

An Important Message from His Worship, Mayor Rowan Caseley

As Mayor of the Town of Kensington, I continue to work closely with town staff (physical distancing rules of course) to ensure we are doing all we can to maintain essential services to our residents, businesses and surrounding communities. We continue to follow and seek the advice of medical professionals as we navigate through this unprecedented event.

As we look forward to the next few weeks, I want to express the gratitude and appreciation of Town Council and Staff to the following people and organizations:

- Dr. Heather Morrison and Marion Dowling for their leadership and advice.
- Premier King and his Cabinet Ministers, leaders of the official opposition and the third party for addressing the many needs of Islanders and keeping the public informed.
- All medical personnel whether it be doctors, nurses, assistants, paramedics, support staff for their continuing efforts to meet the medical needs under extreme circumstances.
- All law enforcement officers including RCMP, local police, conservation officers, dispatchers, etc. for continuing to provide essential services.
- All volunteer fire fighters and community volunteers who are providing an essential service and are ready to respond the needs of others.
- All essential businesses and their staff who remain open to ensure we can purchase our everyday needs.

We thank you all and trust you will all come through this with no ill effects. We recognize and appreciate the commitment and know the strain and burden it puts on you and your family.

The following is an update of town operations as of April 3, 2020:

- The Town office is closed to the public and some staff are working from home. Others are working in the office as needed and are practicing physical distancing.
- The Kensington Police Service is operating normally but the office is closed to the public until further notice.
- Water and Sewer invoices are being processed. However, if you are unable to pay them at this time, we have suspended the calculation of any late pay charges and will not be ordering any disconnect of service due to unpaid invoices until after September 30, 2020
- When you call the town hall phone number (902-836-3781) you will be directed to call specific cell phone numbers to address any of your urgent issues. The following email addresses are monitored daily - mail@townofkensington.com, townmanager@townofkensington.com.
- The Credit Union Centre (Rink) and the FitPlex are closed until further notice.
- Public Works is operating on an as needed basis and ensuring essential services continue such as water and sewer service, water quality checks, snow clearing and addressing other essential maintenance.
- The Regular Committee of Council meeting for March 23, 2020 was cancelled and the Regular Town Council meeting scheduled for April 14, 2020 will likely be held through some form of electronic or video conference format yet to be determined.

Please protect yourself and others.

- It is mandatory to self-isolate and stay on your own property for 14 days after you return to PEI from international travel or inter-provincial travel.

- Practice physical distancing by keeping at least 6 feet separation if you are out in the public.
- Wash your hands regularly with warm water and soap for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Cough into your arm or into a disposable tissue.
- If you experience any symptoms, call 8-1-1 for guidance.

Please listen to the advice of Health PEI. If we listen to the experts and follow their direction, we will be in a better position to control this pandemic. The next few months will be tough but Islanders are up to the challenge. With the support of the Federal and Provincial Governments, and the support of each other in our communities, I am confident we can overcome this challenge and emerge from this with the resolve to make personal life changes.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rowan Caseley', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rowan Caseley, Mayor

On behalf of Deputy Mayor Coreen Pickering, Councillor Adrien Bernard, Councillor Ivan Gallant, Councillor Rodney Mann, Councillor Jeff Spencer, and Councillor Wade Toombs

STAY INSIDE, STAY HEALTHY AND REMEMBER TO SHOP LOCAL WHEN YOU CAN