

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 – Berwick Food Bank Sign*

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.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Second Reading:

a. *Amendment to Part 7.1 of the LUB*

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council amend Part 7.1 of the Land Use By-law which regulates the development of businesses, home occupations and professional uses in residential zones by including the following three (3) additions to the list of permitted uses:

Graphic arts studios including the production of airbrush work, advertising banners, vinyl signage and other artistic work;

Fine Art Studio, excluding retail gallery

Computer assembly, repair and servicing, excluding retail.

MOTION CARRIED

6. First Readings:

a. *A.&A. Shay and R. & S. Weightman*

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT:

A Development Agreement be entered into with Allan and Angela Shay for the purposes of constructing two (2) semi-detached residential dwellings at 175 and 177 Maple Avenue subject to the following:

1. Provision of a Lot Grading and Drainage Plan;
2. Provision of a Landscape Plan
3. Consolidation of the existing properties.

MOTION CARRIED

b. *F.B. Spinney Builders Ltd.*

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT:

Upon receipt of an acceptable Traffic Authority Report and landscaping details depicted on site plan, Council amend the Development Agreement which was recently approved to permit the construction of a four (4) unit residential building at Lot 4, Orchard Street (PID 55237382). The proposed development would see the construction of an addition two 4-unit residential structures and an accessory storage building.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Correspondence:

a. Destination Southwest Nova Association

Mayor Prall noted that Council received a letter of thanks, from Destination Southwest Nova Association, for its investment with regard to same.

b. Western Kings Board of Trade

Mayor Prall reviewed a request from Western Kings Board of Trade for support for the annual Christmas Reception.

After some discussion, the following Motion was put forth:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

The Town of Berwick forward the maximum sum of \$250.00 for the annual Board of Trade Christmas Reception.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Judy Brittain

Council reviewed correspondence submitted by Ms. Brittain regarding her concern with the new Brush & Leaf policy, as she has a tremendous quantity of leaves and explains she will find it difficult to bag the amount she has.

Council understands, and sympathizes with Ms. Brittain, but after much discussion about this issue, has decided to stay firm on their policy, for now. Council suggested that perhaps people with a significant amount of leaves may want to explore the option of hiring school children or a member of an organization such as the Beacon program.

d. Magdalin Schofield

Correspondence from Ms. Schofield was reviewed by Council.

Mr. Ashley noted that there are legal, environmental, engineering and bylaw issues regarding the drainage ditch situation at her property. Mr. Ashley stresses the importance of a paper-trail concerning issues like these.

Mr. Ashley believes the Town can fix the problem and will meet with the appropriate departments.

8. Committee Updates and Recommendations:

a. PAC Report and Recommendation

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

9. Ongoing Business:

Capital Investment Plan – Project Ranking Tool

Mr. Ashley explained that he and Mr. MacLean discovered at AMA, that we are not required to use this tool anymore, but noted staff would like to use the ranking tool for our own budget preparations.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council direct staff to use the CIP Ranking Tool in the preparation of the CIP for the 2010/11 Budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Updates

a. Kings RDA – Councillor Woodworth

Councillor Woodworth pointed out that Erin Beaudin accepted a new position in Chester, as CAO. A new Kings RDA executive director will need to be hired.

Marianne Gates will be acting Executive Director, until this takes place.

Kings RDA has been working with Valley Health to recruit doctors.

There will be a Joint Council Session sometime in November.

The RDA won a marketing award for the winery initiative.

Dave Keddy is attempting to find a Berwick community representative to sit on Kings RDA, as Berwick is currently the only municipality that does not have one.

Council decided that a gift and card be sent to Ms. Beaudin for all of her hard work she has demonstrated during her employment with Economic Development in our area.

b. Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Councillor Woodworth noted that October is Library month. Tim Hortons is offering free bookmarks for children, with coupons on the back.

Overdue notices are now going to be sent via email.

Barb Lipp, of the Berwick Library, was highly complimented on her brochures, etc., at the last meeting.

Council suggested she be asked to attend December Council for an accolade.

c. Appledome Update

Discussion ensued with regard to the Town entering into MOU(s) with the KMCC for a pool and/or library. As well, the preferred way of completing the total project in one more phase, instead of stretching it out into a number of phases.

Mr. Ashley explained that signing a MOU was not binding the Town to funding the same – it would be signed for the Town to explore costs and to gather more

information with regard to these two projects. There is no commitment until we see total costs.

Mr. Ashley talked about the fact that a second round of seeking major funding from Provincial and Federal governments will need to take place – another application would need to be prepared, as both governments need to see what is being envisioned. The original funding applications did include the whole project but we only received enough funds for what is being constructed at present, and, ultimately, to be completed by next fall.

The Curling Club has signed the MOU for its club, the Community Association will hold the MOU for the Fitness Centre.

Mr. Ashley indicated that there has been an Economic Impact study completed, and staff hopes to have Mr. Brian Vanblarcom attend COTW, to present same.

Mr. Ashley passed out copies of the MOU's and asked Council to review them for discussion at October COTW.

d. Recreation Conference

Councillor Trinacty asked who would be attending. Ashlyn Sulis is attending from the Town of Berwick.

Councillor Trinacty also reminded everyone of the Municipal Workshop being held on October 28th at the Old Orchard Inn.

12. Adjournment

Council adjourned its regular Council Meeting at 8:06pm.

13. In Camera Session

Council entered into an In Camera Session on legal, personnel issues at 8:15am.

Motion to return to Council at 9:15pm

Council Adjourned at 9:15pm.