

# Town of Berwick

## *Council*

### Minutes of the Meeting

February 12, 2008

#### Attendance

In attendance	Deputy Mayor	Don Clarke	Chair
	Councillors	Richard Horsburgh Anna Ashford-Morton Beth Easson Gary Whittier	
	CAO	Bob Ashley	
Absent with Regrets	Mayor	John Prall Councillor Mike Trinacty	
	Guests	Ken Creighton	
	Media	Sarah Keddy	Kings County 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:

Ongoing Business: Town-Owned Land Disposal

#### ***3. Approval of Minutes***

The Minutes of the December 11, 2007 Council were approved as circulated.

#### ***4. Second Readings***

(a) Larsens Packers – Rezoning

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Lands of Larsens Packers Ltd. (PID 55242879) be rezoned from Industrial Heavy M-2 to Residential Single Family R-1.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(b) Viking Ventures – Proposed Development Agreement

It was noted that the Development Agreement should be between the Town of Berwick and Michael MacArthur instead of Viking Ventures.

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council recommend in favour of entering into a Development Agreement with Michael MacArthur to permit the construction of a multiple unit residential development on Lot 4 Ron Smith Drive as described in the building and site plan documentation submitted in conjunction with the application.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(c) Wilworth Holdings Ltd. – Rezoning

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Lands of Wilworth Holdings Ltd. (PID 55246300), lands of Blackburn Holdings Ltd. (PID 552463148) and lands of William Wilson (PID 55246326) be rezoned from Agricultural A-1 to Residential Single Family R-1.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Presentations:**

(a) New Fire Department RFP

Mark Boutier offered a presentation on the New Fire Department, featuring overview, background, review and analysis.

Mr. Boutier explained that ABL analyzed the bids on a scoring system with regard to a number of aspects. It was narrowed down to four companies, namely Mid Valley Construction, J.W. Lindsay, Roscoe Construction and BD Stevens.

Some discussion ensued with regard to tilt-up vs. metal construction.

Mr. Redden noted that the committee saw negative things with the tilt up design, especially with the inside structure. He also noted that the fire fighters were going to design and build a storage facility in the back and a metal building would match this.

Mr. Boutier stated that ABL recommends that Roscoe Construction be awarded the contract for the Design/Build of the new Berwick & District Fire Department.

It was noted that Roscoe's proposed completion date was September/October, 2008.

Ken Redden, Fire Chief Saunders and Brian Hirtle each spoke and thanked all of those involved for the hard work put forth thus far on the New Fire Hall project.

Mayor Prall thanked the Commission and Dianne Ashton for their efforts in this project.

Mr. Ashley reviewed the *Selection of Successful Proponent For New Fire Hall Design/Build* report. Mr. Ashley highlighted that the projected overall cost for the new fire hall project is approximately 2.6 million. Council approved a budget of 2.5 million for the new fire hall in 2007-08. He noted that if successful, grants should help the project to come in lower than the originally set budget of 2.5 million in 2007.

Discussion ensued about the sale of the present fire hall. Mr. Ashley indicated that he hopes PAC can begin some serious discussion on the sale of the building and options such as Request for Proposals, straight sale, etc.

Mr. Ashley read the following motion:

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT**

Council, in equal partnership with the Berwick and District Fire Commission, approve the awarding of contract to design and build the new fire hall for the Berwick and District Volunteer Fire Department be awarded to Roscoe Construction at the cost of \$2,162,291.00 (plus applicable taxes).

**MOTION CARRIED**

(b) Green Municipal Fund – Jim Retallack

Mr. Retallack was unavailable for the meeting.

**6. Committee Updates and Recommendations**

*(a) New Fire Department RFP Award*

This issue was dealt with in 5(a).

*(b) PAC – Verbal Report*

Discussion ensued about the Front Street property and the proposal that has been brought forth by Mr. Barrie Wamboldt.

Councillor Easson noted that the zoning is presently commercial warehousing and this does not fit the proposal for this area. Mr. Millier is working on a proposal for rezoning.

Mr. Ashley indicated that Mr. Wamboldt's partner, Ron Turner, had read in the paper about Berwick's continuing interest in green energy, and because of this they approached the Town.

Councillor Trinacty and Councillor Easson noted that PAC and Council should meet on this project before the next presentation by Mr. Wamboldt.

**7. New Business**

(a) Education Funding Review Resolution

Mr. Ashley reviewed this report. He indicated that the Motion is primarily asking for approval to participate with the other four units to draft and RFP to commission a study.

Much discussion ensued about the study. General consensus of Council was this issue requires more discussion. There was much concern with regard to the high costs of the study/Terms of Reference and pressure felt by Council.

The following was put forth:

*Council resolves that the municipal parties refer the education issue back to the Kings Partnership in a redoubled effort to advance meaningful and rationale discussion of the education issue on its own, unencumbered by all the other funding issues heretofore proposed for study.*

(b) Renewal of Fire Capital Assets Sharing Agreement

Mr. Ashley reviewed this report. He noted that this agreement between the Town of Berwick, the Berwick and District Volunteer Fire Department and the Berwick and District Fire Commission, was signed on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003, for a 4 year term, ending December 15, 2007.

Mr. Ashley highlighted that we have letters of intent from both the fire commission and the fire department saying they wish to renew the agreement for another 4 year period, commencing January 1, 2008.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded**

**THAT**

Council approve the Town's renewal of Fire Capital Assets Sharing Agreement with the Berwick and District Fire Commission and the Berwick and District Volunteer Fire Department.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Easson asked if the printed copies of the Agenda's could be printed double sided.

**8. *Adjournment***

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm

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John Prall, Chair

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Chantal L. Pineo-Atwood  
Recording Secretary