

Town of Berwick

Council

Minutes of the Meeting

April 10, 2007

Attendance

In attendance

Mayor John Prall
Deputy Beth Easson
Mayor
Councillors Richard Horsburgh
Mike Trinacty
Don Clarke
Gary Whittier
Anna Ashford-Morton

Chair

Guests Madonna Spinzola
Ainsley Barkman

John Nichols

Destination
Southwest
Nova

Media Sarah Keddy

Kings County
Register

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:59pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following addition:

5(e) Trip to Scotland

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The previous Minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Presentations:

(a) Destination Southwest Nova

Madonna Spinzola gave a presentation on Destination Southwest Nova, highlighting one of the goals for the organization is to have tourism grow in this area and to have visitors return.

Ms. Spinzola requested an municipal investment from the Town of Berwick in the amount of \$1,595.00. She indicated that if we want a growth in tourism we need to have strong backing from the municipal units.

5. Committee Updates and Recommendations:

(a) Police Advisory Committee – Recommendations

The Police Advisory Committee recommends that Council look at installing traffic lights at the corner of Main Street and Commercial Street. Council agreed to refer this back to the PSAC for consideration and a traffic study be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council support a Police Officer's Memorial donation in the amount of \$250.00.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Committee of the Whole - Recommendations

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council approve the budget for the 2007 Berwick Princess Tea Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council approve the full-time, permanent employment status of Chantal Pineo-Atwood as Executive Assistant.

MOTION CARRIED

The following recommendation was put forth to Council:

Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve the continuation to work with AMG (Acadia Management Group) to coordinate the Town application to the Green Municipal Fund, in the event the Town's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) application is successful, and in the event that Council prioritizes sustainability planning in the upcoming budget year.

Council agreed to not put a motion forward, but to give direction to Mr. Ashley to continue to work with AMG on a status quo basis.

(c)Planning Advisory Committee – Animal Control Bylaw

Discussion ensued about the enforcement of bylaws and the fact that Berwick does not have a Bylaw Officer to enforce same.

It was decided by Council to proceed with the motion and to set a Public Hearing to enable Council to get feedback from the residents of Berwick.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council approve the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-law with regard to non-domestic animals.

MOTION CARRIED

(d)Planning Advisory Committee – Monthly Report and Recommendations

Councillor Easson reviewed the Planning Advisory Report. The following recommendations were put forth:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council approve the application to enter into a development agreement to enable the establishment of a seasonal fruit and vegetable stand at 287 Commercial Street subject to the applicant providing a revised site plan which identifies the location of all existing and proposed on-site parking and which adequately integrates circulation of all related traffic and confirms that all parking and traffic can be enabled onsite. The Development Agreement should contain provisions relating to the seasonal operation of the uses between June 1st to October 31st, that confirms the development will not be serviced with sanitary sewer.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council approve that the lands of Carol and Leslie Aker (PID 55243141), the lands of John and Elizabeth Cameron (PID 55236889) and the lands of Terrence Wright and Donna Connolly be rezoned from residential Single Family R-1 to Residential Two Family R-2.

MOTION CARRIED

(e)Trip to Scotland

Mayor Prall circulated and reviewed an information sheet for the trip to Scotland. information sheet. He indicated that the cost of the package (airline ticket/hotel/breakfast and dinner) has been reduced to \$1500.00. Mayor Prall noted that this trip is to attract business to Kings County and its municipalities, and feels this could benefit the proposed Industrial Park.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council approve the funding for the Trade Mission to Scotland trip, in the amount of \$1500.00.

MOTION CARRIED

6. New Business

(a) Economic Development Committee

- (i) Report
- (ii) Terms of Reference

Mr. Ashley reviewed the Report (page 11 of the Agenda). He asked in his report that Council review the attached Terms of Reference for an Economic Development Advisory Committee of Council and provide feedback to enable the Steering Committee to finalize the Terms of Reference.

Councillor Clarke noted that he feels the “Priorities” under Appendix A should be lettered instead of numbered.

Councillor Trinacty indicated that the Terms of Reference should include the following:

- (a) There should be a report to Council identified in the Terms of Reference
- (b) Councillor Trinacty suggests that we refer to the MGA regarding Committee Membership. He asked if there anything in there referring as to how many Councillors have to sit on a Committee of Council? Does this include the Mayor? Does the Chair have to be an elected official?
- (c) Terms of Office – This should be more clarified as the terms are hard to understand.
- (d) Under Staff Resources – Councillor Trinacty feels that the point of the day to day management of staff resources will be the responsibility of the Kings CED, should be reviewed because of the fact that this committee will be a committee of Berwick Town Council.

(b) Kings Transit Alternate Representative

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Councillor Ashford-Morton will be alternate representative on the Kings Transit Alternative Board.

MOVED AND SECONDED

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.