

Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2019
7:00 PM

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

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

Visitors: Colin MacLean – Journal Pioneer
Shelley Cole and Kat Carroll - Kensington Scouting Group

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.

2. Approval of Tentative Agenda

2.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the tentative agenda for the February 11, 2019 regular meeting of Town Council with the addition of one item of correspondence. Unanimously carried.*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3.1 Mayor Caseley discussed that members of Town Council or staff who believe they may have a conflict of interest on any matter that will be discussed at this meeting should declare that potential conflict at this time, withdraw at the time of discussion and vacate the Council Chambers during deliberation and decision.

4. Delegations / Presentations

4.1 Shelley Cole and Kat Carroll spoke to Town Council regarding their upcoming 'Good Turn Week' being held from April 15 to April 21, 2019. Councillors were encouraged to share ideas/community projects that the local scouting groups could do during the week.

Ms. Cole and Ms. Carroll excused themselves from the Council Chamber at 7:10 pm.

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 *Nil*

7. Reports

7.1 CAO's Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Spencer to adopt the February 2019 CAO's Report as prepared by CAO, Geoff Baker. Unanimously carried.*

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the December 2018 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 Spencer to approve the December 2018 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*

7.3.2 Chief Sutherland noted that the Walk in Silence for Victims of Family Violence will be held Friday, February 15 at 12:30 pm.

7.4 Development Permit Summary Report

7.4.1 *Nil*

7.5 Bills List

7.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Bernard to approve the December 2018 Bills in the amount of \$202,280.47. Unanimously carried.*

7.6 Summary Income Statement

7.6.1 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Mann to approve the Summary Income Statement for the month of December 2018. Unanimously carried.*

7.7 Credit Union Centre Report

7.7.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Credit Union Centre report for the month of December 2018. Unanimously carried.*

7.7.2 Councillor Gallant requested additional signage to remind members to wear indoor footwear while using the Fitplex facility.

7.7.3 Councillor Spencer requested additional advertising to let people know that the walking track is open to the public. Mr. Baker will speak with Mr. Wood.

7.8 Mayor's Report

7.8.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to approve the Mayors report for the month of February 2019 as presented by Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*

7.8.2 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to direct staff to negotiate a 10-year lease with the tenants of the Island Stone Pub, with the option of an additional 5 years. Unanimously carried.*

7.8.3 Councillor Gallant inquired if Town Council would consider the sale of the Historic Kensington Train Station before re-signing a new lease with the current tenants. Councillors discussed the proposal and it was unanimously decided that the Train Station holds significant value in the history of the Town and would maintain ownership.

7.8.4 Councillor Gallant requested that a congratulatory note be sent to retired KISH teacher John Bowness on his recent induction into the Volleyball PEI Hall of Fame.

7.9 Federation of PEI Municipalities and Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report

7.9.1 FPEIM hosted a successful semi-annual meeting in Kinkora on January 19, 2019.

7.9.2 KACC will host their AGM on February 21, 2019 at the Murray Christian Centre. Christine Cousins from the Kensington Scotiabank will be sworn in as the Chamber President.

8. New Business

8.1 Request for Decisions

8.1.1 PEI Crime Stoppers Donation Request

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

THAT Town Council approve a donation to PEI Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$100.00 to support their Tips App.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.2 FPEIM Board of Directors Nomination

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

THAT Kensington Town Council nominate Councillor Rodney Mann

to the position of Prince County Representative of the Cities/Towns Caucus of FPEIM.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.3 TOK Resolution to FPEIM AGM

8.1.3.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Bernard,*

THAT Kensington Town Council authorize the submittal of the following resolution for consideration by the FPEIM Board of Directors and that the resolution be brought forward during the FPEIM's 2019 Annual General Meeting:

WHEREAS the capital cost of installing central services such as water, sewer and streets to new residential subdivision development is steadily increasing and carries a similar cost in both rural and urban areas of the Province;

AND WHEREAS the selling price of a residential building lot in rural areas is significantly less than that of similar building lots in urban areas;

AND WHEREAS the cost of servicing residential building lots in rural areas is a primary factor leading to on-site serviced, ribbon development outside of Towns and rural municipalities, which is widely recognized as being unsustainable, detrimental to the environment and a poor land-use practice;

AND WHEREAS both the public and private sectors in rural areas require financial assistance to encourage centrally serviced residential development in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS towns and rural municipalities do not have the capacity to provide such financial support to rural residential development;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities advocate and request the Province of Prince Edward Island to consider the provision of financial support to both the public and private sectors for the development of residential building lots in rural areas, similar to the former Rural Residential Building Lot Program.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.4 Kensington Fire Department Capital Purchases

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

THAT Kensington Town Council approve the purchase of five (5) sets of Innotex Energy Bunker Gear from T&K Fire Equipment Ltd. as per their quote dated January 22, 2019 in the amount of \$12,210.00 plus HST.

THAT Kensington Town Council approve the purchase of one (1) Samsung 50 inch TV, one (1) Articulating Mount, one (1) Samsung 32 inch TV, one (1) Lenovo Mount, one (1) Lenovo Tiny Desktop, one (1) wireless keyboard/mouse kit, one (1) HDMI Screen Share Device and a one (1) year Microsoft Office subscription, from Combat Computers as per their quote dated January 22, 2019 in the amount of \$2,949.00 plus HST/ACES.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.5 **Town of Kensington - Indian River Festival MOU**

8.1.5.1 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Bernard*

THAT Kensington Town Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Kensington and the Indian River Festival and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign it on behalf of Town Council.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.6 **Town of Kensington Dangerous and Unsightly Property Bylaw - First Reading**

8.1.6.1 *First Reading*

Moved by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering

WHEREAS Section 180 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, c M-12.1 authorizes a Town Council to pass a bylaw respecting dangerous and unsightly property in their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS Town Council wishes to provide, by bylaw, for the enforcement of minimum property standards which shall apply to all property located within the Town of Kensington;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Kensington Dangerous and Unsightly Property Bylaw (Bylaw #2019-01) be hereby read a first time.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.6.2 *Approval of First Reading*

Moved by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Gallant

WHEREAS Section 180 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, c M-12.1 authorizes a Town Council to pass a bylaw respecting dangerous and unsightly property in their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS Town Council wishes to provide, by bylaw, for the enforcement of minimum property standards which shall apply to all property located within the Town of Kensington;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Kensington Dangerous and Unsightly Property Bylaw (Bylaw #2019-01) be hereby approved.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.7 **Town of Kensington Gas Tax Funds Re-Profiling**

8.1.7.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering*

THAT the Town of Kensington submit an application to the Municipal Strategic Component of the Gas Tax Fund to fund a portion of the cost of the Town of Kensington Train Station Renovation and Boardwalk Replacement Project.

The Council understands that all future operational costs associated with and resulting from the project will be the responsibility of the Town of Kensington.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.7.2 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant*

THAT the Town of Kensington submit an application to the Municipal Strategic Component of the Gas Tax Fund to fund a portion of the cost of the Town of Kensington Wellfield Emergency Backup Power Project.

The Council understands that all future operational costs associated with and resulting from the project will be the responsibility of the Town of Kensington.

Unanimously carried.

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

THAT the Town of Kensington amend its 2014-2019 Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan to remove the Victoria Street West Sidewalk

Replacement Project and add the Town of Kensington Train Station Renovation and Boardwalk Replacement Project and the Town of Kensington Wellfield Emergency Back up Power project.

Unanimously carried.

8.2 Other Matters

8.2.1 Councillor Gallant suggested that an additional catch basin be installed near the corner of Pleasant Street and Broadway Street N. to help alleviate the excess water that collects in the area. Mr. Baker addressed concern that the storm water system may not be able to handle the additional water flow. Staff will speak with the Provincial Department of Transportation regarding the recommendation and report back to Council.

8.2.2 Deputy Mayor Pickering provided updates on the recent Winter Carnival. The events went well, although some were cancelled due to weather.

9. Correspondence

9.1 A Thank You letter from the PCH Foundation.

9.2 A proclamation request from Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia requesting the Town to proclaim March 26 as Purple Day as part of Epilepsy Awareness Month.

9.3 A financial donation request from the Atom 'A' Shane Cormier Memorial Hockey Tournament.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Toombs to donate \$100 to the Shane Cormier Memorial Hockey Tournament. Unanimously carried.

10. In-Camera

10.1 *Nil*

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Unanimously carried.

Geoffrey Baker,
CAO

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor