

Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024
7:00 PM

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

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

Visitors: Mary Cowper-Smith - The Council of Canadians: PEI
Jane Farquharson - The Council of Canadians: PEI

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Caseley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed Council members and staff to the May 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 May 13, 2024, regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3.1 *Nil.*

4. Delegations / Presentations

4.1 Mary Cowper-Smith & Jane Farquharson of the PEI Chapter of the Council of Canadians made a presentation to Town Council regarding the Blue Communities Project.

Mary Cowper-Smith & Jane Farquharson excused themselves from the Council Chamber at 7:19 pm.

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2024 regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting

6.1.1 *Nil.*

7. Reports

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to adopt the April 2024 CAO Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Councillor Doucette to approve the March 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 Councillor Doucette to approve the March 2024 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.3.2 KPS will host the Annual Family Violence Walk in Silence event on May 14, 2024 at 12:30 pm.

7.3.3 June 1, 2024 is the Annual KPS Fishing Derby. BBQ Volunteers welcome.

7.3.4 June 15, 2024 KPS will host the Annual Bike Rodeo at the Credit Union Centre. BBQ & Judge Volunteers are welcome.

Chief Sutherland excused himself from the Council Chamber at 7:25 pm.

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

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

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 Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to approve the Credit Union Centre report for the month of March 2024. Unanimously carried.*
- 7.10 Mayor's Report**
 - 7.10.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Deputy Mayor Spencer to approve the Mayor's report for the month of April 2024 as presented by Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*
- 7.11 Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) Report**
 - 7.11.1 Councillor Gallant expressed his appreciation for the nomination as the 2024 FPEIM Bruce H. Yeo Memorial Award.
- 7.12 Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report**
 - 7.12.1 Councillor MacRae noted the Chamber of Commerce is extremely busy and an outstanding contributor to the Town of Kensington and surrounding communities. Councillor MacRae requested that members of Town Council increase their support of the initiatives hosted by the KACC.
 - 7.12.2 Family Violence Walk in Silence – May 14 at 12:30.
 - 7.12.3 The Annual KACC Golf Tournament registration is open. The event will take place on May 30, 2024 at Andersons Creek Golf Course.
 - 7.12.4 Members of the Chamber recently toured Plant 2 at the Cavendish Farms facility in New Annan.
 - 7.12.5 KACC is hosting a session on May 14 on “Working with others”.
- 7.13 Heart of PEI Initiative Report**
 - 7.14.1 *Nil.*
- 8. New Business**
 - 8.1 Request for Decisions**
 - 8.1.1 Under the Spire Music Festival – Community Partner Sponsorship Request**
 - 8.1.1.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Spencer, seconded by Councillor MacRae*

WHEREAS Kensington Town Council recognizes the importance and value of arts and cultural events in the Kensington area;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Kensington has enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship with the Under the Spire Music Festival for over two decades;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kensington Town Council approve a financial contribution to the Under the Spire Music Festival for 2024 and 2025 in the amount of \$2,000 per year.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.2 Development Permit Application – 20-Unit Apartment Building - PID 1036011

8.1.2.1 Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council approve a Discretionary Use - Development Permit Application for Winston Cousins to develop a 20-unit apartment building along Barrett Street (PID No. 1036011) conditional upon the following:

- 1. Submittal of information necessary for the connection to the Town's water and sewer utility.*
- 2. Approval and submittal of an entranceway permit by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.*

Unanimously carried.

8.1.3 Kensington Intermediate Senior High – Relay for Life Donation

8.1.3.1 Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs

THAT Kensington Town Council provide a Platinum Level Donation for the 2024 Kensington Intermediate Senior High School Relay for Life, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Other Matters

8.2.1 Mayor Caseley expressed his appreciation to Council, staff and residents who participated in the Annual Town Clean-up day.

- 8.2.2 Honourable Kim Pate, Senator for Ontario will speak on Guaranteed Livable Basic Income at the Kensington Murray Christian Education Centre on May 31, 2024 at 7:00 pm.
- 8.2.3 Mayor Caseley is invited to the closing ceremonies for the Senior Surfers Centre on May 29th at noon.
- 8.2.4 Scotiabank will officially close at 11:00 am on May 15, 2024.
- 8.2.5 A community forum on Ending Gender-Based Violence will take place on May 16, 2024 at the Murray Christian Centre at 7:00 pm.
- 8.2.6 Councillor Mann inquired about the installation of a water-filling station at the Credit Union Centre. Mr. Baker confirmed that staff will request a quotation and report back to Council.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Information on a yard sale on June 22 from 9:00 - 1:00 pm in support of KARSI.
- 9.2 Honourable Kim Pate, Senator for Ontario will speak on Guaranteed Livable Basic Income at the Kensington Murray Christian Education Centre on May 31, 2024 at 7:00 pm.
- 9.3 A letter from Megan Moase a 2024 KISH graduate and employee of the Credit Union Centre and Fit Plex, thanking the Town for their support and training facility for her passion in powerlifting.

10. In-Camera (Closed session)

- 10.1 *Nil.*

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Doucette to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Unanimously carried.

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor