

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Via WebEx virtual meetings
May 25, 2021

Present:

Mayor Don Clarke
Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh, Chair
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Rod Reeves
Councillor Chris Goddard
Councillor Mike Trinacty
Councillor Adam Lutz
Mike Payne, Chief Administrative Officer
Tim Harding, Public Works
Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Dan Stovel, Kings REMO

Absent with regrets: Karen Peckford, Director of Finance

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*
- *Berwick & District School Crosswalk Request*
- *Grandview Manor Correspondence*
- *988 Suicide Hotline Correspondence*

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The previous COTW Minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Departmental Reports

a.RCMP

The RCMP report was reviewed by the committee. No questions of same.

b.Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department

No report submitted this month.

c.Active Living

The committee reviewed the report. No questions of same.

d. *Recreation Programing*

Ms. Boylan's report was reviewed by the Committee. No questions of same.

e. *Public Works*

Mr. Harding's report was reviewed by Council. Mr. Harding highlighted that there has been a shortage of staff as of late, due to health reasons and pandemic related restrictions, so the department is a little behind but is quickly catching up. The new drop off bin for leaves has been a positive addition to the leaf and brush pick up program. Deputy Mayor Walsh gave kudo's to Mr. Harding and his department for all of their hard work during trying times.

f. *Finance*

Ms. Peckford's report was reviewed by the committee. Ms. Peckford explained that at the end of May, she and Mr. Payne will have to determine whether the Town will need to lay part time staff off, due to the pandemic restrictions. Councillor Trinacty asked that this endeavor be reviewed and that perhaps a full lay off is not required.

g. *CAO Report*

Mr. Payne's report was reviewed by Council. There were no questions of Mr. Payne.

5. New Business

a. Development Agreement Discharge - Scott

In the process of the Scott's legal Counsel conducting a title search of the sale of their property, an undischarged Development Agreement was identified attached to their property (Refer to Appendix "A" in motion.

The Town's Development Officer, Chris Millier, has not identified any benefit to the Town or the Scott's to maintain the DA and he recommends it be discharged again the Scott property.

Staff recommends that Council adopt the following resolution by Policy at the June Council Meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED BY POLICY THAT lands known as PID 55358097 and described in detail in Appendix 'A' are hereby discharged from the Development Agreement dated December 1, 1978 and recorded on December 4, 1978 in the Kings County Registry of Deeds in Book 455 at Page 761, as Document No. 12969.

Appendix 'A'

Parcel Description

PLACE NAME: Brown Street & Orchard Street, Town of Berwick, Kings County, Nova Scotia

TOWN/MUNICIPALITY/COUNTY: Town of Berwick

DESIGNATION OF PARCEL ON PLAN: Lot "1B"

TITLE OF PLAN: Plan of Survey Showing Lot "1B" Subdivision of Lands of Graham J. Keene Enterprises Limited (BK. 1084, PG. 835) & Lot "1C" Subdivision of Lands of Watson Wilson (BK. 1083, PG. 145; BK 1092, PG. 105)

REGISTRATION COUNTY: Kings County

REGISTRATION NUMBER OF PLAN: P10806

REGISTRATION DATE OF PLAN: September 8, 1997

SUBJECT TO a Development Agreement dated September 12, 1994 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for Kings County on September 21, 1994 in Book 993, at Page 438, and as Document Number 7726.

*** Municipal Government Act, Part IX Compliance ***

Compliance:

The parcel is created by a subdivision (details below) that has been filed under the Registry Act or registered under the Land Registration Act

Registration District: KINGS COUNTY

Registration Year: 1997

Plan or Document Number: P10806

b. Apple Fund Policy

Staff is recommending that the approval of an "Apple Fund" recreation funding policy be approved by Council. The policy would allow any resident of Town in need of financial support to participate in a recreation activity or program. This policy would promote and enable physical activity, confidence and self-esteem building, health and wellness, leadership skills, friendships and the opportunity to be part of a team.

Councillor Trinacty asked that the following be considered:

- a. How does staff determine the need?
- b. Staff needs to ensure the ask is not duplicated by another similar program

Councillor Jamieson also suggested that it be confirmed that the program/activity that is being applied for, does not have to be located in the Town of Berwick.

It was highlighted that one of the best sources to determine need is the Berwick & District School staff.

The draft Policy will be amended to address Council feedback and will go before June Council.

c. Margaret Marshall Saunders Interpretive Panel Location

Discussion ensued with regard to the placement of the Margaret Marshall Saunders Interpretive Panel which has been created by the Halifax Women's Historical Society who have created many memorials to commemorate the accomplishments of women in history from Nova Scotia. Amanda Furniss, manager of the Apple Capital Museum since 2018 has been the lead for this project.

Council agreed that the most advantageous and appropriate place for the panel is on the grounds in front of the Berwick and District Library at Town Hall. The motion will go before June Council.

d. School Crosswalk Request

The Town has been contacted by the Bill Doucette, the Berwick & District School principle to ask for assistance in painting PRIDE/BLM markings on school property and if possible Veterans Drive. The school offered to buy the paint and with the expertise of Public Works have the markings professionally installed.

After the Town's Traffic Authority consulted Department of Transportation and the Town's liability insurer's, the Town's Traffic Authority recommends the following:

The Traffic Authority recommends to Council that Public Works assist Berwick & District School with installing PRIDE/BLM markings on the two sites of property owned by AVRCE. The Veterans Drive crosswalk will retain the traditional white markings as per the recommended national standard for crosswalks..

e. Grandview Manor Correspondence

The Grandview Manor has asked the Town to consider any options they may feel would be a viable use for the current building which is being replaced. While the property is in overall good condition it will require approximately \$25M in upgrades to meet existing building codes..

f. 988 Suicide Line Correspondence

Council believes that this is a positive initiative but no recommendations for Council were tabled.

6. Mayor/Councillor Reports

a. Councillor Goddard – Written report reviewed by committee. Councillor Goddard highlighted that the new manager will begin at Kings Point to Point ??? Manager will start at the end of the month.

b. Councillor Jamieson – Written report was reviewed by the committee, no questions of same.

c. Councillor Trinacty – Written report reviewed by committee. Councillor Trinacty noted that the Housing Committee hopes to have recommendations coming to Council in the near future.

It was also highlighted that Trails Clean Up Day is June 4th if anyone would like to assist. Both Councillor Goddard and Councillor Lutz volunteered.

- c. *Mayor Clarke* – Offered a verbal report on his activities in the last month including the Intermunicipal Service Agreement Working Group efforts, Alternative Resource Energy Authority meeting with Minister Porter, Community Development Meeting, discussion with MP Chris d’Entremont and a Valley REN Meeting.

8. In Camera Session (Personnel)

The Regular COTW entered into an In-Camera Session at 8:13pm and re-entered into Regular COTW at 8:23pm.

9. Adjournment

The COTW Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.