

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**8 OCTOBER 2002**

Present:           Chairman       Mayor John P. Prall  
  Deputy Mayor Michael E. Trinacty  
  Councillor Gary W. Whittier  
  Councillor Donald E. Clarke  
  Councillor Thomas S. Banks  
  Councillor J. Richard Horsburgh  
  Councillor Bruce H. Morse  
  Ms. Linda Parker, Chief Administrative Officer  
  Mrs. Rachel Turner, Recording Secretary

In attendance:               Mr. Ken McPherson, Register  
  Mr. Mike Henri, Kick Off  
  Mr. Craig Burgess, Recreation Director

1.     The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2.     **Approval of Agenda**  
       The Chairman added an item under Correspondence as 9(g) Annapolis Valley Health. Hearing of no further changes the Chairman approved the Agenda as amended.
3.     **Approval of Previous Minutes**  
       It was noted that in the previous minutes, the motion under 7(c) regarding the Fall Debenture incorrectly included the under-funded portion of Miscellaneous Capital Expenditures. Noting the change, the Chairman approved the minutes of 10 September 2002 as amended.
4.     **Presentation**
  - (a)   **Kings County Kids Opportunity Fund**  
       Mr. Henri reviewed the organization and its goals. A general discussion followed regarding the funding request and the types of activities supported by the organization for under-resourced at-risk youth. Council instructed Mr. Burgess to bring forward a report to October Committee of the Whole in order to provide more information, for consideration of a recommendation to November Council. Mr. Henri thanked Council for the opportunity to speak, at which time he and Mr. Burgess left the meeting.
5.     **Recommendations from Committee of the Whole**
  - (a)   **1996 Occupational Health and Safety Policy**

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to repeal the 1996 Occupational Health  
& Safety Policy for the Town of Berwick.**

**Motion Carried**

(b) New Occupational Health and Safety Policy

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the Occupational Health & Safety Policy as recommended by the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.**

**Motion Carried**

**6. Recommendations from Other Committees**

(a) Police Services Advisory Committee

Ms. Parker reviewed the report noting the need for the wording change in the resolution previously approved by the Police Services Advisory Committee. The new wording accurately reflects who authorizes the study and who will carry it out. Kings County Council has already approved this, and the Towns of Kentville and Wolfville will bring it forward to their respective Councils within the next week.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION RE: REGIONAL POLICING OF KINGS COUNTY  
AND THE TOWNS OF BERWICK, KENTVILLE, AND WOLFVILLE**

**WHEREAS, three of the four municipal units are currently being policed by the RCMP and,**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Kentville wishes to examine regional police service delivery options, therefore;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the four municipal units request that the Department of Justice authorize the RCMP to conduct a policing review for a Regional RCMP Policing Service for Kings County.**

**Motion Carried**

Ms. Parker noted that once the Minister of Justice has authorized the study, a meeting will be held between the Policing Review Committee and the RCMP in order to develop the scope of the study. A workplan will be developed in order for the RCMP to report back to the municipal units on a regular basis regarding the progress. At the end of the study, the draft report will be reviewed by the Policing Review Committee, which in turn will forward it to the respective Police Services Advisory Committees. Public meetings will be held to allow for the public's input, with a recommendation to be forwarded to Council from PSAC. The entire process could take up to 18 months to complete.

Ms. Parker also noted that she met with the new Inspector for Kings Detachment, Dave Brown. The RCMP have drafted the survey which was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole meeting. It was their understanding that Council wished to have this survey completed and distributed as soon as possible, therefore it was not brought before Council or the Police Services Advisory Committee for input other than the discussions that the Town has had with the RCMP over the past several months. Ms. Parker was given a copy of the questions for review and it appears that the survey is modeled after the last survey completed by the RCMP. The questions seem to cover the concerns expressed by Council and are geared to collect more specific information. After a rounded discussion it was agreed to have the survey move forward.

(b) Planning Advisory Committee

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to accept the Street Naming Policy pending acceptance of the Apple Capital Museum Society to develop the standing list of street names and the addition that there will be direct notification to those residents who reside on a street that has been renamed.**

It is intended to have a policy on naming streets and to have a list of potential names on file, as developed by the Apple Capital Museum Society. First indications from the Society are that they are interested in participating in the policy.

**Motion Carried**

7. Business Arising

(a) Business Directional Sign Policy

Mrs. Turner reviewed the Policy noting that it has already been approved in principle, but was required to be formatted in the general template that all Town policies are in.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the Business Directional Signs Policy.**

**Motion Carried**

9. Correspondence

(a) Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations – Municipal Drinking Water Study Funding Approval

Ms. Parker reviewed a report she distributed at the meeting to accompany the letter from Minister MacIsaac. It noted that the Province has agreed to pay up to \$20,000 in the Town's Water Resource Management Study and has approved that funding to include the technical work within the study. This is well outside of the original criteria set by the Province, and it should be noted that the Town of Berwick has been awarded an amount of \$20,000 out of a total of \$150,000 for the entire Province. Each phase of the study can be done independently, and the Town can decide to stop the study after the completion of each phase.

Discussion followed regarding cooperation between the Town and Kings County as some of the Town's water resources may come from the County. Ms. Parker noted that there would appear to be very little chance that the County would contribute financially to this study, however, there may be some cooperation required should the study determine that the County controls the Town's main ground water supplies.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to request the 4Site Group to undertake and complete Phase 1 of the proposed Groundwater Resource Study at a cost not to exceed \$4,200; and further that the Planning Advisory Committee oversee each of the phases of the study and make recommendation to Council at the end of each phase, whether the Town should proceed with the next phase.**

**Motion Carried**

(b) Department of Environment and Labour – for the information of Council.

- (c) Town of Middleton – for the information of Council.
  - (d) Broadband for the Rural and Northern Development Pilot Program – for the information of Council.
  - (e) Berwick & District School Band – for the information of Council.
  - (f) Friends of the Cornwallis River Society – for the information of Council.
  - (g) Annapolis Valley Health – for the information of Council.
10. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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John P. Prall  
Chairman

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Rachel L. Turner  
Recording Secretary