

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
Aaron Dondale, Director of Public Works
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

12 members of the public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

CouncillorCarolynn Roberts

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

- Correspondence after Councillor Announcements

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2026, WERE ACCEPTED AS CIRCULATED.

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

CAO Boyd mentioned that one item on the list will be completed once Director Dondale presents the winter maintenance report. The other update is that a letter from the Mayor will accompany the enhanced Strategic Plan to be sent to the citizens who participated in the process.

5. COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Lutz – thanked all the volunteers and committee for the great Gala Days weekend.

Mayor Trinacty – reminder of the public safety workshop tomorrow, September 9th at 2 pm at the Fire Hall.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A request from several Town residents was received to allow ATVs on town streets in order to access the Harvest Moon trail. Council agreed to refer this to the Police Advisory Board and to have staff prepare a report summarizing existing bylaws in other municipalities to present it to the PAB at their October 20th meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. RFD020-2026: Macintosh Street Expense Overage

Director Dondale explained that during the road work on Macintosh Street, two soft spots were identified in the gravel substrate. The contractor recommended excavating and replacing the affected areas to prevent future settlement or deterioration of the new asphalt. Given the potential impact on the longevity of the road surface, approval was given to proceed with the necessary excavation and replacement prior to paving. He explained that the overage is within the CAO's spending authority to approve; however, Council is required to approve the use of Canada Community-Building Funds.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED that Council approve the use of the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) reserve to cover the cost of \$8,600 net HST of unbudgeted work performed on the capital project "Roads and Streets – MacIntosh".

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b. RFD021-2026: AVRL Additional Funding Reconsideration

Council had a lengthy discussion on the reconsideration of the additional AVRL funding request. Several council members expressed concerns about the sustainability of library funding and questioned whether this would create an ongoing financial burden for the municipality. CAO Boyd clarified that the correct calculation for the Town of Berwick should be \$8,700 rather than \$6,500 and emphasized that this funding would need to come from operating reserves.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED that Council contribute \$4350.00 to be funded out of operating reserves 2026/27 and, upon receipt of additional funds, AVRL will supply the Town of Berwick with a plan on how the additional funds will be used.

1 YAY – Walsh

3 NAY – Kwakernaak, Jamieson, Goddard

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c. RFD023-2026: Stormwater Management Considerations

Director Dondale presented a comprehensive stormwater management considerations document that contains the recommendations from the Stormwater Management report prepared by CBCL. Director Dondale clarified that while the recommendations in the CBCL report would inform future planning decisions, they would not be automatically adopted as policy, and the document would serve as an informational foundation for various town committees and capital improvement plans.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED that Council adopt the Stormwater Management Considerations information document as presented.

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d. RFD021-2026: Tidal Transit Temporary Borrowing Resolution

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED that Council approve the Town of Berwick's loan guarantee as requested by the Tidal Transit Authority, in the amount of \$482,380 or 4.12% of the Tidal Transit Authority Temporary Borrowing Resolution (in the total amount of \$11,697,415) per the attached loan guarantee schedule.

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e. Information Report: 2025/26 Winter Maintenance Recap and Learning

Director Dondale reviewed the report on the Town's 2025-26 winter maintenance services. He explained that the decision to contract the service was made due to limited borrowing capacity and the high cost of replacing end-of-life equipment, which would have required approximately \$1 million in funding.

Several lessons were learned from the previous winter season that will assist with planning for 2026-27. One consideration is exploring options for the Town's Public Works crew to undertake some winter maintenance activities while also improving

service on sidewalks and in other sensitive or accessible areas. CAO Boyd noted that more conservative budgeting has been implemented for the current fiscal year.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT – as circulated.

Mayor Trinacty highlighted that he met the new Base Commander and received an update on activities and upgrades at the base. It was noted that approximately 160 personnel are expected to arrive at the base over the coming period.

9. IN-CAMERA - nil

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:55 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Town Council, October 13, 2026
As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant