

Council Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting

July 13, 2021 6:30pm

Via WebEx Virtual Meetings

Attendance

In attendance

Don Clarke, Mayor

Chair

Councillors Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh
Mike Trinacty
Chris Goddard
Adam Lutz

Karen Peckford, Director of Finance
Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator

Absent with Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Regrets: Mike Payne, CAO

1. Call to Order

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The previous Council Minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

- BDVF Annual Report
- Appointment of new fire chief
- In Camera (Personnel)

4. Ongoing Business

a. Heritage Mural Project

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council support a donation of \$3000 to the Berwick Heritage Mural Project.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Letter of Authority – Apple Capital Heritage Trail/Kings County Trail Society

Ms. Peckford explained that staff requires more time to look at this offer before a motion can come to Council. The Town has invested a fair amount of money into our part of the trail and it deserves more investigation before a decision can be made.

This will be put on the August COTW Agenda.

c. Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department – Annual Report

Mayor Clarke gave an overview of the BDVFD Annual Report. The following motion was made:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council accept the BDVFD Annual Report for year ending March 31, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

d. Appointment of new Fire Chief, BDVFD

The Department held its Annual General Meeting on July 12th. Chief Laurie Saunders tendered his resignation after 15 years as Chief and believes he is leaving the department in good shape.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council support the appointment of Luke Redden as the Chief of the Berwick and District Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mayor's Update

Mayor Clarke summarized his meetings and events during the last two weeks.

Upcoming events:

July 14 - Interview with CBC regarding the announcement for the first large-scale community solar gardens in the province being built in Antigonish, Berwick and Mahone Bay

July 20 – BEC and Police Advisory Meeting

July 21 – Community Development Meeting

Mayor Clarke also confirmed we received a letter back from the Grandview Manor acknowledging receipt of our letter to them regarding the repurposing of the soon to be vacant space.

Council also received a letter from Kings Point to Point enclosing the 2021 Financial Statements. Ms. Peckford will have these if any Council member would like to review same.

6. In Camera Session (Personnel)

The regular Council meeting entered into an In-Camera Session at 7:02pm and returned to regular Council at 7:15pm with the following motion:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council appoint Crystal Fuller and Erin Ferguson of Brighter Communities Planning and Consulting as Interim Development Officers for the Town of Berwick.

7. Adjournment – Council adjourned at 7:19pm.