
ATTENDING

Mayor Mike Trinacty, Chair
Councillor Justin Serino
Councillor Johanna Kwakernaak
Councillor Chris Goddard
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Aaron Dondale, Director of Public Works
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Deputy Mayor Adam Lutz
Councillor Ty Walsh

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Strategic planning

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2025, WERE ACCEPTED AS AMENDED.

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF JUNE 24, 2025, WERE ACCEPTED AS CIRCULATED.

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Manager Verrette gave an update on the Community Calendar and the SOP for reporting incidents around Town. CAO Boyd updated the items regarding the Code of Conduct.

5. COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Councillor Goddard** – Attended a 60th anniversary gathering for Robert and Rose Mary Tiedt on July 25th.
- **Councillor Serino** – Congratulations to Aidan Peach, who will represent our town in Men's Volleyball as part of Team Nova Scotia at the 2025 Canada Summer Games!

- **Mayor Trinacty** – Reminder of Gala Days this weekend. Council will walk in the parade on Monday, September 1st. An email will be sent with full details.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- **Strategic Planning**

Mayor Trinacty reviewed the proposed strategic planning process. A facilitator will be hired to guide the discussion and help identify the community's priority areas for the Town. From there, working groups will be formed to explore these priorities in greater detail. The goal is to have the plan completed by December to support the budget process.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - circulated

- **Community Development** – report as circulated. Manager Verrette highlighted that the Community Connection Expo mentioned in the report will now take place in the first part of October. She also noted that September 29th is the Provincial Volunteer Ceremony.
- **Public Works** – report circulated. Director Dondale gave an overview of his report. There will be an update on the paving projects at the next meeting. It was suggested that communication be circulated to update the residents on the paving.
- **Finance** – report circulated.
- **CAO** – CAO Boyd reviewed the report as circulated.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS – circulated

- **AREA** – Mayor Trinacty reviewed the report from the last AREA meeting, which focused on the Solar Garden cost reconciliation.
- **Valley Regional Services (Kings Transit/Valley Waste)** – Councillor Serino gave an update from the last Valley Regional Services meeting.
- **Diversity Kings County** – Councillor Kwakernaak reviewed the report from the July meeting.
- **REMO & REMAC** – reports circulated
- **Police Services Advisory** – Councillor Serino reported from the last PSAB meeting, highlighting that another "Policing 101" training will take place.
- **Valley REN_LOC** – Mayor Trinacty clarified that the joint Council meeting on the regional marketing levy that is scheduled for September 17th is still happening at the Old Orchard Inn. There was a calendar error, and two different dates were sent for the meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

- **MAYOR'S REPORT** – circulated. Mayor Trinacty mentioned that a meeting has been scheduled with Kody Blois, MP, for September. The Council Coffee Chat,

originally planned for September 9th, has been rescheduled for October. In addition, Don Regan's Celebration of Life will take place on September 18th at the Berwick Lions Hall.

Manager Verrette and Executive Assistant Longmire left the meeting at 8:47 PM

11. IN-CAMERA

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA AT 8:47 PM.

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12. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:43 PM.

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As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant