

ATTENDING

Mayor Mike Trinacty, Chair
Deputy Mayor Johanna Kwakernaak
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Adam Lutz
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Chris Goddard
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Walsh, Director of Finance (via Zoom)
Aaron Dondale, Director of Public Works
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development (Via Zoom)
Lauren Isabelle, Development Officer (Via Zoom)
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

10 members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Correspondence
B. Flat Zaid

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CIRCULATED.

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

CAO Boyd highlighted from the action items that the RCMP advised that cameras in public spaces can be a worthwhile investment, as video footage often assists in identifying suspects and supporting arrests. However, whether charges proceed through the court system depends on decisions within the justice system.

5. COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trinacty – A reminder that the Public Safety workshop is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, May 13th at 2pm at the Firehall. Everyone is welcome.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Second Reading – MPS/LUB Amendments

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council give Second Reading to the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to introduce the Unique Sites and Structures policies, as presented at the Public Hearing and attached in Appendix A, and forward the Municipal Planning Strategy amendments to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

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b. Second Reading – 104 Front Street Development Agreement

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the Development Agreement for 104 Front Street, PID 55245591, to permit a 40-seat restaurant/tap room, rear deck and accessibility ramp, new front entrance, reduced parking requirements, and related site provisions, as shown in the Development Agreement, with such approval to take effect only upon the related Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law amendments receiving required approvals.

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Lauren Isabelle and 6 members of the public left the meeting at 7:11 pm

c. RFD012-2026: Valley Waste Guarantee Resolution

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the Town of Berwick's loan guarantee as requested by the VWRM, in the amount of \$65,348 or 2.72% of the VWRM's Temporary Borrowing Resolution (in the total amount of \$2,400,000) per attached loan guarantee schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

d. RFD010-2026: Gravity Sewer Expandable Liner

Director Dondale gave background information on the gravity sewer expandable liner as per the approved capital priorities for 2026/27. There is only one provider of this service in Atlantic Canada. This project was approved by the alternative procurement by the Chief Administrative Officer. Director Dondale mentioned that in the RFD under the financial implications, it should state the approved capital budget and not operating budget.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council award expandable patching services to Eastern Trenchless for the total invoice amount not to exceed the approved capital budget amount of \$50,000.00, inclusive of non-rebated HST.

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e. RFD013-2026: 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Workplan, Year 1

CAO Boyd gave a high-level overview of the strategic work plan for year one. It was noted that the work plan is very ambitious, and any new ideas, initiatives, or projects brought forward may require existing initiatives to be deferred or paused to ensure the workload remains manageable. Ongoing communication will be important to balance priorities and maintain realistic expectations for what can be accomplished. Mayor Trinacty proposed that **Thursday, June 25th, from 4-6 pm** be set aside for the staff/council workshop. A thank-you letter will be sent to the community members who participated in the strategic plan process.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. 12-month Notice from Municipal Affairs to NSFM

Council was advised of several upcoming issues that may impact municipalities over the next few fiscal years, many of which could have budget implications. Full details and the extent of the impacts are not yet known. Mayor Trinacty felt it was important that Council remain informed and aware of potential future budget considerations.

b. Flat Zaid

Mayor Trinacty read a letter received from a student from Surry B.C who was requesting that his "Flat Zaid" be taken on small adventures around Town. A photo with "Flat Zaid" and Council will be taken and sent along with a small package from Berwick.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT – as circulated.

Mayor Trinacty highlighted his report from the last meeting. Deputy Mayor Kwakernaak talked about the sessions she attended at the NSFM conference in Yarmouth. Mayor Trinacty provided an overview of the meeting regarding Grandview Manor, noting that efforts are moving forward to avoid demolition of the building. Additional analysis is being completed on the structural integrity of the facility. Potential organizations and agencies interested in repurposing the space are also being explored.

9. IN-CAMERA - NIL

10. ADJOURNMENT

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
BE ADJOURNED AT 8:04 PM.**

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Town Council, June 09, 2026
As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant