

Town of Berwick

Council

Minutes of the Meeting

October 13, 2009

Attendance

In attendance

Mayor John Prall
Deputy Mayor Don Clarke

Chair

Councillors Anna Ashford-Morton
Mike Trinacty
Anthony Morse
Marianne Woodworth

CAO Bob Ashley
Minutes Chantal Pineo-Atwood

Absent with Regrets

Councillor Gary Whittier

Present

Sarah Keddy, Media

Kings County
Register

Mark Marchant
Terry Marchant
Dave Keddy
Frank Shay
Adrian Page

1. Call to Order

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of September 22, 2009 were approved as circulated.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated, with the following additions:

- Accolades – Berwick Climate 350 Event
- Correspondence – Magdalen Schofield
- Updates – Appledome Update, Municipal Workshop and Recreational Conference
- In Camera – Personnel and CPP issues.

4. **Accolades:**

a. Adrian Page

Mayor Prall and Council recognized Mr. Page's outstanding talent in producing the food bank sign. Mr. Page graciously donated this sign to the Town.

b. Berwick Climate 350 Event

October 24th is being recognized as Climate Action Day. For Berwick, it begins at the Apple (Town Hall), at 3:00pm, and finishes at the Christ Church Hall at 4:30pm, with a potluck supper.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

The Town of Berwick supports and endorses:

- The global need for all the countries of the world to collectively reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by at least 45 per cent from 1990 levels by 2020 and by at least 95 per cent from 1990 levels by 2050 to meet the target of 350 ppm of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere to:
 1. limit global temperature increases to below 2 degrees (pre-industrial levels)
 2. and reduce the probability of catastrophic climate change impacting on communities.

The Town of Berwick supports and endorses:

- The need for the new global climate agreement to be strong, equitable, grounded in the latest science and appropriately meet the scale of the climate crisis.

The Town of Berwick supports and endorses:

- The planetary day of action being planned for October 24, 2009 through 350.org to share in the united worldwide message of the urgent need for global leadership to respond appropriately to the issue of global climate change.

Read the agenda. Passed Resolution **MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Second Reading:**

a. Amendment to Part 7.1 of the LUB

Recommendation – **MOTION CARRIED**

6. First Reading:

- a. F.B. Spinney Builders Ltd. and A.&A. Shay and R. & S. Weightman
Spinney – MOTION CARRIED
Shay – MOTION CARRIED

7. Correspondence:

- a. **Destination Southwest Nova Association** – A thank you.

- b. **Western Kings Board of Trade** –

Support to the maximum of \$250.00 for the Christmas Reception – **MOTION CARRIED**

- c. **Judy Brittain** – described the problem with leaves. Don said perhaps we can arrange with pw and for a fee they can bring the vacuum system up. Mike does not think we should open that option up – maybe everyone will use the vaccumm and we haven't accomplished anything. Mayor thinks it should be out of the question. Council suggested getting these people to get them to bag their leaves – kids, etc. We could suggest Stephen's centre to people that need help. Suggestion is to get some hired help, Council wants to stay firm on their policy for now.

- d. **Magdalin Schofield**

There are legal, enviro, engineering and bylaw issues. It is not simple, she needs to go thru the steps, Bob believes we can fix the problem. Spoke of her issues. Discussion ensued with regard to a process of getting their word to council over and above the cao. We need a paper trail. Bob will carry on with it.

8. Committee Updates and Recommendations:

- a. **PAC Report and Recommendation**

Mike reviewed the report, no questions.

9. Ongoing Business:

- Capital Investment Plan – Project Ranking Tool**

Bob and Mike found out at AMA that we do not need to use this tool anymore, we would like to use tool for our CIP, but we do not have the pressure to do it. It is up to Council that we do not need to use this as a Council tool. **MOTION CARRIED**

11. Updates

- a. **Kings RDA – Councillor Woodworth**

Erin new position for CAO for Chester, a new exec director will need to be hired. Marianne gates will be acting until a new is hired. It is officially the Kings RDA.

Has been working with valley health to recruit doctors. Joint council session sometime in November. The RDA won a marketing award for the winery initiative. Dave needs to find a community rep to sit on kings rda – we are the only one that does not have one. UNESCO letter of support. Should all municipalities do a letter of support? Marianne will check. Council suggested that we do a letter to congratulate Erins' work and help.

b. Annapolis Valley Regional Library

October is Library month, tim hortons is offering free bookmarks for children with coupons on the back. Overdue notices are going to be sent by email.

Barb Lipp was highly complimented her brochures, etc. We should do an accolade to her next Council.

c. Appledome Update

Where are we going with the appledome pool and or library. Would like to do Only one more phase, instead of stretching it out into a number of phases. We need to look at committing into a MOU or not. Sign the mou, then it would go out to Roscoe or tender, find out what the costs are, we have not signed a contract – if we can not afford it, we wouldn't do it. We need a resolution to decide whether or not we sign a mou....do we think about it until COTW?

Bob – a second round of seeking major funding from prov and fed govts. We would need to prepare an application, both govts need to see whats being invisioned. What could the town leverage?

Mike – the timeline, the original funding apps did include the whole project but they only received enuff money for what they are doing now. That is to be completed by next fall. Now we need to submit the apps for the remaining facility so we can get approvals back from govt hopefully early in the spring so we can tell whether we can keep going with construction. Curling club, community assoc will take the fitness centre for mou and the town will have to do the pool and library, there is no commitment until we see total costs. Over 4 million for the rest of project is the estimate. Econ impact study has been done, we hope to have brian vanblarcom to have him present this soon. We need to look at tax level to support these two projects for the town. Think about it until cotw, discussion, then November council can take to vote to sign one or both or none MOU's.

Bob passed out the MOU's and asked Councillors to review them.

d. Recreation Conference

Mike – who is going to this? Ashlyn

Who is going to the Municipal Workshop? October 28th at the Old O.

Reminder.

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12. Adjournment 8:06pm

13. In Camera Session

Absent (with regrets, Councilor Whittier)

- Motion to go in camera (carried), 8:15pm
- Items
 - 1) Legal - Fire Hall purchase/sale
 - 2) Personnel - Public Works
 - 3) Legal - Education - Cost-sharing contract
- Motion to return to Council 9:15pm
- Council Adjournment, 9:15pm