

- 4.2.1 Mayor Coffin and CAO Geoff Baker met with representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion to advise of Town Council's decision not to pursue a partnership in the development of a community hall type facility.
- 4.2.2 No further details are currently available on the proposed Habitat for Humanity build.
- 4.2.3 Mayor Coffin thanked all staff and volunteers who helped during the 2014 Annual Town Clean-up day.

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Police Committee Report

- 5.1.1 *Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Deputy Mayor Caseley to adopt the April 2014 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*
- 5.1.2 Councillor MacLean thanked and congratulated Chief Sutherland on organizing another successful Annual Fishing Derby in 2014.
- 5.1.3 Town Councillors and Mayor Coffin expressed their utmost appreciation, on behalf of the entire community, to Cst. Joseph Arsenault for the heroic action taken during an apartment fire at 40 Woodleigh Drive resulting in saving the life of the tenant residing in the apartment.

5.2 Property Committee Report

- 5.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Mill, seconded by Councillor Spencer to adopt the Building Permit Summary for April 2014. Unanimously carried.*

5.3 Parks and Recreation Committee Report

- 5.3.1 *Moved by Councillor Mill, seconded by Councillor MacLean to adopt the Parks and Recreation report for April 2014. Unanimously carried.*
- 5.3.2 Councillor Mill thanked and congratulated Chief Sutherland on another successful Annual Fishing Derby in 2014.

5.4 Public Works Committee Report

5.4.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Caseley to adopt the April 2014 Public Works Report as presented by Councillor Spencer. Unanimously carried.*

5.4.2 Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor MacLean to award the contract for the 2014 paving/patching project to Curran and Briggs as per their quote dated April 10, 2014 in the amount of \$36,274.80 including HST. Unanimously carried.

5.5 Fire Committee Report

5.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Caseley to adopt the April 2014 Fire Report (Stats) as presented by Councillor Mann. Unanimously carried.*

5.5.2 Councillor Mann reported that Fire Chief Sudsbury has returned from his leave of absence and assumed his responsibilities as Kensington Fire Chief.

5.5.3 Four firefighters have recently resigned from the volunteer fire department. One new application has been received which is currently being reviewed. Once reviewed a recommendation will be brought before Town Council.

5.6 Finance and Administration Committee Report

5.6.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor MacLean to adopt the Finance and Administration Committee report for the month of April 2014, as presented by Deputy Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

5.6.2 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor Mann to approve the April 2014 Summary Income Statement as presented by Deputy Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

5.6.3 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$196,949.95 for the month of April 2014. Unanimously carried.*

5.7 Kensington 2014 Celebrations Committee

5.7.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Kensington 2014 Celebrations Committee Report for the month of April 2014 as presented by Deputy Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

- 5.7.2 Deputy Mayor Caseley requested that Councillors give consideration on a potential permanent location for the three murals being painted by Anne Gallant for the 2014 Celebrations.

5.8 Community Gardens Complex Committee

- 5.8.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor MacLean to approve the Community Gardens Complex Committee Report for April 2014 as presented by Deputy Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

5.9 Mayor's Report

- 5.9.1 *Moved by Councillor Mill, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Mayors report for the month of April 2014 as presented by Mayor Coffin. Unanimously carried.*

6. Home Based Business Request – 44 Sunset Drive

- 6.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the operation of a home based business known as "The Pretty Dog Groomer" to operate out of a residence located at 44 Sunset Drive (PID No. 885202) subject to full compliance with the relevant sections of the Development Control Bylaw. Unanimously carried.*

7. Request for use of Blacksmith Shop

CAO, Geoff Baker declared a conflict and excused himself from Council Chambers at 8:00PM

- 7.1 Councillors discussed a request from Deborah Murphy of Darnley, to operate a business out of the James Mullally Blacksmith shop located at the Kensington Railyards. Councillors requested additional information, including any anticipated renovation costs. Staff will endeavour to collect the required information and will provide to councillors through email as it is received.

CAO, Geoff Baker returned to the Council Chambers at 8:10 PM

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 A letter from Start Right Professional Services offering assistance in providing disability support services to the community.
- 8.2 A letter from Island Trails requesting the renewal of the Town's annual membership.
- 8.3 An invitation from the Kensington & Area Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Annual Golf Challenge on Thursday, May 29th, 2014.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor Mann to sponsor a team for the 2014 Kensington & Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament for \$450.00. Unanimously carried.

- 8.4** A request for a donation to the Darlene Cole benefit.
- 8.5** An email from the Save our Seas and Shores PEI group requesting Town Councils consideration of a resolution to help ensure that the Gulf of St. Lawrence is protected from oil exploration and development.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor MacLean

WHEREAS, the Gulf of St. Lawrence supports over \$1.5 billion per year in revenue from the fishing industry alone and is home to over 6,000 marine species including the endangered blue whale; and

WHEREAS, this vital ecosystem is being jeopardized by oil and gas exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas exploration involves seismic testing and other practices harmful to marine species; and

WHEREAS, the potential pollution from oil and gas exploration and drilling threatens the long-term economic, social and ecological well-being of Prince Edward Island communities; and

WHEREAS, the long-term impact of oil and gas exploration and development on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the species and economies that depend on it is not fully understood; and

WHEREAS, independent studies have shown that the Gulf is already under significant pressure and could not withstand a significant oil spill; and

WHEREAS, a petition with more than 1200 signatures was presented on behalf of Save Our Seas and Shores - PEI Chapter to the Legislative Assembly on April 30, 2013 requesting that the Legislative Assembly

- Declare an immediate moratorium on oil and gas exploration and drilling in PEI waters, and***
- Work with the governments of the other four Gulf provinces and the federal government to institute a comprehensive inter-provincial approach to protect and manage the Gulf ecosystem, and to establish a permanent ban on exploration and drilling for oil and gas in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and***

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee on Fisheries, Transportation and Rural

Development as well as the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environment, Energy and Forestry in their November, 2013 reports to the Legislative Assembly, both recommended a moratorium on oil and gas exploration and drilling in PEI waters and recommended that the five Gulf provinces and the federal government work together to protect the Gulf ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, as of January 22, 2014, the municipal councils of Victoria, Murray Harbour, North Rustico, Breadalbane, Cavendish, Miltonvale Park and Murray River have passed resolutions similar to this one;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 12th day of May 2014, the Town of Kensington:

A) Supports a moratorium on oil and gas exploration and drilling in Prince Edward Island waters; and

B) Recommends that the Prince Edward Island government collaborate with the Governments of Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Quebec, and with First Nations, to establish a comprehensive management plan for the Gulf of St. Lawrence that puts a priority on protection of the marine ecosystem.

Unanimously carried.

8.6 KISH Newsletter

8.7 A Thank You note from the PEI Military Family Resource Centre for attending the Official Opening of the first PEI MFRC.

8.8 A newspaper article from The Guardian from May 7, 2014 “Kensington calls on province to address municipal funding”

9. Other Matters

9.1 Councillor Spencer inquired about the annual request for graduation donations from QEES and KISH. No requests have been received at the time of the meeting. Staff will allocate the donations in line with previous years when the request is received.

9.2 Councillor Spencer thanked all volunteers who assisted with the 2014 Annual Town Clean up.

9.3 Mayor Coffin reported that the damaged interpretive panels located at the rail yards have been reported to the Province for repair.

9.4 Councillor MacLean requested that the life rings be re-installed at the Alysha Toombs Memorial Pond.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Caseley, seconded by Councillor Spencer to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM. Unanimously carried.

Wendy MacKinnon,
Deputy Administrator

Gordon Coffin,
Mayor