

Town of Kippens
Council Meeting March 10, 2022
Time: 6:30pm

Members present	Mayor	Mike Comerford
	Deputy Mayor	Regina Duffenais
	Councillors	Harold Doucette (via Zoom) Michelle MacIsaac Julia Power Jeff Young (via Zoom)

Absent

Councillor Carla Pearce

Also present:

Interim Town Clerk/Manager: John Hogan

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion # 31/22 : Motion by Councillor Power , seconded by Deputy Mayor Duffenais, be it hereby resolved to adopt the March 10, 2022, Council Meeting Agenda.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion # 32/22 : Motion by Deputy Mayor Duffenais, seconded by Councillor Power, be it hereby resolved to adopt the *February 10, 2022*, Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion # 33/22 : Motion by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Young, be it hereby resolved to adopt the *February 21 , 2022*, Special Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

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PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Epilepsy Awareness Day March 26
- b. Year of the Garden 2022, Garden Day June 18
- c. Autism Awareness Day April 2

Financial:

Motion # 34/22 : Motion by Councillor MacIsaac , seconded by Councillor Power,
be it hereby resolved to approve invoice list in the amount of \$285,728.63.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion # 35/22 : Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Young,
be it hereby resolved to accept the bid by ***SJ Works Inc*** for the sum of \$2000 for the Website Development Tender call under Motion # 29/22

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Permits:

Motion # 36/22: Motion by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Duffenais,
be it hereby approve the request to place/operate a Sawmill at 5 Sunset Ave. being in full compliance.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

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Motion # 37/22: Motion by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Power, be it hereby approve to build an extension to a shed at 2 Leah Heights. being in full compliance.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion # 38/22: Motion by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Power, be it hereby approve to build a House at 11 McCarty's Lane. being in full compliance.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

New Business

The 2020 Tax Recovery Plan and Tax Receivable Summary documentation for the Town of Kippens has been submitted to the department Municipal Affairs as per the Community Sustainability Partnership Program.

Committee Reports

HR Committee

Deputy Mayor R. Duffenais:

- Council and Staff participated in the first session of the Town of Kippens Respectful Workplace Policy Training on March 5, 2022 presented by People Stuff HR Consultant from St. John's, NL. Second Session is taking place next week and will be specific to the Towns Policy
- Anticipate an early April 2022 Job Posting for the New Town Clerk/Manager by People Stuff

Going forward the HR & Finance Committee Group will be meeting every second week to keep on top of the Finance & HR issues until further notice in anticipation of the Budget & Audit. This group will consist of Deputy Mayor Duffenais and Councillors M. MacIsaac and J. Young.

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Wellness, Culture and Recreation Committee

Councillor Power:

- February the committee started planning for Winterfest 2022
- Acknowledgement to Rosie Ryan and her Volunteers organizing the weekend and recognizing that Volunteers are the HEART of making good things happen in Kippens.
- Elliot Yetman was the winner of the Snow Sculpture Contest, Theme was Peace in the Ukraine
- Saturday: Children enjoyed the Pool & Skating while Lucy's Bar hosted a pool & dart tournament with an evening Snowshoe Walk
- Sunday: Winterfest concluded with a Movie and Seniors Card Game
- Acknowledgement: were sent out to Mr. Gerald Carrol for grooming the Nature Trail and to the KVFD for showing wonderful community spirit and all the hard work put in by the committee

This is a Wonderful Town with many Volunteers. "Thank-You all for what you do"

Councillor MacIsaac:

informed Council that the Town of Kippens has been selected to participate in the 2022 Miracle-Grow Best Garden Selection program from Scotts Canada

- Read the terms of participation and were acknowledged and agreed upon to participate.
- Encouraging the Town to participate and the color theme for the Community in Bloom is "Red"

Climate Change Challenge Funding Application is in development, Scope of this initiative would involve planting trees around Kippens relative to the streets named after Trees and create a Tree Canopy in the Playground area. Also, to create a vegetation buffer along the coastline in Kippens to help with erosion.

Infrastructure & Maintenance Committee

Councillor Doucette

- Safety & Training Committee to be established; 2 Councillors, Town Clerk/Manager, 1 Outside Staff; Mayor Comerford and Councillor Doucette
- Only a few minor problems with the equipment reported for the month.
- The minor issues reported were taken care of by the maintenance staff themselves.
- Once again, I commend them for an excellent job done with the snow clearing.
- I also think that the new preventative maintenance plan that will be put in place this Spring will even further reduce issues and breakdowns in the future.

Acknowledgement: bring attention to one of our residence of Kippens, Gerald Carol, for some time he has taken it upon himself to keep our walking trail cleared and have the trail looking

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very presentable. He also uses his own equipment and his own gas in doing so. I would like to make a recommendation to council that Gerald be somehow compensated, probably with a gift card, to show our appreciation for the work he has done.

- Discussions about Volunteer Appreciation Week in future

Fire Department Committee

Councillor Power

- February 15; the annual general Meeting with election of officers was held
Deputy Chief: Justin Chinn
Senior Captain: Jody Morgan
Junior Captain: Greg Ryan
Treasure: Blaine Perrier
Secretary: Deidre Dunne
Members at Large: Bill Forsey & Gord Bragg
Public Relations Officer: Jerry Pardy
- March 8 Monthly Meeting
 - Fire Protection Vehicle Program Application for Rescue Support Vehicle Submitted
 - KVFD participated in the March 6 Town of Kippens Winterfest cooking/serving hot dogs and hot chocolate
- Councillor Power acknowledged the KVFD who donated their time.
- No fire calls for the month of February

Discussion

Mayor Comerford

Participated in a Zoom meeting with other BSG stakeholders to discuss the Ukraine Fundraising event taking place this weekend at Clancy's and Pentecost Church. The events are being organized by Nomad Stages and funding raised will be used to support a family being displaced in the Ukraine to this area. Recommended that this fundraiser event be posted on the Town Sign.

Councillor Young

Town of Kippens is in receipt of a grant for \$2000 as part of the Come Home Year 2022 initiative for Community Clean-up slated for June.

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Adjournment

Motion # 39/22: Motion by Councillor MacIsaac, seconded by Councillor Young, be it hereby resolved to adjourn.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Next regular council meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2022, at 6:30pm

John Hogan Interim Town Manager/Clerk

Mayor Mike Comerford