

**Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022
7:00 PM**

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

Staff Members Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Geoff Baker; Deputy Chief
Administrative Officer, Wendy MacKinnon; Municipal Clerk,
Kim Caseley; Police Chief, Lewie Sutherland

Visitors: Kyle Reid – Journal Pioneer

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 September 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. A moment of silence was had in honour of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

2. Approval of Tentative Agenda

2.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering to approve the tentative agenda for the September 2022 regular meeting of Town Council with the addition of item 8.1.4 – Variance request from Bruce Bell and 2 items of correspondence. Unanimously carried.*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3.1 *Nil.*

4. Delegations / Presentations

4.1 *Nil.*

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor MacRae to approve the minutes from August 8, 2022, regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 **August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting**

6.1.1 *Nil.*

7. Reports

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to adopt the August 2022 CAO Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the July 2022 Fire Statistical report as prepared by Fire Chief, Rodney Hickey. Unanimously carried.*

7.2.2 Councillor Gallant expressed his appreciation to the Kensington Fire Department for hosting a well-attended event during the Annual Kensington Harvest Festival.

7.3 Police Department Statistical Report

7.3.1 *Moved by Councillor MacRae, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the July 2022 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.3.2 Councillor Gallant thanked the Kensington Police Service and the PEI RCMP for their assistance during the Annual Kensington Harvest Festival Road Race.

Chief Sutherland excused themselves from the Council Chamber at 7:09 pm.

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the September 2022 Development Permit Summary Report as prepared by Municipal Clerk, Kim Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.5 Bills List

7.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the July 2022 Bills in the amount of \$204,037.61. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.2 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering to approve the July 2022 Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$273,594.25. Unanimously carried.*

7.5.3 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the*

July 2022 Water & Sewer Utility Bills in the amount of \$7,750.16. Unanimously carried.

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Summary Income Statement for the month of July 2022. Unanimously carried.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

7.7.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the Credit Union Centre report for the month of July 2022. Unanimously carried.*

7.7.2 Councillor Gallant noted the Eastern Canadian Fastball Championship was recently hosted in Kensington at the Credit Union Centre and expressed appreciation to Softball PEI for their efforts.

7.7.3 Deputy Mayor Pickering noted that the Kensington Harvest Festival – Youth Ambassador Program was a great success and a positive change.

7.8 Mayor's Report

7.8.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Mayor's report for the month of September 2022 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 The Storyboard Project is being printed within the next few weeks and The Heart of PEI will be looking for direction on their placement locations. Mayor Caseley noted that Mr. Baker will forward the information along to the Heart of PEI.

7.11 Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report

7.11.1 The KACC is hosting a Business Mixer on Thursday, September 15 at Ship to Shore Restaurant.

7.11.2 The KACC is hosting their Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at Andersons Creek Golf Course.

7.11.3 Regular board meetings will resume on September 14, 2022.

7.12 PEI 55 Plus Games

7.12.1 55+ Games officially started on Saturday, September 10, 2022. 11 events will be held, and all well attended. A BBQ will be held for all volunteers and participants on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

8. New Business

8.1 Request for Decisions

8.1.1 Home Based Business Request – Linda Whaley (46 Victoria Street East – PID No. 76901)

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council approve a request from Linda Whaley to operate a homebased glass studio out of a property located at 46 Victoria Street East, subject to full compliance with the Town of Kensington Development Control Bylaw.

Unanimously carried

8.1.2 2023 Canada Winter Games Municipality Partnership Program

8.1.2.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Mann*

THAT Town Council provide a total financial sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the 2023 Canada Winter Games, being hosted in Prince Edward Island from February 18, 2023 to March 5, 2023.

2 for – 4 opposed (Pickering, Spencer, MacRae, Toombs). Motion defeated

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

THAT Town Council provide a total financial sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the 2023 Canada Winter Games, being hosted in Prince Edward Island from February 18, 2023 to March 5, 2023.

