

Council Meeting, July 11, 2019
Minutes of a meeting of the council
of the Town of Kippens, held in the
Town Hall, July 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Members Present	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor	Debbie Brake-Patten Leon Benoit John Dawson Wayne Howlett Heather Shears Tim Alexander Shawn Boyd Debbie Cormier
Absent with Regrets	Town Clerk	
Also Present:	CAO/Town Manager Acting Town Clerk 8 Residents	Leonard Hann Josie Noseworthy

Motion #96/19: Motion by Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Dawson, be it hereby resolved to appoint Josie Noseworthy as Acting Town Clerk for the July 11, 2019 Council Meeting

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #97/19: Motion by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Howlett, be it hereby resolved to adopt the June 13, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes.

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #98/19: Motion by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to adopt the July 11, 2019 Council Meeting Agenda.

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Mayor D. Brake-Patten wanted to clarify the May 9, 2019 Mayor's Report which stated when talking about the Concerned Citizens Committee that their philosophy is "it doesn't matter who is in power, we are in power". Actually, the Mayor stated that she attended a meeting at a citizens house to discuss the future of Bay St. George and how the citizens want to see growth in the local industries such as the airport, seaport, farming, fishing and tourism. The Mayor reports that what she did say is "with the

upcoming election people have to think very seriously about the candidate they select as we want a strong government voice for our area”. The Mayor also reported that she said, “the people of the area have the power and they need to work together with government for the future”.

Financial

Motion #99/19: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to approve the accounts payable totaling \$121,533.64.

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #100/19: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Benoit be it hereby resolved to accept Gas Tax Funding.

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Permits

Motion 101# /19: Motion by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Dawson, be it hereby resolved to grant a permit to build an outside entrance at 156 Kippens Road, being in full compliance.

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #102 /19: Motion by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to grant a permit to build a shed at 20 Simons Drive, being in full compliance:

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion # 103/19: Motion by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Howlett, be it hereby resolved to grant a permit to build a fence at 6 Lakeview Drive, being in full compliance.

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #104/19: Motion by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Boyd be it hereby resolved to grant a demolition permit at 120B Kippens Road, being in full compliance.

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Additional Business

Motion #105/19: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Alexander be it hereby resolved to approve \$105,000.00 for the addition cost involved with the McCarthys Lane project.

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors J. Dawson H. Shears, W. Howlett, T. Alexander and S. Boyd

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Removal order for shed located at 26 Island Pond Drive deferred for next meeting pending further information.

Discussion on photography business. Council question if it is a business or a hobby. Council agreed to review the policy and table it until that information comes available.

Discussion on garbage containers. Council agreed to meet with contractor and look at garbage policy before making decisions and will discuss at next meeting.

Mi'Kmaq Burial Site. Council agreed this should be addressed with New Town Plan.

Discussion on Well Fields area and the Old Dump Road.

The Town Manager is in the process of getting quotes to grade and cut brush along the road.

Discussion on Spot Rezoning and Buffer Zone. Mayor stated that we need to look at rezoning land and making amendments to our Town Plan and move on with development. We have pending fruit orchard and horse ranch that should be worked in our New Town Plan.

HR Committee had four meetings. They reviewed a great deal of information. The Mayor reported that in light of the need for town enforcement as evidenced by the most recent appeal outcome and the potential for the animal enforcement requirement with the new town plan the committee proposed the restructuring of the Town of Kippens management team to facilitate advancing the town forward. The committee will meet with Town Clerk and Town Manager in a few weeks to discuss future plans.

Councillor Boyd declared a conflict of interest in the following discussion as he is involved with the development adjacent to the Aucoin property and left the meeting.

Mayor D. Brake-Patten reported in speaking with Government officials , it is apparent that we should have had a buffer around the Aucoin's Farm. The Mayor is asking that the Aucoin's and the Developers come to some kind of a resolution regarding a buffer sooner rather than later as this is costing the town. Mayor D. Brake-Patten is concerned that someone gave wrong information to

government officials which is going to create problems with council as they move forward with decisions regarding the farm. She is working to determine the source and rectify the problem.

Committee Reports

Public Works/Planning & Development

Deputy Mayor L. Benoit stated not much work is getting done on roads and maintenance because the Town Manager is always tied up with other duties. Town Manager will have to prioritize his duties and if needed, put off information request until the fall.

Fire Department

Councillor Shears reported fire meetings have been put on hold for July and August and that training is still ongoing. They have 13 – 15 fire fighters in attendance at each meeting. Councillor Shears also wanted to give a big Thank You to The Fire Department for the help with the Canada Day activities.

Recreation

Councillor Alexander reported that although it was raining the Canada Day celebrations was a success. Councillor Alexander thanked the Fire Dept. and all the volunteers for the help with the activities and a big thank you to the volunteers who decorated the town “great job”. A lot of positive comments. Thank you to the volunteers for the Fire Works on Friday Night also a great job.

Finance

Councillor Howlett reported we are not growing in revenue but in expenses and this will reflect on our taxes if we don't soon start building our revenue. We will have to restructure how we do things.

Beautification

Councillor Dawson request that we plant flowers or shrubs at the entrance sign.
Councillor Dawson also stated he was happy to be back.

Mayor's Report

Mayor D. Brake-Patten stated she was very happy to see Councillor Dawson back at the table and thanked him for his commitment to the town.
Mayor D. Brake-Patten also wanted to thank everybody that helped to make Canada Day a success and the Search & Rescue for their participation in the Canada Day Celebrations.

Motion #106/19: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Alexander be it hereby resolved to adjourn the Council Meeting.

In favour: Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors H. Shears, W. Howlett, and T. Alexander

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Next regular council meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2019.

Josie Noseworthy, Acting Town Clerk

Debbie Brake-Patten, Mayor