

Town of Berwick

Council

Minutes of the Meeting

July 10, 2007

Attendance

In attendance	Mayor	John Prall	Chair
	Deputy Mayor	Beth Easson	
	Councillors	Richard Horsburgh	
		Mike Trinacty	
		Don Clarke	
		Anna Ashford-Morton	
	Guests	Mary Ella Cleveland	
		Cheryl Dempsey	
		Vicki Petrie	
	Absent	Councillor Gary Whittier	
	Media	Sarah Keddy	Kings County Register

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following addition:

6. Enter into COTW

#6 will become #7

#7 will become #8

8(f) Engineering Services Update

8(g) Petition from Concerned Citizens of Berwick Acres

9. In Camera

9(a) Fire Hall Site RFP – Recommendation

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The previous Minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Accolades:

(a) Queen Annapolisa

Mayor Prall thanked Queen Annapolisa, Kathryn Cleveland, for her representing the Town of Berwick in such a remarkable way during the Apple Blossom Festival and wished her luck and gave her the Town's full support during her reign as Queen Annapolisa the 75th.

At this time, Kathryn thanked the Town for their support and for all the help she has received throughout the past few months.

(b) Civic Garden

Mayor Prall congratulated Councillor Richard Horsburgh and the Berwick Lions Club for keeping the Civic Garden so attractive. Mayor Prall noted that there had been travelers come in to the Town Hall to compliment the Town on the attractiveness of the garden.

5. Presentation: Annapolis Valley Work Centre – People Worx - Vicki Petrie

Ms. Vicki Petrie from the Annapolis Valley Work Centre (People Worx) gave a presentation on the Centre. She noted that if the Town of Berwick could find a contribution of funding for People Worx, they would be pleased.

6. Adjournment - 7:25 pm Entered into Committee of the Whole

7. Call to Order/Ongoing Business – 8:43pm

(a) Planning Advisory Committee

The PAC meets on July 11, 2007 and will have a report at the next Council Meeting.

8. New Business

(a) Truck Tenders

Mr. Ashley reviewed the Public Tender Call Report on behalf of himself and Mr. Gary Gould, Superintendent of Public Works. The following motions were put forth and carried:

(i) Dump Truck

It is recommended

THAT

Council to accept the bid from Ellis Chevrolet Ltd. to supply a ½ ton truck for the amount of \$18,791.00, plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) ½ Ton Truck

It is recommended

THAT

Council accept the bid from Silver's Garage (1982) Ltd. to supply one dump truck for the amount of \$83,260.98, plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Women in Local Government

Deputy Mayor Easson reviewed the Women in Local Government Champions Project Terms of Reference. She indicated that she has been approached by this project to speak to women in different municipalities with regard to government involvement.

Deputy Mayor Easson put forth the following motion:

It was recommended

THAT

Council support Deputy Mayor Easson with regard to reimbursement in expenses, to take part in the Women in Local Government Champions Project, in the maximum amount of \$500.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Easson indicated that she would approach the Municipality of Kings to inquire if they would be capable in contributing to her expenses, in the this effort, as well.

c. Recreation Leadership

Mr. Ashley reviewed the Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program report (page 4 of the agenda).

Councillor Trinacty noted that there was an incentive to partner on this program.

Councillor Clarke asked if there was a way we could take ourselves out of the program if Council decided in a year's time they were not seeing a huge benefit to this.

Councillor Trinacty relayed that that is up to the partnership of the municipalities, if they chose to put such a clause in the Agreement.

Mr. Ashley indicated that there is room in the budget for this piece.

It was recommended

THAT

Council approve a letter of support and commitment to the Leadership project for Kings County.

MOTION CARRIED

d. Audited Financial Statements – Finance Admin Committee

After some discussion within Council, the following Motion was put forward:

It was recommended

THAT

Council approve the March 31, 2007 Financial Statements as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

e. Engineering Services Update

Mr. Ashley reviewed this report (addition to the Agenda).

Deputy Mayor Easson noted that if AMEC Engineering was going to be considered for the two noted projects, that they be given a strict timeline, as they have not been very timely in another Town project.

Councillor Clarke suggested that we hire a firm of which we have had good results from in the past.

Mr. Ashley stated that he would like to use a trusted advisor and rely on their expertise, as he feels the relationship is as important as the work itself.

This matter was deferred to the In-Camera Session.

(Please see notes after In-Camera Session ended)

f. COTW Recommendations

(i) Berwick Industrial Park Signage

After much discussion ensued about the Berwick Industrial Park signage, and the fact that there seems to be a clutter of signs at the Northern Gateway area, coming into Town, the following Motions were put forward:

It was recommended

THAT

Council approve a temporary directional sign, for the Berwick Industrial Park, at the West side of Commercial Street, north of Main Street (with new base planter)

until more investigation is completed by PAC with stakeholders and until such time as PAC can explore a way to lessen the signage clutter at that area.

MOTION CARRIED

It was recommended

THAT

Council approve a directional sign, for the Berwick Industrial Park, at the North side of Main Street, (no base planter).

MOTION CARRIED

It was recommended

THAT

Council approve a directional sign, for the Berwick Industrial Park, at the East side of Commercial Street, south of South Street, (reconfigure existing planter).

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Morton relayed that she felt PAC should examine all of the signage at all entrances into Berwick.

Deputy Mayor Easson asked if the Town was going to charge a fee to H&G Properties for the proposed signs.

Mr. Ashley indicated that we were charging for all materials plus a 10% admin fee, as we are trying to encourage development and felt this went hand in hand with that.

New pac agenda item is above and the southern gateway signage.

(ii) Southern Gateway Signage

Mr. Ashley reviewed this report (addition to the Agenda).

It was recommended

THAT

Council approve a southern gateway sign reading “Welcome to Berwick Fastest Growing Town in Nova Scotia”.

MOTION CARRIED

g. Petition for Berwick Acres

Councillor Morton presented a Petition, generated by Jim Morrison of Bezanson Drive, with 59 names on it, suggesting two (2) “Children Playing” signs for Berwick Acres Subdivision.

Councillor Morton put forth the following Motion:

It is recommended

THAT

Council approve the erection of two (2) “Children Playing” signs in Berwick Acres, subject to approval by the traffic authority.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Ashley noted that the Executive write Mr. Morrison a letter to acknowledge the above.

9. In Camera – Legal Matters (10:00pm)

The Council came out of the In- Camera-Session at 10:12pm

Engineering Services

At this time, Council directed the CAO, Mr. Ashley, to appoint Engineering services at his sole discretion for the matters mentioned in his report to this July 10th Council Agenda.

a. Fire Hall Site – RFP – Recommendation

It was recommended

THAT

Council approve the selection of Howard Little Excavating Ltd, as the successful proponent to carry out the top soil removal and site development work for the new fire hall at an estimated cost of \$78,248.00 plus hst (Request for Proposal, closing date, June 28, 2007)

MOTION CARRIED

10. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

John Prall, Mayor

Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Recording Secretary