5 for – 1 opposed (Pickering). Motion carried.

8.1.3 Broadway Street South Sidewalk Replacement – Tender Award

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kensington Town Council award the

contract for the Broadway Street South Sidewalk Replacement Project to Curran and Briggs Ltd. as per their tender submission in the amount of \$122,935.00 including HST.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.4 Variance Request – Bruce Bell, 63 Victoria Street West, PID No. 76711

8.1.4.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Spencer*

WHEREAS an application has been received from the owner of PID No. 76711 (63 Victoria Street West) for a variance on the side yard requirements for the property;

AND WHEREAS the applicant of the lot is intent on constructing a four (4) bay mechanic shop on the property;

AND WHEREAS the variance has been reviewed against the Development Control Bylaw and the Official Plan and are deemed to be in general compliance therewith;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council approve a variance application from Bruce Bell, being the owner of PID No. 76711 (63 Victoria Street W.), to reduce the side yard requirement from 15.00 feet to 5.00 feet on the west side of the lot with the addition of the following conditions:

- 1. Written support from the current property owners of PID No. 80853 (4 Francis Street) and PID No. 76661 (65 Victoria Street West);*
- 2. Consolidation of PID No. 76711 and PID No. 80861;*
- 3. Submission of a formal survey plan.*

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Other Matters

8.2.1 Councillor Gallant noted a tree stump that is impacting a section of sidewalk located near 39 Victoria Street E. and requested that the stump be removed, and the sidewalk be replaced. Mr. Baker confirmed that town staff will inspect the area and ensure the issue is dealt with.

8.2.2 Councillor Spencer noted that the construction at 28 Pleasant Street has damaged the sidewalk along Pleasant Street with large vehicles coming in and

out of the property.

- 8.2.3** Councillor Spencer requested that the long grass along the sidewalk located on the Commercial Street side of 55 Broadway Street be removed.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1** August edition of Navigator News of the PEI Community Navigators.
- 9.2** Information on the Food & Flower PEI Neighbour Week Event being held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at Ross' Place Community Garden in partnership with the Central PEI Community Navigator.
- 9.3** A Thank You card from Kris LaFrance, recipient of KISH Graduation awards in Sociology 621 and French 621.
- 9.4** An update from Jamie MacKay with an update on the Red Cross and Ross' Place Community Garden.
- 9.5** A list of required items for the Kensington Lions Club Food Bank.

Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve a \$1,000.00 annual financial donation to the Kensington Lions Club Food Bank. Unanimously carried.

- 9.6** Information from Peggy Miles, Central PEI Community Navigator on PEI Neighbour Week from September 19-24, 2022.
- 9.7** An email from Mike Smith; MJS Marketing, regarding an advertising opportunity in the Grand Opening Special Edition of the North Rustico Wellness Centre.

Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Mann to approve a 3" banner advertisement in the County Line Courier's North Rustico Wellness Centre Grand Opening Special Edition in the amount of \$350.00. Unanimously carried.

- 9.8** The 2022 Impact Report from the Canadian Heart & Stroke Foundation.
- 9.9** A donation request from the Kensington Wild for a player sponsor for the 2022/23 hockey season.

Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve a financial donation in the amount of \$750.00 to the Kensington Wild. Unanimously carried.

- 9.10** A letter from the Kensington Wild requesting that local players be permitted to use the Fitplex gym facilities free of charge.

Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve local players

(approximately 7-8 players) of the Kensington Wild to use the Fitplex facilities free of charge. Unanimously carried.

9.11 A letter from the Kensington Wild requesting future discussions regarding the heating source within the Wild dressing room. Mr. Baker confirmed that staff will investigate available solutions to rectify their concerns.

9.12 An email regarding the accession proclamation ceremony held at Government House for His Majesty King Charles III.

10. In-Camera (Closed session)

10.1 *Nil.*

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM. Unanimously carried.

Geoff Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor