

**Town of Kensington
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
7:00 PM**

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

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

Visitors: Jason Simmonds – 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 February meeting of Kensington Town Council.

2. Approval of Tentative Agenda

2.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the tentative agenda for the February 8, 2021 regular meeting of Town Council. 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 Toombs to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2021 regular meeting of Town Council. Unanimously carried.*

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 January 11, 2021 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 February 2021 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 December 2020 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 2020 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Sutherland. Unanimously carried.*
- 7.4** **Development Permit Summary Report**
- 7.4.1** *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the February 2021 Development Permit Summary Report. Unanimously carried.*
- 7.5** **Bills List**
- 7.5.1** *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the December 2020 Bills in the amount of \$592,443.35. Unanimously carried.*
- 7.6** **Summary Income Statement**
- 7.6.1** *Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the Summary Income Statement for the month of December 2020. 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 Devember 2020. Unanimously carried.*
- 7.8** **Mayor's Report**
- 7.8.1** *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve the Mayors report for the month of February 2021 as presented by Mayor Caseley. Unanimously carried.*
- 7.8.2** Mayor Caseley discussed with Council the potential of partnering with the KISH Industrial Arts Class to create covered seating areas in Town parks. Council supported the concept and requested additional information on price and timing.
- 7.9** **Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) Report**

7.9.1 The FPEIM AGM will be held virtually on April 26, 2021.

7.10 Heart of the Island Initiative Report

7.10.1 Deputy Mayor Pickering reported that the Heart of the Island Initiative have completed their strategic plan and are awaiting the final report.

7.11 Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) Report

7.11.1 Councillor Mann reported that the KACC has hired a new Executive Director, Julie Corbett.

7.11.2 The KACC AGM will be held virtually on February 19, 2021.

7.12 PEI 55 Plus Games

7.12.1 Councillor Gallant discussed with Town Council the timeline requirements for preparation of the 55 Plus Games. Concerns were addressed regarding COVID-19 and the uncertain potential for limiting Public Health Restrictions.

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to recommend postponing being the host community of the 55+ Games until 2022.

Unanimously carried.

7.12.2 Mr. Baker will review the Town's current Harassment Policy to include volunteers.

8. New Business

8.1 Request for Decisions

8.1.1 2021 Census of Population

8.1.1.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Gallant*

WHEREAS Statistics Canada will be proceeding with the Federal census in May of 2021;

AND WHEREAS Towns and Cities are key benefactors of accurate census data, which provides key socio-economic trends and an opportunity for analysis to improve the effectiveness of programs and services that benefit our community;

AND WHEREAS accurate census data is directly tied to the allocation of Federal Gas Tax Funds

Unanimously carried.

8.1.2 Subdivision of Lands – Estate of Olive Champion (PID 80119, 79913 and 79921)

8.1.2.1 Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Councillor Toombs

WHEREAS a subdivision plan (Plan #20253-S01) and a request has been received from the owner (estate of property owner) of properties located at 9 School Street (PID 79921), 11 School Street (PID 79913), and along Pleasant Street (PID 80119) for Town Council's consideration of adjusting the property lines of the properties;

AND WHEREAS the proposed subdivision plan has been reviewed against the Town's Development Control Bylaw and is found to be in general compliance therewith;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to append Parcel A and Parcel C to PID 79913 to create a new Lot 21-1, as per Survey Plan No. 20253-S01, dated January 21, 2021, drawn by Locus Surveys Ltd.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to append Parcel B and Parcel D to PID 79921 to create a new Lot 21-2, as per Survey Plan No. 20253-S01, dated January 21, 2021, drawn by Locus Surveys Ltd.;

Unanimously carried.

8.1.3 Town of Kensington Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw – First Reading

8.1.3.1 Resolution 1

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering

WHEREAS Subsection 180(b) of the Municipal Government Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1., provides that a Council may pass a bylaw and provide services for municipal utilities, public utilities, facilities, works and improvements on private and public land;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 183(1) of the Municipal Government Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1., provides that where a Council provides a public utility pursuant to subsection 180(b), the Council shall establish its public utility as a department of the municipality or a controlled corporation and specify the functions of the public utility;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Town of Kensington desires to operate the public utility as a department of the municipality, in accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, directives and special contracts;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Kensington Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw (Bylaw #2021-01) be hereby read a first time.

Unanimously carried.

8.1.3.2 Resolution 2

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering

WHEREAS Subsection 180(b) of the Municipal Government Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1., provides that a Council may pass a bylaw and provide services for municipal utilities, public utilities, facilities, works and improvements on private and public land;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 183(1) of the Municipal Government Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1., provides that where a Council provides a public utility pursuant to subsection 180(b), the Council shall establish its public utility as a department of the municipality or a controlled corporation and specify the functions of the public utility;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Town of Kensington desires to operate the public utility as a department of the municipality, in accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, directives and special contracts;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Kensington Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw (Bylaw 2021-01) was read a first time at a duly held meeting February 8, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Kensington Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw (Bylaw #2021-01) be hereby approved.

Unanimously carried.

- 8.1.3.3** Council requested that he CAO review and clarify the language in section 3.2 of the Bylaw – Deemed to Receive Service prior to presenting the Bylaw for second reading and formal adoption.

8.2 Other Matters

- 8.2.1** Mayor Caseley discussed the Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce AGM on February 19, 2021. Councillor Gallant has accepted his appointment as the Town of Kensington representative on the board.
- 8.2.2** A public meeting will be held at the Murray Christian Centre on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM to present the re-zoning application from Ryan Simmonds, Lot No. 8 – Lions Drive.
- 8.2.3** Councillor Gallant addressed a concern for the proposed placement of the 2D – Fiddle Art Structure proposed by the Heart of PEI Initiative. He suggested that the structures be installed in a more visible area. Deputy Mayor Pickering confirmed the Heart of PEI Initiative would want the structure installed in a highly visible area and suggested that the final decision of the location be determined once the project has been completed and size determined.
- 8.2.4** Councillor Gallant spoke on his proposal to create a memorial of the late Nathan Condon and confirmed the families support of the initiative. Deputy Mayor Pickering offered her assistance with the project and will bring the idea forward

to the Heart of PEI Initiative.

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to allow Councillor Gallant to move forward in the planning process by developing a concept and cost proposal for Town Council's consideration.

Unanimously carried.

8.2.5 Councillor Mann addressed concern about the lateness of the street clearing following a recent storm and noted that some streets in Town were not cleared until 11:00 am.

9. Correspondence

9.1 A letter from Skate Canada's – Kensington Skating Club requesting the Town's financial contribution by purchasing an advertisement in their program for the 52nd Annual Ice Show being held at the Credit Union Centre on March 5, 2021.

Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Spencer to approve a \$500.00 Silver Blade Sponsorship to the Kensington Skating Club for their 52nd Ice Show.

Unanimously carried.

9.2 A letter from Peter Holman with a proposal for becoming an Age-friendly community. – *No action*

Jason Simmonds, Wendy MacKinnon and Kim Caseley excused themselves from the Council Chamber at 8:11 pm.

10. In-Camera

10.1 *Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Gallant to enter into an in-camera session pertaining to One item of a human resources nature as per Section 119(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act. at 8:12 PM.*

10.2 *Moved by Councillor Spencer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pickering to come out of an in-camera session at 9:13 PM.*

11. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pickering, seconded by Councillor Spencer to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 PM. Unanimously carried.