

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
14 OCTOBER 2003

Present: Chairman Mayor John P. Prall
 Deputy Mayor Michael E. Trinacty
 Councillor Gary W. Whittier
 Councillor J. Richard Horsburgh
 Councillor Murray Bezanson
 Ms. Linda Parker, Chief Administrative Officer
 Ms. Michelle Millett, Recording Secretary

In attendance: Ms. Sarah Keddy, Berwick Register
 Dr. Brian MacInnis, Canadian Medical Association
 Mrs. Rita Shay

Absent: Councillor Don Clarke

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed guests in attendance.

2. Presentation

- (a) Canadian Medical Association Award of Excellence in Health Promotion
Dr. Brian MacInnis presented the Canadian Medical Association's (CMA) Award of Excellence to Mayor John P. Prall recognizing the Town of Berwick. The award had been presented to municipalities across Canada who had passed by-laws banning smoking 100% in all indoor public places by July 1, 2003. Dr. MacInnis congratulated Berwick as a leader in recognizing the role municipal government can play in protecting their citizens by promoting such by-laws.

The Municipal Council meeting broke for a Public Participation Program and Public Participation Hearing at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The following additions to the Agenda were noted:

Under item 6(e) ETTA Invitation; and 6(f) Municipal Cooperation and Partnerships Seminar Invitation.

Under item 7(b), Report from the Annapolis Valley District Health Authority; Hearing of no further changes the Chairman approved the Agenda as amended.

4. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Hearing of no errors or omissions the Chairman approved the previous minutes of 9 September 2003.

5. **Recommendations from Other Committees**

(a) **Planning Advisory Committee**

Deputy Mayor Trinacty briefly reviewed the issue after the Public Participation Program and Public Hearing took place. Council had received two motions passed at the last meeting of the PAC to recommend in favor of amending the MPS and LUB. Mr. Millier noted that policy changes would be required to amend the LUB. The report of July 4, 2003 was re-distributed to Council which outlined in detail the changes that would occur with the amendment of the MPS and LUB.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy to require that all residential development of 4 units or more and all proposed development of multiple structures on a single lot shall be considered by Development Agreement. The amendment would also limit the development Residential Multi-unit R-3 and R-4 Zones to three units or less as detailed in the staff report dated July 4, 2003.

Motion Carried

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to amend the Land Use By-Law to require that all residential development of 4 units or more and all proposed development of multiple structures on a single lot shall be considered by Development Agreement. The amendment would also limit the development Residential Multi-unit R-3 and R-4 Zones to three units or less dated July 4, 2003.

Motion Carried

6. (a) **Feedback on Nova Scotia Police Act Draft**

Mayor Prall reviewed the letter sent by the Department of Justice. Ms. Parker noted that it was unfortunate that the changes to the Police Act were not detailed and that the final draft to the Nova Scotia Police Act had not been included. Ms. Parker relayed to Council that she would contact the UNSM to see if they would be responding to this letter. Deputy Mayor Trinacty requested that staff, if able, obtain a copy of the final draft of the Act for distribution to Councillor's. In addition, Council directed staff to consult with the UNSM in order to determine relevant changes within the document.

(b) **Valley Waste Management Resource Mid-Year Report**

Councillor Horsburgh relayed to Council that the next meeting of the VWMRA would take place next week. After this meeting, he would have final figures regarding tenders for two new contracts of interest to Council. Ms. Parker requested that Councillor Horsburgh try and ensure the timing of

pickups for VWMA did not conflict with public events being held in Berwick or with Brush & Leaf spring and fall pick-ups in the Town. Mayor Prall thanked Councillor Horsburgh for his diligence as a member of this committee.

(c) Invitation to Orchard View Apartments Grand Opening

Mayor Prall noted that the Grand Opening had been changed to Monday, October 20, 2003. Mayor Prall complimented the new complex and encouraged Councillor's to attend the opening if their schedules permitted.

(d) DARE Request for Funding

Mayor Prall noted the positive impact this program had in educating youth before they became exposed to the harmful effects of alcohol and drug abuse and relayed his view of the program as worthwhile within the school system. Ms. Parker said that the organization would qualify under Grants to Organization funding.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to provide a grant not to exceed \$500.00 to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

Motion Carried

Council directed staff to enquire as to the amount of funding requested and prepare a cheque for the organization if it met the criteria set out in the motion.

(e) Evangeline Trail Tourism Association

Mayor Prall relayed to Council that a special reception and luncheon would be held at Domaine de Grand Pre on Tuesday November 25, 2003 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the luncheon will be to report on accomplishments of ETTA to date and relate future plans including the Acadian Celebrations. Mayor Prall asked Councillor's who wished to represent the Town at the luncheon. Staff were directed to enquire as to the number of Councillor's who were able to attend the meeting.

(f) Municipal Cooperation and Partnerships Seminar

Ms. Parker reported to Council on the one day seminar co-sponsored by SNSMR, the UNSM and AMA annually. This year's seminar will provide an overview of Municipal Cooperation and Partnerships with the goal of maximizing resources and enhancing service delivery in municipal government. Councillors were invited to attend and registration for the seminar is free of charge. Staff were directed to register Mayor Prall and Councillor Bezanson.

7. **New Business**

(a) Next Meeting Date

Ms. Parker noted that the second Tuesday of November that the regular Council meeting was scheduled for fell on Remembrance Day (November 11, 2003). She asked Councillor's if they wished to meet on that day or hold the meeting on another day.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to change the date of the next meeting of Council from Tuesday November 11, 2003 to Wednesday November 12, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor Prall relayed to Council that the Citizens' Roundtable members would be invited and formally recognized by Council at the meeting in November.

(b) Annapolis Valley District Health Authority

Councillor Bezanson reported on his attendance at the meeting for Mayor Prall. He complimented the entertaining speakers and highlighted the fact that the Authority administers a budget of 69.2 million dollars.

8. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Michelle Millett
Recording Secretary