

Minutes of Council Meeting

November 13th, 2025

Present:

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillors

Paul Noseworthy
Eric Nippard
Troy Duffy
Derek House
Vince McGrath
Susan O'Quinn

CAO/Manager
Town Clerk

Justin Chinn
Florence Barter

President (Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 35)
Visitor

Gary Jesso
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 11th. 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

Mayor

Clerk

