

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
October 22, 2019

Present:

Mayor Don Clarke

Deputy Mayor Jane Bustin

Councillor Barry Corbin

Councillor Anna Ashford-Morton

Councillor Ty Walsh

Councillor Rod Reeves

Councillor Mike Trinacty

Mike Payne, Chief Administrative Officer

Tim Harding, Public Works

Debbie Elliott, Recreation & Community Development

Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Absent with Regrets: Laurie Saunders, BDVFD

In Attendance:

Theresa Ward

Pat Jodrie

1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Committee approved the Agenda as circulated, with the following additions:

- Executive Forum
- Additional In Camera Contractual Item (Councillor Corbin)

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The September, 2019 COTW Minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Larry Phillips, Public Health

Mr. Phillips briefed Council and staff on his new role as a Health Promoter with Public Health. Discussion ensued with regard to various ways he could assist the Town in areas such as healthy eating, transportation, housing, smoking bylaws, etc.

5. Departmental Reports

a.RCMP

Sgt. Ryan Kelly's reports were reviewed by the committee.

Discussion, again, ensued with regard to the concerning amount of break and enters within the town over the last few months. Council asked Mr. Payne to inquire with

the RCMP if there has been additional reporting of mischief acts since the Town's further education around the importance of reporting such incidents.

b. Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Saunders did not attend the meeting. No report submitted.

c. Public Works

Mr. Harding's report was reviewed by the committee.

Mr. Harding highlighted that patching of the streets has been completed. The sidewalk project on Bezanson Drive will not happen until the spring, so there will be a letter being distributed to area residents informing them of same.

d. Community Development and Recreation

Ms. Elliott's report was reviewed by Council. Discussion ensued with regard to consistency in the Town's signage. Ms. Elliott will gather templates, fonts, colours and any other signage information/material Berwick has had in the past and bring forward to the next meeting.

e. Finance

Karen Peckford was introduced as the Town's new Director of Finance. Council and staff welcomed Karen and everyone is very much looking forward to her joining our team. There were no questions of Karen's submitted reports.

f. CAO:

Mr. Payne's report, as well as the Bylaw Officer's report, was reviewed. Councillor Corbin thanked Mr. Payne for his work on the pesticide issue and feels following the Provincial standards is reasonable.

6. Mayors Report:

Mayor Clarke highlighted various events he has attended over the summer such as BEC Meeting, land meeting, Berwick School Healthy Food Fundraising Dinner, Harley Lawrence Memorial, REMAC Meeting, Valley REN Meeting, etc.

Future events:

Housing Meeting – October 28

Executive Forum – October 29

County of Kings New Facility Opening – October 29

Equilibrium Engineering Meeting (regarding PR initiatives) – November 5

NSFM Conference – November 5

Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade – November 11

County of Kings MPS Amendments Meeting – November 14

7. Council Round Table

Councillor Corbin:

- Update on Valley Waste

Councillor Trinacty:

- Conference call with Clarke Squires

Councillor Ashford-Morton:

- Hoping to be able to disburse Gala Days funds to the various groups soon.
Approximately \$70k was brought in over the Gala Days Weekend

Deputy Mayor Bustin:

- Attended the Library Conference this past weekend and noted it was a very informative and inspiring conference

8. New Business

a. Vending Bylaw

Mr. Payne noted that he is in talks with Solicitor Muttart regarding amendments to the Vending Bylaw. A fee structure should be implemented. Further information will be brought back at a future meeting.

b. Executive Forum

Mayor Snow is holding an Executive Forum for members of CFB Greenwood and has asked surrounding municipal units to speak about their town/village during a five minute presentation. Mayor Clarke reviewed a draft power-point on Berwick's highlights, that he will be presenting at the Forum.

9. In Camera Session – Contractual and Legal

The Regular Council entered into an In Camera Session at 8:35pm and re-entered into Regular Council at 9:50pm.

CAO Payne was directed to pursue the Prall family land donation through legal and an appraisal. The matter is to be referred to the next Council meeting for formal consideration and decision.

10. Adjournment

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm.