

Council Meeting, April 30, 2020
Minutes of a Meeting of the Council
of the Town of Kippens, Held via Zoom & Live Streamed to Facebook
April 30, 2020 at 6:35 PM

Members Present	Mayor	Debbie Brake-Patten
	Deputy Mayor	Leon Benoit
	Councillors	Tim Alexander
		Shawn Boyd
		John Dawson
	Wayne Howlett	Heather Shears
Also Present	CAO/Town Manager	Leonard Hann
	Town Clerk	Debbie Cormier

Motion #67/20: Motion by Councillor Dawson, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to adopt the March 12, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #68/20: Motion by Councillor Shears, seconded by Councillor Howlett, be it hereby resolved to adopt the April 30, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Financial

Motion #69/20: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to approve the accounts payable totaling \$100,426.98.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #70/20: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Dawson, be it hereby resolved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and in accordance with Section 107, Subsection 1 of The Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24 the due date for the Town of Kippens 2020 tax year be extended to June 30, 2020 in response to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #71/20: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Boyd, be it hereby resolved to accept the 2019 Gas Tax Audit.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #72/20: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Shears, be it hereby resolved to donate \$200 to the purchase of seeds and fertilizer for the Penitentiary.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Search and Rescue submitted a request for \$8,600 towards the purchase of a storage trailer. The Finance Committee recommends this request be deferred until the fall, to be reviewed during 2021 budget discussions. Deputy Mayor Benoit suggested offering the use of the Community Centre when available for a fun raising activity location for Search and Rescue.

New Business

Permits

Motion #73/20: Motion by Deputy Mayor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Boyd, be it hereby resolved to approve permit to build a shed at the following addresses, being in full compliance:

23 Millbrook Lane

33 Birch Drive

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #74/20: Motion by Deputy Mayor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Howlett, be it hereby resolved to approve a permit to erect a fence at 4 Lakeview Drive, being in full compliance.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #75/20: Motion by Deputy Mayor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to approve a permit to build an extension to a house at 17 Orchard Lane, being in full compliance.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Additional Business

Discussion held on need to exchange land with resident for improvement to Edwards Lane. Town Manager to contact lawyer for appropriate wording of motion and size of land.

Motion #76/20: Motion by Deputy Mayor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Boyd, be it hereby resolved to approve an extension to the Order of Council for 26 Island Pond Drive to October 31, 2020 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #77/20: Motion by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Dawson, be it hereby resolved to accept the April 13, 2020 Planning and Development Meeting Minutes

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #78/20: Motion by Deputy Mayor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved that the Town of Kippens accept Municipal Capital Works funding in the amount \$277,491.00 and the Town will contribute \$184,944.00 for the new salt/sand storage facility.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Mayor Brake-Patten read the Mental Health Week 2020 Proclamation.

Committee Reports

Recreation

Councillor T. Alexander reported that the new ice rink was well used until it had to be closed due to the COVID 19. Other recreation activities will be reviewed and planned in accordance with the COVID 19 regulations. These activities include Canada Day Celebrations as well as the summer recreation program and students.

Fire Department

Councillor H. Shears had nothing to report.

Public Works/Planning & Development

Deputy Mayor L. Benoit reported that groupings are kept to a minimum due to the COVID 19 and staff are keeping a low profile while still maintaining the office and roads with restrictions in place. The outside workers did a great job snow clearing again this year.

Finance

Councillor Howlett reported that the deadline for 2020 tax payments has been extended. Last year at this time 77% of the taxes had been collected compared to 67% collected to date this year. Staff will communicate additional payment options that are now available such as e-transfers and credit card payments over the phone.

Communication/Beautification/Policy

Councillor Dawson reported that the garbage policy has been updated and published on the Town website. Bins will be used for the annual spring cleanup this year. Information will be posted on the Town website once available. Councillor Dawson reported some apprehension about the use of the zoom platform particularly for privileged meetings which should not be available to the public

Public Works/Planning & Development

Councillor S. Boyd had nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brake-Patten reported the she has been appointed to the Woman's Caucus and Small Towns Advisory Committee. Discussions were held on the collection of small business fees, drinking water, wastewater management, regionalization, asset management, municipal planning and development. Mayor will discuss other issues with the committee after the town plan has been completed. Mayor thanked participants in the zoom meeting and advised all to listen to the guidelines to flatten the curve and stay safe.

Motion #79/20: Motion by Councillor Dawson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Benoit be it hereby resolved to adjourn the Council Meeting.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Council meeting adjourned at 7:11p.m. Next regular council meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020.

Debbie Cormier, Town Clerk

Debbie Brake-Patten, Mayor