

**MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**11 MAY 2004**

- Present:           Chairman       Mayor John P. Prall  
  Deputy Mayor Don Clarke  
  Councillor Gary W. Whittier  
  Councillor Michael E. Trinacty  
  Councillor J. Richard Horsburgh  
  Councillor Danny Lecky  
  Ms. Linda Parker, Chief Administrative Officer  
  Ms. Michelle Millett, Recording Secretary
- In attendance:                   Ms. Sara Keddy, Berwick Register  
  Mr. Steve Machat, Canadian Cancer Society (left the  
  meeting at 6:38 p.m.)  
  Mr. Brian Gilbertson, Canadian Cancer Society (left the  
  meeting at 6:38 p.m.)  
  Ms. Amanda Bent, Canadian Cancer Society (left the  
  meeting at 6:38 p.m.)  
  Dr. James Gunn, Annapolis Valley School Board (left at  
  7:19 p.m.)  
  Mr. Terrie Spinney, Annapolis Valley Regional School  
  Board (left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.)  
  Mr. Ivor B. Reece, Kingston Citizens' Patrol (left the  
  meeting at 7:40 p.m.)  
  Ms. Nancy Mattinson, Kingston Citizens' Patrol (left the  
  meeting at 7:40 p.m.)  
  Mr. Bill Hoskins, Berwick Rookie Baseball Team (arrived  
  at 6:38 p.m.)
- Absent with Regrets:           Councillor Murray Bezanson

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed visitors.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**  
The Agenda was approved as circulated with the addition of 6.(b) Valley Technology Innovation Centre - Link Project under New Business and a letter under item 7. from the Ortona Branch 69 of the Royal Canadian Legion under Correspondence.
3. **Approval of the Previous Minutes**  
Hearing of no errors or omissions the Chairman approved the previous minutes of 13 April 2004.

#### 4. Presentations

(a) Canadian Cancer Society

Mr. Brian Gilbertson, a Board member of the Canadian Cancer Society thanked members of Council and the Mayor for the efforts of the Town of Berwick in regard to the Smoke Free Public Places By-law, noting that it could be at times a difficult issue for municipal government to deal with. He presented an award to the Town of Berwick on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society to Mayor Prall.

(b) Annapolis Valley Regional School Board (AVRSB)

Mr. Terrie Spinney and Dr. Jim Gunn appeared on behalf of the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board (AVRSB). Mr. Spinney reported that a budget/business plan had not been approved at the time of this presentation, but noted that there would be a reduction in teachers with declining enrollment. He reported that the AVRSB budget should be approved by June 2, 2004.

Dr. Gunn distributed a Summary Report (attached) of items that were Major Planning Priorities for 2004-05 for the school board. He reported that there would be shared classes at the Grade One and Two levels in the Berwick and District School this year and noted educational and organizational advantages to a multi-level system. He gave a short summary on special programs in place including Reading Recovery, Youth Pathways and Transition, School Success Plans, and professional development themes.

Discussion took place regarding alternate programs for students undergoing disciplinary action outside of the school system. Dr. Gunn discussed the continuation of education paid for by the AVRSB for tutoring or correspondence courses to allow students expelled or suspended the opportunity to continue their education.

The issue of student tobacco use was discussed and Dr. Gunn relayed to Council that in the past few years a policy had been implemented not to allow smoking on the property of the AVRSB. Dr. Gunn discussed his proposition that cigarettes be determined a finable offence for students committing an offence that should be connected to the ability to receive a driver's license. He relayed that this may allow the enforcement of student smoking to be easier for the AVRSB/RCMP and school administrators.

Dr. Gunn noted that he was Chair of an action committee that was looking into issues of homelessness or poverty and its effect on education. He relayed that human resource positions would become

available in the future regarding this program. Student Advisory Councils, student enrichment programs and other programs administered through the school board were briefly discussed and Dr. Gunn relayed that funding for the programs was through many different departments including Community Services, Education, Justice, and Sport and Recreation Nova Scotia.

Councillor Trinacty commended the AVRSB for the expanded roles schools were now playing in student's lives and Mayor Prall thanked Dr. Gunn and Mr. Spinney for their presentation.

(c) Western Kings Citizen Patrol ~ Ivor B. Reece

Mr. Ivor Reece reported that the Citizens' Patrol acted as the eyes and ears of the RCMP and that they were not a visible group. He noted that members carried cell phones and radio's to keep them in constant contact with the RCMP and each other. He reiterated that the Citizens' Patrol observed activity and reported it to the RCMP in order to facilitate charging offenders. Mr. Reece shared a few anecdotes with Council.

He relayed that he had appeared before Council to request support for this program and more specifically a piece of equipment that recorded the speed of drivers, displayed the posted limit and compared it for drivers to see. Mr. Reece discussed this piece of equipment as being an awareness raising tool and also a method of enforcement as those driving a certain limit above the posted limit would receive a letter and, suspension from driving through the RCMP and the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Mayor Prall thanked Mr. Reece and Mrs. Mattinson and relayed that the request for funding would go through the budget process. Councillor Horsburgh asked Mr. Reece if any gas or time was reimbursed to members of the Citizens' Patrol to which he replied negatively. He relayed that the group did not receive any funding through the RCMP.

**5. Recommendations from Committee of the Whole**

(a) Non-Union Employee Compensation Policy

Ms. Parker read the motion.

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded to approve the Non-Union Employee Compensation Policy.

**Motion Carried**

## 6. New Business

### (a) Report on Kings Partnership Steering Committee

A report was distributed at the meeting updating Council on the Committee. Ms. Parker reviewed the report (attached) and highlighted that a Committee Mandate had been set that included organizing and overseeing the Regional Cooperation Workshop to be held June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Wandlyn Inn in Coldbrook. She relayed that another committee mandate was to review and study existing and potential regional cooperation opportunities.

### (b) Valley Technology Innovation Centre – LINK (VITC-Link) Project

Mayor Prall discussed the VTIC-Link initiative Project initiated between the VITC, Town of Wolfville, InNovaCorp, and Kings CED. He relayed that the project would link students, professors, private sector “mentor” companies, environmentally focused non-government organizations and new start-up product development companies in a 40,000 square foot, three level building. The Mayor relayed that a letter of support had been requested by the group. Councillor Trinacty requested that Council be updated if monetary support was given to the program. Mayor Prall noted that a letter of support was all that was requested at this time and that no municipal contributions were required.

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded that the Council of the Town of Berwick provide a letter of support for the project proposal for the Valley Technology Innovation Centre – Link Project.

**Motion Carried**

## 7. Correspondence

### (a) Julia Frenette Letter

For the information of Council thanking Council for lapel pins distributed and traded at the Canada Wide Science Fair.

### (b) Letter regarding Expanded Policing Jurisdiction

For the information of Council, requesting an extension of the Expanded Zone Pilot Project from the Town of Berwick and the Municipality of Kings County. Ms. Parker distributed an article from the Advertiser regarding the extension.

### (c) Annapolis Valley Regional Library Report

For the information of Council.

### (d) Mr. William Oxby Letter

Mayor Prall reviewed Mr. Oxby’s letter and gave some background noting that Doug Seamone of Hiltz and Seamone had been consulted to provide advice on this issue. He relayed that there were actually five properties that had benefited

from the installation of the drainage pipe to replace an open drainage ditch on Daniel Drive and that the installation of the pipe would be considered an upgrade to Mr. Oxby's property.

Ms. Parker suggested that the firm hired to complete the Storm Water Management System be requested to provide legal mechanisms that allowed the Town the provision to be responsible for Storm Water Management, easements and right of ways. She recommended that Mr. Oxby be contacted to thank him for his letter and make him aware that the Town was in the process of a Storm Water Management Study that would be complete by the end of June.

Mayor Prall noted that he would talk to Mr. Oxby directly regarding the study that was underway and request that he wait until the study was complete to receive an answer regarding his request.

(e) Ortona Branch No. 69, Royal Canadian Legion

For the information of Council. Mayor Prall reported that the branch hosted a Cribbage Tournament and the Town had provided lapel pins and purchased advertising space in their Souvenir Book in support of the Tournament.

**8. New Business (con't)**

Mr. Bill Hoskins requested Council's time regarding the Skateboard Park location and the possible displacement of the Rookie Ball Team to the Brown Street Park. He had discussed the relocation of the rookies with Mr. Burgess and wanted to ask if the Skateboard Park location decision was final and if so, what timelines were in place for the Skateboard Park to be constructed. Mr. Hoskins had concerns that the rookies would be displaced prior to Brown Street being ready for them. Mr. Hoskins relayed that the current location was a more convenient one for his group.

The Mayor requested that staff be consulted prior to responding to Mr. Hoskins questions.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of Council would be held the 8 June 2004.

**10.** Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the Council meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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John P. Prall  
Chairman

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Michelle Millett  
Recording Secretary