

Council Meeting, April 19, 2021
Minutes of a meeting of the council
of the Town of Kippens, held at the
Town Office & on Facebook, April 19, 2021 at 6:30PM

Members Present	Mayor	Debbie Brake-Patten
	Deputy Mayor	Leon Benoit
	Councillors	Tim Alexander
		John Dawson
		Wayne Howlett
		Heather Shears
Regrets	Councillor	Shawn Boyd
Also Present:	Acting Town Clerk	Josie Noseworthy

Motion #43/21: Motion by Councillor Dawson, seconded by Councillor Shears, be it hereby resolved to appoint Josie Noseworthy as Acting Town Clerk for this Council Meeting.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #44/21: Motion by Councillor Shears, seconded by Councillor Howlett, be it hereby resolved to adopt the March 11, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #45/21: Motion by Councillor Dawson, seconded by Councillor Shears, be it hereby resolved to adopt the April 19, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Financial

Motion #46/21: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Benoit, be it hereby resolved to approve the accounts payable totaling \$45215.64.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

New Business

Motion #47/21: Motion by Councillor Dawson seconded by Councillor Howlett, be it hereby resolved to adopt the proposed amendments to the Town of Kippens Respectful Workplace / Harassment Prevention Policy.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #48/21: Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to accept the Audited Financial Gas Tax Report.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Permits

Motion #49/21: Motion by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to approve permit to build a shed at 105 Kippens Road, being in full compliance.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #50/21: Motion by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to give approval in principle to subdivide 148A Kippens road into Two Residential building lots fronting on Kippens Road, pending approval by the Department of Highways and Department of Health.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Additional Business

Mayor Debbie Brake-Patten asked for a resolution of council to release the draft Copy of the Town Plan, regulations and supporting documents, to the public for residents to review. It was a consensus of council to release the Town Plan draft and working documents to the public. The link for the Town Plan draft and working documents will follow soon.

Clean-up week will be held on May 17th, the Town asks that you have your items for pick-up to the curb by 8:00am Monday. The truck will only go by each street once. Please follow all guidelines outline in your flyer.

Committee Reports

Recreation

Councillor Alexander indicated baseball will be starting April 19, 2021.

Fire Department

Nothing to report for the Fire Department.

Councillor shears stated this is Professional Development Week formerly known as Secretary Day and extended her congratulations to the staff.

Public Works/Planning & Development

Councillor Benoit wanted to let residents know if there was damage to their property due to snow clearing this winter, please email the town office and we will have our maintenance workers review and possibly repair the damage.

The tenders for the Salt and Sand Shed have been received. Motion to accept tender will be presented to council soon.

Repairs to the 950 loader have been completed.

Applications for a Town Manager have been reviewed. A short list is expected to be ready for review by Council, for the next council meeting.

Councillor Benoit also thanked Councillor Dawson and Councillor Howlett for their work on the Respectful Workplace Harassment Prevention Policy.

Councillor Benoit had concerns regarding the New Town Plan.

Councillor Benoit stated the Council have not finished reviewing the Plan and there was still a lot of questions to be answered before the New Town Plan can be finalized.

Finance

Councillor Howlett also congratulated MHA Tony Wakeham on his win and we look forward to working with him as a Council. He also extended congratulations to the other candidates who ran.

Councillor Howlett stated the H.R. Committee is working on getting the applications for a Town Manager short list ready for the council to review.

Councillor Howlett also stated the work on the new dog park is ongoing, once the fencing is in place the old dog park can then be converted to a ball field.

Counselor Howlett thank the office assistant Josie Noseworthy for all her hard work filling in as Acting Town Clerk.

Communication/Beautification/Policy

Councillor Dawson thanked everyone involved in getting the Respectful Workplace Harassment Prevention Policy completed.

Special thanks to Councillor Howlett, Councillor Benoit and OHS for their input.

Councillor Dawson also stated that there was still a lot of question to be answered before the plan can be finalized.

Mayor's Report

Mayor D. Brake-Patten stated baseball will be starting April 19, 2021. She asked that Baseball coordinate with the recreation committee about sharing field time.

Work with the Green Committee well start shortly. Inmates with the Correctional Facility will provide free Labour to build flower boxes and benches if we provide the materials.

The Mayor also sent out her prayers to all the fisher people and ask that people be kind and reach out to people in those tough times due to the Corona Virus.

Motion #51/21: Motion by Councillor Shears, be it hereby resolved to adjourn the Council Meeting.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Council meeting adjourned at 7:03p.m. Next regular council meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021.

Josie Noseworthy, Acting Town Clerk

Debbie Brake-Patten, Mayor

