

ATTENDING

Mayor Don Clarke, Chair
Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty
Councillor Rod Reeves
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Adam Lutz
Councillor Chris Goddard
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development
Jordan Hebb, Active Living Coordinator
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant
Ben Croll, Development Officer

Also in Attendance:

Julia Merritt, CAO Annapolis Valley Regional Library
6 Members of the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:56 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE AMENDED AS CIRCULATED

d. Food Pantry

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2024 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2024 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION

Annapolis Valley Regional Library – Julia Merritt, CAO

Julia Merritt, CAO for the Annapolis Valley Regional Library presented an overview of their 2023-24 fiscal year, highlighting that there were over 4,000 new memberships and a 5% increase overall in library use. A library funding review committee has been formed to provide recommendations to the provincial government for the next funding model. This committee is composed of library CEOs, board members, municipal representatives, and provincial government staff. They have a goal of March 2025 for recommendation to the government with further consultation with municipalities in the Fall of 2024. Mayor Clarke thanked Ms. Merritt for the presentation and expressed the value of the library and headquarters in Berwick.

5. SECOND READING

106 Commercial Street – Rydel Homes Limited Development Agreement

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council give Second Reading to the development agreement application for Rydel Homes Ltd for the construction of 16 residential units at 106 Commercial Street (PID 55240022).

MOTION CARRIED

Ben Croll and one member of the public left the meeting at 7:11 pm

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. RFD015-2024: Active Living Strategy

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve and support the Town of Berwick's Active Living Strategy 2023 to 2028.

MOTION CARRIED

Jordan Hebb left the meeting at 7:17 pm

b. RFD017-2024: Operating Line of Credit for AREA

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve and direct the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the Town of Berwick, the documents from RBC for AREA's \$1,000,000 line of credit, with the Town of Berwick guaranteeing 27% (\$270,000) of this line of credit.

MOTION CARRIED

C. RFD018-2024 Paving Tender

Manager Harding reviewed the bids for the 2024/25 asphalt paving street and sidewalk tenders.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council award tender BER2024-005 the 2024/25 Asphalt Paving Streets and Sidewalks, with a budgeted amount of up to \$200,000 Valley Paving & Excavating.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Food Pantry

The United and Anglican Church working group submitted a presentation to Council for approval to place a food pantry in the front of the Town Hall building. The role of the pantry is to provide basic supplies, canned goods, cereals, toiletry items, etc. The pantry will be stocked and cleaned regularly.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the installation of the Food pantry in front of Town Hall as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Clarke reviewed the activities he has participated in over the last month as well as the upcoming events and meetings. He highlighted that he attended the very successful KMCC dinner and auction with \$47,000 raised.

8. IN-CAMERA

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA AT 7:43 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA BE ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:29 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council appoint David Logie and Neil Mattson to the Town’s Planning Advisory Committee for a two-year term, ending October 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council appoint Gail Palmer to the Town’s Audit Committee for a two-year term, ending October 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:44 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Town Council *June 11, 2024.*
As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant