

Town of Berwick

Council

Minutes of the Meeting

October 9, 2007

Attendance

In attendance

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

Chair

Guests	Ron Mullins Jim Retallack
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Media	Sarah Keddy
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Register

1. Call to Order

Mayor Prall called the meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following additions/alterations.

- (a) The Waterville Airport presentation will take place at November Council.
- (b) 5(d) is not a Report but will serve as a reminder.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

4. Presentations

(a) Jim Retallack – Project Update and Berwick Agriculture Energy

Mr. Retallack presented an Update report on progress, ongoing/completed, and the next generation, education and engagement.

Discussion ensued about a thermal utility and the Appledome and the 5 million dollar contribution, together with the Green Municipal fund.

(b) Ron Mullins – Kings Transit

Mr. Ron Mullins gave a brief presentation to Council on Kings Transit. Mr. Mullins is the new General Manager.

Mr. Mullins noted he has invented a new bus route program which seems to be much better and accepted than the previous.

Mr. Mullins indicated that they are working towards new buses and new garage premises. A 3-year budget will be forthcoming. He also emphasized there is no room to house the public at the location where they are presently (previous train station), as the offices are located here as well.

Mr. Mullins remarked that Kings Transit is working on U-passes for students.

Councillor Horsburgh conveyed his appreciation for Mr. Mullins' hard work thus far.

5. Committee Updates and Recommendations

(a) Planning Advisory Committee – Report

Deputy Mayor Easson reviewed this report.

(i) Non-Domestic Animal Control Bylaw – Report and Recommendation

Deputy Mayor Easson read the recommendations.

Councillor Clarke noted he was opposed to this at the PAC Meeting. He feels that based on the public input that we had earlier, people were not happy – and this Recommendation is not much of a change.

Discussion ensued about acreage, and the intent of the bylaw.

Council then reviewed the maps provided by Mr. Millier on acreage.

Mr. Ashley remarked that at the last Non-Domestic Animal Control Bylaw Public Hearing, he felt some citizens misunderstood the intent of the bylaw and that people felt Council was trying to take away agricultural lands, or that lands would not be grandfathered.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve first reading for the proposed amendments to the Town of Berwick's Land Use Bylaw which addresses non-domestic animal control, and that Council call for an advertised public hearing on the matter.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) *Subdivision Bylaw Proposed Amendments – Report and Recommendation*
Deputy Mayor Easson read the Report and proposed amendments.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council give approval to the first reading of Draft Amendments to the Town of Berwick Subdivision By-law and that Council call for an advertised public hearing on the matter for November 13, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion ensued about Deed Transfer Tax. It was suggested that the financial incentives be reviewed at the Finance and Administration Committee level.

Councillor Trinacty suggested that PAC examine connector route walkways at the November meeting.

(b) COTW Recommendations – Report

(i) Councillor Clarke noted that the Town should investigate the opportunities tied with the Agriculture Energy Centre, including the increase in commercial assessment.

Mayor Prall explained that the dumping/digesters will be a very controlled process.

Mr. Ashley highlighted that this falls under the initiative to “Support Our Farmers”.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the appointment of Mayor John Prall as Chair and Bob Ashley as Director to the Berwick Agriculture Energy Centre Society.

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Mr. Ashley gave a brief report on the Clear Bag Program.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council endorse the proposed Clear Bag Program now under development by the Valley Waste Resource Management, and to communicate its support by way of letter to the Authority.

MOTION CARRIED

(iii) After discussion ensued about the Clear Bag Program, the following Motion was put forth:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council direct staff to commence the exclusive use of clear bags for residual waste as soon as the inventory of opaque bags is used.

MOTION CARRIED

(iv) Deputy Mayor Easson requested that staff track the costs of this truck as it is an older vehicle, to follow the maintenance costs, etc.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council recommend the Public Works Department surplus truck be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department.

MOTION CARRIED

(c) Police Services Advisory Committee – Recommendation and Report

Mr. Ashley reviewed the report (page 12 of the Agenda).

Councillor Trinacty remarked that he felt this is a Traffic Authority/Public Works Department issue and Mr. Millier should attend a meeting with these departments.

6. New Business

(a) CUPE Contract – In Camera Session

The meeting went into an In Camera Session at 9:11pm

The Council Meeting came out of the In Camera session and the Council Meeting was called to order with the following Motion:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the October 2, 2007 amendments to the existing collective agreement between CUPE local 2618.3 and the Town of Berwick as endorsed by the bargaining unit and Town administration.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned.

John Prall, Deputy
Chair

Chantal L. Pineo-Atwood
Recording Secretary