

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

Present:

Chair Mayor Don Clarke
Deputy Mayor Jane Bustin
Councillor Barry Corbin
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Rod Reeves
Councillor Mike Trinacty
Councillor Anna Ashford-Morton
Mike Payne, CAO
Don Regan, BEC Manager
Laurie Saunders, BDVFD
Merrill Buglar, Kings RCMP
Ryan Kelly, Kings RCMP
Jerry Wood, Director of Finance
Tim Harding, Public Works
Debbie Elliott, Recreation & Community Development
Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Absent with Regrets:

In Attendance:

Terry Dalton
Barry Gander
Pat Jodrie
George Floris

1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

- Joint Council Meeting with the County of Kings
- CAO Report re: Fire Siren
- Pilot for CAP Program

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The November, 2018 COTW Minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Departmental Reports

a.RCMP

Sgt. Ryan Kelly introduced himself as the new OPS NCO for the Wet Kings District as of January 7th. Council was very pleased with the detail of his report.

b. Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department

The committee reviewed the report.

d. Public Works

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

e. Community Development and Recreation

Ms. Elliott's report was reviewed by Council. Council reiterated that they would like to see the website updated and reviewed as soon as possible.

f. Finance

Mr. Wood's report was reviewed by the committee. Mr. Wood explained some areas of revenues and expenditures. As per Councillor Ashford-Morton's request, Mr. Wood will check on the revenue from Canada Postal boxes.

g. Berwick Electric Commission:

Mr. Regan highlighted that he is currently working on projections for next year/budget.

h. CAO:

Mr. Payne asked for questions of his report and noted that he met with Mr. Gurney from Eden Valley Poultry and will continue to do so on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Payne reviewed the report on the Berwick & District Fire Department Station Siren. There has been a request to deactivate the siren between 9pm and 7am. Much discussion ensued with regard to the pros and cons of same. Chief Saunders noted he will pole the Volunteer Fire Fighters to seek their input and report the results back to Mayor Clarke or Chantal. Council will make a decision at February Council.

5. Presentation:

(a) i-Valley

Mr. Gander and Mr. Dalton offered a presentation on advancing rural broadband in Kings and making Berwick a "Smart Community".

The organization is asking Berwick to approve work on Cisco/i-Valley Network Financial Plan in the amount of \$30,000.00. Upon completion of this, there would be a request to approve a drive to get other funding from ACOA, etc.

6. Council Reports

(a) Councillor Ty Walsh

The committee reviewed Councillor Walsh's submitted report and highlighted some very positive things that has occurred in Berwick in the last two months.

(b) Councillor Barry Corbin

Councillor Corbin noted the below points regarding Valley Waste:

- a. Andrew Wort, new General Manager
- b. Board approved the postponing of the budget until May 15, 2019

(c) *Councillor Trinacty*

Councillor Trinacty's submitted report was reviewed by Council and staff.

7. New Business

(a) *Joint Council Meeting with the County of Kings*

Mayor Muttart has asked for a preliminary meeting with Mayor Clarke and our CAO to discuss the agenda for a joint council meeting with both councils.

Council agreed they would like to see the Fire Services and the South Berwick Intersection as two possible agenda items. A meeting time in the afternoon is preferred.

(b) *Pilot for the CAP Program*

Mayor Clarke will notify the NSFM that Council supports another municipality partaking in a pilot with regard to the CAP program, but we are not interested in participating in the project. Berwick does not have the staff resources.

8. Councillors Round Table

Councillor Trinacty noted that WKM has committed to purchasing 4 gym passes per year for the library to lend out. Council will approve a price and staff will work out the details with the library with regard to membership specifics.

Councillor Trinacty also requested an In Camera Meeting at a later date, with regard to business inquiries and potential opportunities for the town.

9. Mayor's Update

Mayor Clarke offered an update on the events he has attended in the past two weeks including a Valley REN meeting, REMAC Meeting, climate change film among many other dates.

10. In Camera Session (Legal)

The Regular Council entered into an In Camera Session at 8:58pm and re-entered into Regular Council at 9:32pm, with no motions.

11. Adjournment

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.