

Town of Berwick

Council

Minutes of the Meeting

December 8, 2009

Attendance

In attendance

Mayor John Prall
Deputy Mayor Don Clarke

Chair

Councillors Anna Ashford-Morton
Mike Trinacty
Anthony Morse
Marianne Woodworth
Gary Whittier
CAO Bob Ashley
Minutes Chantal Pineo-Atwood

Absent with Regrets

Present

Sarah Keddy, Media

Kings County
Register

Kaileb Salsman
Darcy Huntley
Charity Huntley
Heather Morse
Gary Long
Sara Long
Carol Tobin

1. Call to Order

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of November 10, 2009 were approved as circulated.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following additions:

- (a) First Reading – Amendment to the LUB Part 24 (7)
- (b) RDA Update, Marianne Woodworth

4. Accolades:

a. *Kaileb Salsman, Heather Morse, Jill Trinacty*

Mayor Prall congratulated Kaileb, Heather and Jill on their opportunity to be Torch Bearers for the Winter Olympics.

b. *Gary Long and Sara Long*

Councillor Clarke offered accolades to Gary Long and Sara Long for their tremendous efforts in acting as Town Crier for the Town of Berwick.

c. *Barb Lipp*

Councillor Woodworth thanked Librarian, Barb Lipp for her extraordinary work she displays, especially with programs, at the Town Library.

5. Presentation:

a. Berwick Farmers Market, Carol Tobin

Carol Tobin, Angie Shunavin and Chris Goddard attended to offer a presentation on the Berwick Farmers Market.

Ms. Tobin confirmed that the Market will be forming a co-op and they will be pursuing all funds available.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

The Town continue to support, in principle, the Berwick Farmers Market Co-op.

MOTION CARRIED

6. First Reading

a. *Amendment to the LUB Part 24(7)*

A housekeeping amendment to the Land Use Bylaw which removes conflicting language on public participation protocol between the LUB and the Public Participation Policy.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

To promote clarity and consistency, and to maintain the intent established in the Public Participation Program adopted in 2000, Council approve 1st Reading of an amendment to remove Part 24(7) of the Land Use bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Committee Updates & Recommendations

a. Committee of the Whole Recommendations

The following Motions were put forth from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 25, 2009.

Issue:

At October Council meeting, in order to expedite a grant application to ecoNS for the greening of the Town Hall, the following motion was carried:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council supports the application to the ecoNova Scotia Clean Air and Climate Change fund for the project known as Berwick's Town Hall Greening and confirms its contribution will meet the minimum 20% level specified.

An early review of our application prompted ecoNS to advise us that this motion needed to be more specific. At the time of submission, however, due to the grant application deadline, we had not arrived at an estimated cost or percentage level of contribution. We now have figures and recommend that Council pass the following resolution which more clearly stipulates percentage (50%) and amount (\$110,000)

Staff recommends

THAT

Council supports the application to the ecoNova Scotia Clean Air and Climate Change fund for the project known as Berwick's Town Hall Greening and confirms its contribution will be 50% or \$110,000 of the total estimated cost of \$220,000.

MOTION CARRIED

Police Advisory Committee recommends

THAT

Council instruct staff to work with Canada Post concerning the risk of traffic hazards related directly or indirectly to the Community Mail Box installation located on Orchard Street hear Douglas Avenue and Brown Street.

MOTION CARRIED

Staff recommends

THAT

Council instruct staff to remove bicycle lane signs on Commercial Street and have them placed on Veteran's Drive and stencil bicycles in the bicycle lane.

Council agreed that a Motion was not required here. Council should consider "Share the Road" or "Caution Cyclists" signs, and invite someone to come in to speak such as an Active Transportation Champion. Councillor Trinacty noted that Council should begin looking for a citizen to fill this role for the Town of Berwick. This role could assist with the proper signage.

Councillor Morse asked if the truck traffic signs for South Street have been erected yet. Mr. Ashley said he believes the signs have been ordered but will check with Mr. Gould.

Mayor Prall indicated that Morse Lane should be put in the paving budget.

(b) PAC Report

Councillor Trinacty reviewed the PAC Report. There were no questions of same.

(c) RDA Report – Woodworth

Councillor Woodworth noted that recruitment for the RDA Executive Coordinator is well underway.

Joint council meeting is planning to use some ideas as part of the RDA 2010-11 business plan.

Madonna MacDonald is working on a "New Comers" book for immigrants.

Mayor Prall noted that the Finance Admin Committee will meet on December 15th at 5:30pm to start reviewing citizen rep applications.

Selections will be forwarded from Finance Admin to January Council for approval.

8. New Business:

(a) Election to Kings Transit Board - Discussion

Mayor Prall explained that each year, there has to be a re-election to this Board.

Deputy Mayor Ashford-Morton is the Board Representative, and Councillor Woodworth acts as the alternate.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council re-appoint our current member and alternate to the board.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Adjournment

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.