



Special Council Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting

March 31, 2020 6:30pm

(Via Videoconference Webex Meetings)

Attendance

In attendance

Don Clarke, Mayor

Chair

Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh

Jane Bustin

Anna Ashford-Morton

Councillors

Mike Trinacty

Rod Reeves

Barry Corbin

Mike Payne, CAO

Karen Peckford, Finance Director

Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The previous Council Minutes were approved by motion of Council.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated with the following additions:

Berwick Sports Hall of Fame update

4. Financial Update

Ms. Peckford presented an update on the town's current financial situation in the context of the Covid 19 pandemic.

- Discussed cash flow situations
- New procedures for banking
- Property tax and Electric billings (D2 billing went out last week)
- Commercial Electric billings go out next week
- Discussion with regard to payment due dates.
- Discussion on the Covid-19 pandemic and the negative impacts it will have on the Town's budget – Council unanimously agreed that programming and some services will have to be cut
- Council gave direction for the Finance Department to book current outstanding interest on property tax accounts.

5. Approval of MFC Short Term Financing

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council put the Temporary Borrowing Resolution for this debenture in place in the amount of \$788,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Appointment of Returning Officer for Municipal Election

Deferred to In Camera Session

7. Correspondence from WKMHS dated March 27, 2020

Mayor Clarke reviewed correspondence from Mike Larsen of the Western Kings Memorial Health Society asking for a Letter of Support from the Town to be included in the tender to retain the Regional Centre for Education at the WKM Health Centre.

Mr. Payne asked Council to forward pieces that may contribute to the letter, to Ms. Pineo-Atwood, by the end of the week. She will draft a letter for Mayor Clarke to review.

8. In Camera Session (Personnel and Contractual)

The regular Council meeting entered into an In Camera Session at 7:36pm and returned to regular Council at 9:07pm with the following motions:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Employees in the areas of Crossing Guards, After School Program, Fitness Centre and By-law be laid off effective 2020 April 14.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Anna Schofield's employment contract be amended effective April 1, 2020 to full time status up to and including December 31, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Janet Small be appointed as the Returning Officer for the October 2020 municipal election.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Berwick Sports Hall of Fame

Councillor Trinacty confirmed that the induction event is currently planned for June 13, 2020 subject to review. He was pleased to confirm the following inductees (summarize from the media release he sent us on Wednesday)

1957 CK Senior Boys Soccer Team

David Allen, Hockey Coach

Pat & Doug Stockman, Shuffleboard

Rick Pineo, Hockey

John Hiltz, Basketball and Baseball

Don Clarke, Track, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball and Softball

10. Adjournment

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.