

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
March 26, 2019

Present:

Deputy Mayor Jane Bustin Chair
Councillor Barry Corbin
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Rod Reeves
Councillor Mike Trinacty
Councillor Anna Ashford-Morton
Mike Payne, CAO
Jerry Wood, Director of Finance
Tim Harding, Public Works
Debbie Elliott, Recreation & Community Development
Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Absent with Regrets: Mayor Don Clarke

Laurie Saunders, BDVFD
Ryan Kelly, Kings RCMP

In Attendance:

Pat Jodrie
Frank Peters

1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

- Councillor Trinacty's Report

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The February, 2019 COTW Minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Presentations:

- (a) AVCC Tourism – Judy Rafuse offered a presentation on the AVCC and their year to date. As well, the AVCC has a monetary ask for \$2000.00 which will be reviewed at budget deliberatons.
- (b) Valley REN – Jennifer Tufts offered a presentation on the REN's achievements and goals.

5. Departmental Reports

a.RCMP

Sgt. Ryan Kelly was away for the meeting, his report was reviewed by the committee.

b.Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Saunders was away for the meeting, his report was reviewed by the committee.

c.Public Works

Mr. Harding highlighted that paving costs are up greatly and asked Council to be aware of this during budget deliberations.

Councillor Corbin noted that perhaps the Town needs to look at repaving some streets or sections thereof, as opposed to patching over and over.

e. Community Development and Recreation

Ms. Elliott's report was reviewed by Council. Debbie explained that Canada Day celebrations will take place on June 29th and 30th of June. It will be a weekend full of events such as the opening of Carol's Place and the Queen tribute concert at the KMCC.

f.Finance

Mr. Wood reviewed the Monthly Finance Report and comparative statements. Mr. Wood explained that there was an error in favor of the Town in the amount of \$18k with regard to the Education calculation.

The core and key services are very good but Council will need to review the "bells and ribbons" when looking at the forthcoming budget.

Mr. Wood noted that the shared costs at the KMCC are quite high.

Mr. Payne highlighted a number of the following budget pressures from this year, totaling \$150k:

- Assistant CAO salary
- Severance pay
- Additional paving
- Place holder budgets for Valley Waste and Kings Transit

Additionally the \$160,000k in principle and interest for the new Town Hall facility.

g. Berwick Electric Commission:

No report submitted.

h. CAO:

Mr. Payne noted that the employment opportunity for a Part Time (50%) By-Law Enforcement/ Special Constable position has been published; the opportunity closes on April 8, 2019.

6. Council Reports

(a) Councillor Corbin

Councillor Corbin offered a brief update on Valley Waste noting a few points such as:

The Board continues to be impressed with the new GM.

The Board's main concern is the cash flow which the CAO group is going to look at.

Board approved a resolution for a "leaving package" for Mr. Coyle.

Mayor Muttart, on behalf of the Board, has drafted a letter to the Province asking for compulsory arbitration with regard to the Annapolis situation.

(b) Councillor Walsh

The committee reviewed Councillor Walsh's written report. There were no questions of same.

(c) Councillor Trinacty

The committee reviewed Councillor Trinacty's written report. There were no questions of same.

7. New Business

(a) Berwick War Monument Dedication

Deputy Mayor Bustin reminded Council of the dedication taking place on April 9th at the Berwick & District School. There will also be a ceremonial fly by.

8. Councillor's Round Table

Deputy Mayor Bustin highlighted the following:

- April 9th Trails Meeting
- Kings Mutual Lunch and AGM April 17th at 12pm at the Lions Hall
- Joint Council Meeting April 10th 1:30-4pm
- Triple A Minor Midget Tournament April 6
- Council Workshop April 25th at 5pm
- Audit Committee Meeting April 25th at 1:30pm
- FCM Spring Workshop May 8-10th – Council suggested that Mike Payne, Mayor Clarke and Councillor Walsh attend, if they are available to do so.

9. Correspondence: Town of Shelburne

Council directed staff to write a letter of support requesting that a portion of the HST goes back to municipal units who own and are responsible for two thirds of public infrastructure. The Town of Shelburne will collect letters of support from agreeable municipal units and forward to the NSFM.

10. In Camera Session (Contractual)

The Regular Council entered into an In Camera Session at 8:24pm and re-entered into Regular Council at 9:21pm, with no motions.

11. Adjournment

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.