

## **Council Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting**

**April 13, 2021 6:30pm**  
***Via WebEx Virtual Meetings***

### **Attendance**

In attendance

Don Clarke, Mayor

Chair

Councilors

Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh

Mike Trinacty

Rod Reeves

Derrick Jamieson

Chris Goddard

Adam Lutz

Karen Peckford, Finance Director

Mike Payne, CAO

Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

#### **2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The previous Council Minutes were approved by motion of Council.

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as circulated, with the following additions:

- First Reading – A&F Holdings Ltd. Development Agreement

#### **4. Second Reading – Valley Waste Bylaw**

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council recommends that the new Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Bylaw be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **5. Ongoing Business**

- Approval of the Town of Berwick Operating Budget*

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

The 2021/22 budget, as presented, has a deficit of (\$36,366). A residential tax increase of \$0.02 and a commercial tax rate increase of \$0.04 would provide a modest surplus of \$2,430.

1) Committee of the Whole recommends to Council the approval of discontinuing the practice of separating the education levy from the general tax rate.

2) Committee of the Whole recommends to Council the following 2021/22 tax rates:

- Residential tax rate of \$1.568 per \$100 of assessed value on residential and resource properties.
- Commercial tax rate of \$3.880 per \$100 of assessed value on commercial properties.

3) Committee of the Whole recommends to Council the approval of the 2021/22 Operating Budget of the following amounts:

- Total expenditures of \$4,601,127
- Non-taxation revenue of \$1,267,165
- Taxation revenue of \$3,333,962

**MOTION CARRIED**

Council directed that property tax bills be amended to clearly show the mandatory costs that have significant implications for the tax rates and are beyond the control of the Town.

*b. Kings Transit Operating Budget*

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

That Council approve the Kings Transit 2021/22 Operating Budget.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*c. First Reading – A&F Holdings Limited Development Agreement*

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council approve First Reading of the Proposed Development Agreement between the Town of Berwick and A&F Holdings at Lot 2XA, Commercial Street, Berwick PID 55538623.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **5. Mayors Update**

Mayor Clarke noted many events which he has taken part in within the last month and his last update. Mayor Clarke also noted the following upcoming dates:

- The online NSFM Spring Conference registration is now online, if any Council members would like to register.
- Police Advisory on April 14, 2021
- IMSA Meeting at KMCC on April 16
- REMO Meeting on April 19
- Easement Signing with the Church of England on April 19
- COTW on April 27
- Liason & Oversight Valley REN Meeting on May 28

## **6. In Camera Session (Personnel)**

The regular Council meeting entered into an In-Camera Session at 7:41pm and returned to regular Council at 8:29pm.

## **7. Adjournment** – Council adjourned at 8:30pm.