## Town of Kensington Kensington Recreation and Social Committee (KRSC) March 22, 2023 Public Meeting, Town Hall 5:30 pm

## Attending:

Donna Carter, KRSC Member Sarah Turcott, KRSC Member Jessica Minghella, KRSC Member Lili Spinosa, KRSC Member

Meeting opened at 5:38 pm.

Summer Camp 2023: Just prior to the start of this meeting, KRSC conducted a successful interview for a Summer Camp Coordinator/ Director candidate, Stephanie Kosakowski. After notifying the selectboard, a verbal offer was extended to Ms. Kosakowski on 23-Mar-2023. After discussion of several additional requirements that she will need to fulfil, Ms. Kosakowski accepted the offer verbally, followed by a written acceptance of the offer details. Ms. Kosakowski has ties to Kensington and is very excited to jump into the planning of Summer Camp 2023. She has agreed to attend the next KRSC meeting, to finalize the brochure and open registration.

**Senior Tea:** The first event was held at the Town Hall on March 22nd, and was well attended. KRSC made note of the volunteers who contributed baked goods and will complete thank you cards at next meeting (Lili has blank cards with various pictures around Kensington to provide for this effort). Barbara Greenwood visited the social tea with the Kindergarten class, and the children greeted the attendees with songs and conversation. This was a wonderful opportunity to connect the children with the older community members, as the children were asking the seniors about the many changes they have seen in Kensington. The next social hour will be a Senior Coffee Chat, scheduled for April 19th, 10-11:30am at the Town Hall. The Facebook event flier will be updated and shared on the Kensington Connects space. KRSC discussed the intention to host these events monthly, with hopes of utilizing the Grange. A date in May was also selected during this meeting: May 17th, 10-11:30am.

**Mother-Son Event:** The first mother-son bowling event is planned for March 26th at Exeter Bowling Lanes. Donna confirmed that a check has been generated for \$450 for the rental of the space, and additional money for pizzas will also be provided at the conclusion of the event (KRSC anticipates 10 large pizzas total).

**Eggstravaganza:** This annual event is scheduled for April 1st, 9:30am- 11am at KES. The library has agreed to participate and host a craft table, and the Congregational Church will host a cookie decorating table. and KRSC has posted a Facebook flier on Kensington Connects. KRSC members voted to fill eggs with \$50 worth of quarters, and purchase various candy and toy pieces for filling plastic eggs. Members discussed ensuring there was a split of the very young children from the older children, to ensure respectful egg hunting and to allow the younger children ample time and space to hunt around. KRSC voted to provide a water jug with disposable cups, as well as bubble wands and 2 boxes of Coffee from Dunkin Donuts.

**Old Home Day (OHD):** The Sawyer Park Trust has confirmed the OHD event to occur Aug 19th. Jessica has alerted The Fire Association and The Historical Society representatives of this confirmed date. Specific OHD meetings will soon be scheduled to include all interested committees and organizations in town who would like to participate in the event. Courtney Preneta was contacted prior to this meeting to gauge her interest in hosting the 2nd Hodges Lodges Road Race, as a fundraising effort for the Kensington Conservation Committee.

## Other Business:

Post Meeting Update: Susan Gilbert, Library Director, reached out to KRSC on 23-Mar-23, regarding the library's interest to host monthly game/ cribbage mornings for seniors. Susie mentioned the interest of hosting these events at the Grange, or Town Hall as a back-up space. To be further discussed at next meeting.

Meeting closed at 6:39pm.

The Kensington Recreation and Social Committee has moved their regular meetings to the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall; this is subject to change based on the members' availability. The public is always welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023, 5:30pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Minghella