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## **ATTENDING**

Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty, Chair  
Councillor Ty Walsh  
Councillor Adam Lutz  
Councillor Derrick Jamieson  
Councillor Chris Goddard  
Councillor Rod Reeves  
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance  
Tim Harding, Manager of Public Works  
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant

## **ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

Mayor Don Clarke

## **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

15 Members of the public

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. Councillor Walsh arrived at 6:35 pm

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- c. Budget Survey**
- d. Information Report: Draft 2024/25 Budgets**
- e. Director of Municipal Works**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2024, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **a. BDVFD**

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee.

**b. Community Development**

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee.

**c. Public Works**

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee. Manager Harding highlighted that they have been using a mix of salt and sand to reduce the amount of salt on the streets and parking lots. Work continues with the Town engineers and Eden Valley on wastewater management.

**d. Finance**

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee. Director Buchan highlighted that there was a preliminary hearing held on the BEC Flow Through application with the UARB. 2022/23 audit is nearing completion. The 2023/24 financial forecast is completed.

**e. CAO**

The report was presented and reviewed by the Committee. CAO Boyd highlighted that a Director of Electric Utilities has been hired. There will be a public engagement for the MPS review at the end of March. The Kent Field Estates appeal public hearing will be held in May.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. AREA Board Meeting**

Councillor Jamieson reported that he attended two days of meetings with AREA with sustainable energy as the key topic. A letter was received from UARB asking for clarification regarding the ownership of the solar garden.

**b. Accessibility Advisory Committee – no update**

**c. Community Development Committee – Deputy Mayor Trinacty gave a few highlights from the January meeting. They had a presentation on the Active Living Strategy. There was a review of the plan and map for Centennial Park. Work with Cycle NS on active transportation and a design for the Town with bike lanes/connectors.**

**d. Interim IMSA Board**

**i. Kings Transit Authority**

The KTA report was reviewed by the Committee.

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**ii. Valley Waste**

The Valley Waste report was reviewed by the Committee.

**b. Kings Point to Point**

Councillor Goddard presented a letter that was received from Kings Point to Point. They have requested an additional \$4077 to cover unforeseen expenses. The total requested from Berwick is \$9872.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Council Remuneration Update**

CAO Boyd presented an updated remuneration report from the feedback received at the Council meeting. A committee consisting of Councillors Walsh and Reeves will work with staff to review the information presented and make a recommendation for Council remuneration.

**b. Information Report: 2023/24 Financial Update & Forecast**

Director Buchan reviewed the financial update and forecast.

**c. Budget Survey**

CAO Boyd reviewed the results of the budget survey that was available to the public.

**d. Information Report: Draft 2024/25 Operating & Capital Budgets**

Director Buchan reviewed the draft 2024/25 operating and capital budgets that reflect adjustments made from the feedback received from the public engagement session, and budget survey. Council would like to see the impact of a \$0.01 and \$0.02 reduction on the tax rate.

**e. Director of Municipal Works**

Deputy Mayor Trinacty, Councillor Reeves, Manager Harding and CAO Boyd will form the interview committee for the Director of Municipal Works position.

**7. DEPUTY MAYORS REPORT**

Deputy Mayor Trinacty reported on meetings and events he attended over the last month. While the Mayor is away, Deputy Mayor Trinacty will be available at the Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays.

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**8. IN CAMERA (Personnel):**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA UNDER SECTION 22(2) AT 8:47 pm.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Councillor Jamieson left the meeting at 9:28 pm*

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA BE ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:38 pm.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:38 pm.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approved by Council *March 26, 2024***

**As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant**