

Town of Kippens
Council Meeting February 10, 2022
February 10, 2022, at 6:31pm
Held Live on Facebook

Members present	Mayor	Mike Comerford
	Councillors	Harold Doucette Michelle MacIsaac Julia Power Jeff Young (Phone in) Carla Pearce (Phone in)
Regrets	Deputy Mayor	Regina Duffenais
Also present:	Town Manager	John Hogan
	Acting Town Clerk	Josie Noseworthy

Motion # 11/22: Motion by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Doucette, be it hereby resolved to adopt the January 13, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion # 12/22: Motion by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Doucette, be it hereby resolved to adopt the February 10, 2022, Council Meeting Agenda.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion # 13/22: Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Doucette, be it hereby resolved to accept the Gas Tax amendment.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Financial

Motion #14/22: Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Power, be it hereby resolved to approve Invoice list totaling \$91,374.89.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #15/22: Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Doucette, be it hereby resolved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee accepted and in accordance with Section 78 of The Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24 the 2021 Budget containing in all total revenues of **\$1,508,456.23** and total expenditures of **\$1,508,456.23** be hereby accepted.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

DUE DATE FOR 2021 TOWN TAXES

Motion #16/22: Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Power, be it hereby resolved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee accepted and in accordance with Section 107, Subsection 1 of The Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24 the due date for the Town of Kippens 2022 tax year is May 31, 2022.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Mil Rate 2022 Residential/Commercial

Motion #17/22: Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Doucette, be it hereby resolved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee be accepted and in accordance with Sections 112 and 113 of The Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24 the Town of Kippens imposes a real property tax on the owners of real property within the Town of Kippens at a rate of **4.75 mils per \$1000.00 assessed value** with effect January 1, 2022.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Water Tax Rate Residential/Commercial

Motion #18/22: Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Power, be it hereby resolved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee be accepted and in accordance with Section 130 and Section 131 of The Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24 the Town of Kippens Residential and Commercial/Non-Residential **Water Tax will remain the same** as the 2021 tax rate.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Business Tax Rate

Motion #19/22: Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Power, be it hereby resolved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee accepted and in accordance with section with Section 120 of The Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24 the Town of Kippens **Business Tax rate will remain as the same** as the 2021 tax rate.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Donations

Motion #20/22: Motion by **Councillor MacIsaac**, seconded by Councillor Doucette, recommendation of the Finance Committee accepted and in accordance with Section 78 of The Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24, contribute

\$25,000 to the Regional Aquatic Centre. (Reviewed Annually)

\$8000 to Stephenville Search & Rescue (Reviewed Annually)

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion #21/22: Motion by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor MacIsaac, be it hereby resolved to cancel **Motion#6/22:** for the 2022 Tax Instalment Plan.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, and J. Power.

Opposed: Councillor Young.

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Councillor Young stated the reason for him opposing the motion was, Municipal Affairs advised counsel that a senior's discount is discrimination against age. He stated the council was continuing to work on this and although it may not be in the 2022 budget, we may see it in 2023. He also stated that the mill rate was lowered to 4.75 from 4.95 to compensate for this. taking in consideration of the mill rate drop there is an approximate 4% discount in property taxes.

Additional Business:

Mayor Comerford read and signed the Heritage Day/Week Proclamation 2022. Mayor Comerford also stated “**February is Violence Prevention Month**” Pink Day February 23, 2022, and everyone should do their part and Stand-Up against violence prevention. Post pictures of you and your staff wearing Pink, change your social media profile to pink and showcase other material around your office.

Motion # 22/22: Motion by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Pearce, be it hereby resolved to return Acting Town Clerk to Office Assistant.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, and Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion # 23/22: Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Young, be it hereby resolved to return Acting Town Manager to Town Clerk.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, and Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion # 24/22: Motion by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacIsaac, be it hereby resolved to have the Interim Town Manager role modified to include role of Acting Town Clerk.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, and Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, C. Pearce, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Fire Department:

Councillor Power stated the monthly meeting was canceled due to the covid level. Councillor Power also state that the Fire Department responded to one call on January 27th. No fire “cooking mishap”. She also thanked to all volunteers that answered their pagers.

Infrastructure and Maintenance:

Councillor Doucette welcomed the new town manager John Hogan and Maurice Kerfont the new operator.

Councillor Doucette stated the 950 Loader was operational and outside of the transmission, there were other issues addressed with an increase in total cost. He also stated the town manager was looking into getting a maintenance plan to help lower the cost off maintenance to the loader.

The sand truck was also in need of repairs, which is taken care of.

Councillor Doucette also stated the 90% of the 20 OH&S orders that were outstanding, are completed.

Councillor Doucette stated a water outage on January 19th was due to a power outage and the SCADA System remains in manual operation because of a lost of communication between the server and the field. It is expected to be rectified in the upcoming week.

Councillor Doucette stated the training requirements are being reviewed and Standard Operating Procedures & Policies are being evaluated.

He also stated the towns HR Consultant will be conducting the Workplace Violence Risk Assessment and Respectful Workplace Training as per ongoing OH&S orders.

Human resources and finance:

Councillor MacIsaac thanked the staff for the work that was put into getting the Budget put together.

Wellness culture and recreation:

Councillor Pearce stated that they had an application for funding for Come-Home-Year. Councillor Pearce stated that it would be a big event held at the end of July. Funding for a Seniors program is also underway, just how much funding is available is yet to be determined. There are preliminary talks regarding a winter carnival which should take place the first week in March.

Finance:

Councillor Power just wanted to let the residents know that the budget has to be approved by Municipal Affairs before the tax bill can be processed.

Motion # 25/22: Motion by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacIsaac, be it hereby resolved to adjourn the Council Meeting.

In favour: Mayor M. Comerford, and Councillors H. Doucette, M. MacIsaac, J. Power and J. Young.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm. Next regular council meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022.

Josie Noseworthy Acting Town Clerk

Mayor Mike Comerford