

**Town of Kensington
Regular Meeting of Town Council
Monday May 11, 2026
7:00 PM**

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

Staff Members Present: CAO, Brian Baker
Alyson Goodwin

Regrets: Nil

Visitor: Nil

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

1.1 Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed Council members and staff to the May meeting of Kensington Town Council. Mayor Spencer 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 McCarvill, to approve the tentative agenda for the May 11, 2026, regular meeting of Town Council.

Unanimously carried.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4. Delegations / Presentations

Nil

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5.1 Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae, to defer the Regular Council Meeting minutes from April 13, 2026.

Council requested that the changes made to the March 9, 2026, and March 23, 2026 minutes be reflected directly within the minutes themselves, rather than only noted

as “discussed changes.”

5.2 Additional Information to be Added to the April 13, 2026, Minutes

Council directed that the following corrections and additions be made to the April 13 minutes to ensure they align with the agenda and accurately reflect Council’s discussion:

- **Section 8.2: Add additional detail regarding the WSP recommendation, to more accurately reflect the scope of the recommendation and Council’s discussion.**
- **Section 8.3: Correct the wording by adding the word “Street” and removing the reference to Linwood Drive and Pleasant Street.
Unanimously carried.**

6. *Business Arising from Minutes*

6.1 *Budget Presentation*

7. Reports

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Toombs, to adopt the April 2026 CAO Report as prepared by CAO, Brian Baker. Unanimously carried*

7.2 Fire Department Statistical Report

7.2.1 Recommendation to acknowledge former Fire Chief’s retirement and support his recommendation to appoint Jason Paynter as the new Fire Chief of the Kensington Fire Department.

7.2.2 *Council formally welcomed Jason Paynter as the new Fire Chief.*

7.2.3 *Council acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the hard work, dedication, and ongoing commitment demonstrated by the Fire Department in serving and protecting the community.*

7.2.4 *Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Toombs to approve the April 2026 Fire Statistical report as prepared by Fire Chief’s, Jason Paynter. Unanimously carried.*

7.3 Police Department Report

7.4 Police Statistical Report

7.4.1 Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by MacRae to approve the April 2026 Police Statistical Report as prepared by Chief Yuill. Unanimously carried.

7.5 Consolidated Summary Income Statement -Town and Water and Sewer Utility – Nil

7.6 Credit Union Centre Report

7.6.1 Moved by Councillor, Doucette , seconded by McCarvill to approve the Credit Union Centre report for the month of April 2026. Unanimously carried.

7.6.1 Solar Panel statistics

7.6.2 CUC statistics

7.7 Mayor Report

7.7.1 Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to approve the Mayor's report for the month of April 2026 as presented by Mayor Spencer. Unanimously carried.

7.8 Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities Report – Councillor Mann

7.8.1 Deputy Mayor Mann and Councillor Gallant attended the Annual General Meeting on behalf of Council hosted by Summerside

7.8.2 They viewed several presentations during the event. Deputy Mayor Mann noted one presentation in particular, which emphasized the principle that every community should have a Mayor—a representative for each area of PEI who residents can communicate with directly.

7.9 Kensington and Area Chamber of Commerce Report – Councillor MacRae

7.9.1 The Annual Golf Tournament will be hosted on March 21, 2026.

8. New Business

8.1 Summer Music series discussion

Recommendation to continue with \$7,500.00 contribution to the Summer Music Series this year and help them with organization structure; incorporation as nonprofit; enabling them to seek other funding opportunities and establishment of a long-term event.

8.1.1 *Moved by Councillor McCarvill, seconded by Councillor Toombs to follow Recommendation to continue with \$7,500.00 contribution.*

8.2. DiverseCity

8.2.1 Budget for Kensington Event

8.2.2 *After discussion, Council agreed to defer the motion until additional information is received from the organization. Further discussion will take place at a later date to determine what the Town may be able to offer.*

9. Correspondence

9.1 PEI Booster Club

9.1.1 *The Team PEI Booster Club is a fundraising initiative supporting athletes and coaches from Prince Edward Island (PEI) participating in the 2026 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games.*

9.1.2 *Received requested*

9.2 QEH Big Day

QEH Big Day will be held on May 20, 2026.

9.3 Senior Surfers

9.3.1 *Before any decision is made regarding this, Council would like to obtain a second quote. The CAO will also be looking into potential grant opportunities.*

9.4 TriLobstert

9.4.1 *CAO will add this to the list of donations*

9.5 Community safety Net

Council has chosen not to participate in the Community Safety Net program this year.

Alyson Goodwin excused herself from the Council Chamber at 9:00 pm

10. Committee of the Whole (In-Camera)

10.1 One item under Section 119(1)(a) of the Municipal Government Act, PEI

10.1.1 *Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae to enter into an In-Camera session at 9:00 pm. Unanimously carried.*

10.1.2 *Moved by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Toombs to come out of an In-Camera session at 9:50 pm*

10.2 Motion: That all non-union employees receive a wage increase of 2.5% effective April 1, 2026.

10.2.1 Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor MacRae

11. Adjournment

11.1 Moved by Councillor Toombs, seconded by Councillor Gallant to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Unanimously carried.



Brian Baker,
CAO



Jeff Spencer,
Mayor

