

Council Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting

December 13, 2022 6:30pm

Attendance

In attendance

Don Clarke, Mayor

Chair

Mike Trinacty, Deputy Mayor

Councillor Ty Walsh

Councillor Chris Goddard

Councillor Adam Lutz

Councillor Derrick Jamieson

Jen Boyd, CAO

Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance

Don Regan, Superintendent of BEC

Patty Caissie – Finance Administration

Coordinator

Absent with regrets:

Councillor Rod Reeves

Chantal Franey, Executive Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The previous Council Minutes of November 8, 2022 were approved as circulated.

3. Approval of Agenda

The following additions were added to the agenda under New Business:

- 7c – Approval to live outside of the municipality for a period of not more than six months. Currently, Councillor Reeves is living outside of Town.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

4. Presentation:

- a. Matt Delorme, Executive Director, AIM Network – Asset Management Plan.

5. First Reading:

a. Foster and Bentley – Development Agreement

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Town Council approves First Reading of the development agreement between the Town of Berwick and John Malcolm Foster, agreeing to the proposed change to the draft development agreement, and forward to a public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Apple Valley Foods – Development Agreement

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Town Council approve First Reading of the development agreement between the Town of Berwick and Apple Valley Foods for 245 Commercial Street (PID 55238844) to allow a nine-room board house with a maximum occupancy of 12 people and forwarded to a public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Second Reading:

a. Liberty Lodge – Rezoning 124 Orchard Street

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council pass second reading for the proposed rezoning of 124 Orchard Street from R1 to R2.

MOTION CARRIED

7. New Business

a. RFD: Boundary Review Report

Much discussion ensued with regards to review of Council's size. Council discussed the survey's low response rate and it not being statistically relevant. Although, the qualitative information that was received was valuable. The survey should not be the deciding factor for determining the number of elected officials for Berwick.

Council discussed the number of Committees of Council being a potential barrier if there were less Councillors, deterring individuals who have full-time

employment from participating. As well, per the comments from the public, Council agreed that remaining at six Councillors plus a Mayor, would ensure space for diversity at the table.

Other reasons for status quo, is there needs to be a critical mass of Council to deal with sickness/absences and the financial impact/savings of a councillor was not significant.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council confirm the number of Councillors elected for the Town of Berwick remain status quo (Mayor and 6 Councillors at large).

MOTION CARRIED

b.Memo: Holiday Policy Discussion

Discussion ensued regarding staff receiving three paid days off between Christmas and New Years. The Town's Holiday Policy was amended in 2005 to include the three days between Christmas and New Years. The Policy will be reviewed per the Compensation Review.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the three days between Christmas and New Years be paid as holidays per the Holiday Policy.

MOTION CARRIED (5 for and 1 against)

c.Temporary Leave of Council for Councilor Reeves

On October 11, 2022, Councillor Reeves notified Council that he was not currently living within Town boundaries, but wishes to find a place in Town. Per section 17(6) of the Municipal Government Act, Council can approve one period of not more than six months in a term, where a member of Council may be ordinarily resident outside of the municipality.

If Councillor Reeves has not made arrangements to move back to Town by April 11, 2023 a special election will need to take place.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve one period of six months, starting October 11, 2022, where Councillor Reeves may be ordinarily resident outside the Town until April 11, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Mayor's Update

Mayor Clarke highlighted the following dates for Council:

November 29 – Solar Garden Tour

December 5 – Mayors lunch

December 9 – AREA Board Meeting

In Camera Session (Contractual)

Don Regan joined the meeting. The regular Council meeting entered into an In-Camera Session at 9:00pm. Council returned to regular Council at 9:24pm.

8. Adjournment – Council adjourned at 9:35pm.