

**Town of Kensington
Minutes of Public Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2022
6:00 PM**

Presiding: Mayor Rowan Caseley

Council Members Present: Deputy Mayor Pickering;
Councillors: Spencer, Mann, and MacRae

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

Visitors: Hope Parnham - DV8 Consulting
TJ McGowen
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Mayor Caseley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed Council members, staff, and visitors to the public 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.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting is to allow residents and other interested persons an opportunity to provide input as the Town reviews the Official Plan and Zoning & Subdivision (Development) Control Bylaw.

Public input is an important part of the municipal planning process and public participation is a valuable component of the review. Residents can also provide input through the online survey which is available on the Town's website www.kensington.ca. Public feedback helps ensure that the Plan reflects the priorities of residents and that the Bylaw supports appropriate development for the community.

The Town has engaged the services of planning consultant, Hope Parnham of DV8 Consulting to lead the Town through the Bylaw and Official Plan review process.

Mayor Caseley introduced and turned the meeting over to Hope Parnham for her presentation.

Hope Parnham discussed the process to date and highlighted the importance of Municipal Planning.

The Official Plan and Bylaw Review initially started in 2018 following the adoption of the Town's Strategic Plan. Initial work led to discussions on the importance of a Municipal Boundary line adjustment and a proposal was prepared and submitted to the Province in 2019. In 2021 the boundary adjustment was approved by the Province of PEI, in the same year, the

Town was requested to pause the Municipal Review while the Province underwent their own review of the Municipal Government Act. Consultation for the Official Plan and Bylaw review is now able to proceed following the lifting of COVID 19 restrictions.

Input received from the public meeting and the survey will be incorporated into a draft Official Plan and Bylaw that will be circulated to staff for review and comments. A presentation of the new Official Plan and Bylaw is expected in the fall of 2022.

Hope Parnham opened the floor for public comments.

TJ McGowen inquired about the Town's plan to increase housing numbers.

Hope Parnham explained that the Town's position is to ensure that the Bylaw supports and encourages a variety of housing options through appropriate zoning. The Town has seen multiple residential properties built yearly and continues to see infill development.

Mr. Baker inquired if there are any potential concerns for the future of multi-unit dwelling areas.

Hope Parnham noted the benefits of multi-unit dwellings and encourages owners to be mindful of the streetscape and the addition of trees. Ensuring adequate yard space for parking in locations other than the front yard is encouraged.

Deputy Mayor Pickering highlighted the importance of afterschool programs and activities for local children.

Being no further questions or comments Mayor Caseley thanked everyone for attending and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Geoff Baker,
Chief Administrative Officer

Rowan Caseley,
Mayor