

**Minutes of Council Meeting**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Present:**

Mayor	Paul Noseworthy
Deputy Mayor	Eric Nippard
Councillors	Troy Duffy Derek House Vince McGrath Susan O'Quinn
CAO/Manager	Justin Chinn
Town Clerk	Florence Barter
President (Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 35)	Gary Jesso
Visitor	Lori Jesso

Mayor P. Noseworthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m and introduced Mr. Gary Jesso – President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 35 in Stephenville.

Special Guest Speaker – Gary Jesso. Mr. Jesso did a presentation and video for Council on his travels and gave an overview of some of his accomplishments. He also mentioned that he is very much active in involving kids, so that they can gain an understanding of sacrifices that were made during times of war.

Mayor P. Noseworthy thanked Mr. Jesso for coming and expressed appreciation for his services. Council also thanked him and said that we have liberties because of their services.

**Motion # 99/25:** Motion by Councillor V. McGrath, seconded by Councillor S. O'Quinn  
be it hereby resolved to adopt the October 9/2025 Council Meeting Minutes.

**In Favour:** Mayor P Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, V. McGrath, S. O'Quinn and T. Duffy.

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**All In Favor.**

**Motion # 100/25:** Motion by Councillor D. House, seconded by Deputy Mayor E. Nippard be it hereby resolved

to adopt the October 13/2025 Council Meeting Agenda.

**In Favour:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, S. O'Quinn, T. Duffy and V. McGrath.

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**All In Favor.**

**Motion #101/25:** Motion by Councillor D. House, seconded by Deputy Mayor E. Nippard be it hereby resolved to approve invoices for October 2025 totalling \$ 65,988.40

**In Favour:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, S O'Quinn, T. Duffy and V McGrath

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**All In Favor.**

**New Business:**

**Budget 2026**

**Motion 102/25:** Motion by Councillor D. House seconded by Councillor T. Duffy to adopt the Town of Kippens 2026 Budget in the amount of 3,023,829.75 with a mil rate increase from 4.75 to 5, as prepared by the Finance Committee. Mil Rate increase due to the need to replace aging infrastructure and equipment.

**In Favor:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, V. McGrath, T. Duffy and S O'Quinn.

**Opposed – 0**

**Abstaining – 0**

**All In Favor**

**Tax Structure 2026**

**Resolution 103/25:** Resolution by Councillor D. House seconded by Deputy Mayor E. Nippard to adopt the Town of Kippens 2026 Tax Structure. Changes this year are: increase in Vacant Land Tax from \$ 200.00 to \$ 300.00 per year, Compliance Certificates will increase from \$ 50.00 to \$ 150.00 and Development Permits will increase according to the Town of Kippens Development Regulations.

**In Favor:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, V. McGrath, T. Duffy and S O'Quinn.

**Opposed – 0**

**Abstaining – 0**

**All In Favor**

**Financial Statement 2024**

**Motion 104/25:** Motion by Councillor D. House seconded by Councillor V. McGrath to adopt the Town of Kippens 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements as prepared by Janice Kennedy – Auditor.

**In Favor:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillor D. House, V. McGrath, T. Duffy and S O'Quinn.

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**All In Favor**

**Discretionary Use Application**

**Motion 105/25:** Motion by Councillor D. House seconded by Deputy Mayor E. Nippard to approve a Discretionary Use Application to erect an Accessory Building at 2 Willow Drive. Criteria has been met and does not exceed the allowable footprint for the building lot.

**In Favor:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, V. McGrath, T. Duffy and S O'Quinn.

**Opposed: - 0**

**Abstaining – 0**

**All In Favor**

**Additional Business**

## **Donations**

**Motion 106/25:** Motion by Councillor D. House, seconded by Councillor V. McGrath to approve a donation of \$ 750.00 to the Stephenville High School Scholarship/Bursary for a deserving graduate of the 2024 class at Stephenville High.

**In Favor:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, V. McGrath, T. Duffy and S O'Quinn.

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 107/25:** Motion by Councillor D. House seconded by Councillor T. Duffy to approve a donation of \$ 200.00 to the Bay St. George Kinsmen for their 2025 Annual Santa Claus Parade.

**In Favor:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, V. McGrath, T. Duffy and S O'Quinn.

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**108/25:** Motion by Councillor D. House seconded by Councillor T. Duffy to approve a donation of \$ 500.00 to the Bay St. George Sport Recognition Assn. for the Stephenville Dome Project which recognizes teams and athletes from the BSG area.

**In Favor:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, V. McGrath, T. Duffy and S O'Quinn.

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**109/25:** Motion by Councillor D. House seconded by Councillor S O'Quinn to approve a donation of \$ 2,200.00 to Stephenville Emergency Food Services to aid in their requests for ongoing food and crisis hampers.

**In Favor:** Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, V. McGrath, T. Duffy and S O'Quinn

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Motion Carried**

## **Committee Reports**

- Councillor S O'Quinn – Attended the Steering Committee Meeting. There will be a workshop hosted by the Red Cross at the 50+ Club on Hynes Road in Port au Port East on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6 pm
- Councillor V. McGrath - The Kippens Fire Dept. will be holding a Boot Drive on Dec. 20.
- Councillor D. House thanked everyone for their help with the 2026 Budget

Mayor P. Noseworthy said that there were approximately 600 people in attendance for the Remembrance Day Celebrations.

## **Permits**

- 17 Kippens Road – Fence
- 124 Kippens road – Accessory Building
- 16 Orchard Loop – Accessory Building
- 40 Island Pond Drive – Accessory Building

## **CAO/Manager Report**

- Waste Pick up on holidays – will go ahead on Tuesday's unless otherwise advertised
- Snow Markers – Asking residents not to put them too close to the town right a way.

Mayor P. Noseworthy encourages people to get out a vote in the Provincial Election.

**Next meeting will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. At 6:30 p.m**

## **Adjournment**

**Motion 110/25:** Motion by Deputy Mayor E. Nippard seconded by Councillor V. McGrath to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m

**All In Favor**

**Motion Carried**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**

