

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

August 27, 2019

Present:

Mayor Don Clarke

Deputy Mayor Jane Bustin

Councillor Barry Corbin

Councillor Ty Walsh

Councillor Rod Reeves

Councillor Mike Trinacty

Mike Payne, Chief Administrative Officer

Jerry Wood, Director of Finance

Tim Harding, Public Works

Debbie Elliott, Recreation & Community Development

Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Anna Ashford-Morton
Laurie Saunders, BDVFD

In Attendance:

Mark Perry

Anne Hebert

Pat Jodrie

George Floris

1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

- In Camera Session (Personnel)

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The June, 2019 COTW Minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Departmental Reports

a.RCMP

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

Mr. Payne confirmed that there continues to be a person at large with regard to the recent break ins. There is a warrant out for this persons' arrest.

b.Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Saunders did not attend the meeting.

c.Public Works

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

Mr. Harding reviewed, in detail, the paving report requesting an additional \$110,000k for the paving budget. This would be to complete filling pot holes, fixing curbs and further spreader patching. Mr. Harding noted that the budgeted amount of \$120k is not enough.

There would not be a tender process, it would go to the current contractor.

Mr. Payne and Mr. Harding will generate a very clear report indicating exactly what needs to be done and completed and will send to Council. This will be forwarded to September Council.

d. Community Development and Recreation

Ms. Elliott's report was reviewed by Council. Ms. Elliott highlighted that after some uncertainty with regard to an after school program this year, there will be one and a qualified leader has been hired as of this morning. The program will most likely start a few weeks late.

e. Finance

Mr. Wood indicated that the fitness centre numbers appear to be off. There will be a review of same between recreation and finance departments.

f. CAO:

Mr. Payne introduced Ella Redden, the Town's new Bylaw Officer. Ms. Redden noted that citizen's whom she has met on the streets, seem very positive about her position.

5. Mayors Report:

Mayor Clarke highlighted various events he has attended over the summer such as:

- Dealing with VCFN issues
- REMO Meeting
- AREA Meeting (Aaron Long has a detailed report with regard to AREA happenings, which Council may read at any time).
- DOF Interviews
- Meeting with Bruce MacDougall regarding phone systems
- Signing of the IBW Contract
- Eastlink Cable interview

6. Council Round Table

Councillor Corbin:

- Brief update on Valley Waste, have not received the audit for this year (Chester has not forwarded their information)
- Has been contacted by a citizen regarding pesticide spraying in town and would like this to be placed on a upcoming Council meeting.

Councillor Trinacty:

- Attended a KMCC Governance Committee Meeting (agreed on Terms of Reference)

- Attended the last Community Association meeting to give information regarding the Power Forward Challenge
- Mr. Squires would like to meet with Council regarding an update on hotel
- Wildcats have kicked off their season

Councillor Walsh:

- No Kings Transit Meeting this month (Student Summer passes went very well, \$208k in the red without operating reserve)
- If any Council member would like to work the fireworks gate, please see Councillor Walsh

Councillor Reeves:

- Does not feel the “Slow Down” flags which are on some streets, are very effective (perhaps speed bumps may be more so)

Mr. Payne noted that Sgt. Kelly reports there is very little excessive speeding in town limits.

Deputy Mayor Bustin:

- Feels that there are still many speed issues in Town
- Attended VCFN Meeting
- Attended the pop up Sally Horsnell Art Exhibit at the Museum (encourages everyone to go see it!)

7. Updates on Ongoing Business

a. Climate Change Emergency

Deputy Mayor Bustin and Councillor Corbin sit on this committee. If any other Council member would like to add to the prepared statement on this issue, please contact the committee. This statement, when finalized, should be publically acknowledged at a future Council Meeting.

b. Housing Development

Deputy Mayor Bustin, Councillor Corbin, Councillor Ashford-Morton, Don Regan, Chantal Pineo and Debbie Elliott sit on this committee. The committee needs a new meeting date, Chantal will send out same. It was suggested to ask Larry Phillips to this meeting.

c. VCFN Business Plan

Mayor Clarke will keep Council apprised of status

d. Doctor Recruitment

There is a meeting on August 30th in Council Chambers at 1:30pm.

e. Diversity proactivity

Mayor Clarke asked Council and staff to think about something Council could do to shine some positivity with regard to diversity, in light of the incidents that has occurred in our area.

Councillor Trinacty suggested reviewing some Provincial ideas and perhaps borrowing one of those. A food night was also suggested, and/or a diversity tool kit.

f. Fire Truck Enhancements

Due to safety enhancements on the newly ordered truck the costs came in slightly higher. Extra costs have been covered by the three parties – Fire Department, Commission and the Town.

8. New Business

a. Fence Bylaw

The current regulations in the Land Use Bylaw are concurrent with surrounding municipal units regarding fencing. Council suggests no change with same.

b. Food Truck

There has been some complaints with regard to a Food Truck parking at the Wilsons Pharmasave parking lot, as a unit such as this does not need to pay property taxes, etc, to operate.

Chantal will investigate whether the Town can charge a vending fee if the food truck is set up on private property.

c. Volunteer of the Year Awards

There was not a ceremony last year. Recreation has noted that they only received one nomination. Mayor Clarke suggests that perhaps one (or more) people that have done great things this past year, within the Town, be recognized at the Christmas Open House.

Council would like to see the Awards banquet happen this year and perhaps an earlier ask for nominations may aid in a successful event.

9. In Camera Session (Personnel)

The Regular Council entered into an In Camera Session at 9:06pm and re-entered into Regular Council at 10:03pm, with no motions.

10. Adjournment

The Council Meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.