
ATTENDING

Mayor Mike Trinacty, Chair
Deputy Mayor Adam Lutz
Councillor Justin Serino
Councillor Johanna Kwakernaak
Councillor Chris Goddard
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer (via zoom at 7:23 pm)
Lisa Walsh, Director of Finance
Aaron Dondale, Director of Public Works
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant (arrived at 7:19 pm)

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

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

- b. Overview of the Emergency Command Centre - Lake George Wildfire

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2025, WERE ACCEPTED AS AMENDED.

- It was the 60th anniversary of Mr & Mrs Tiedt

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

The action items will be circulated at the Council Meeting on October 14th. CAO Boyd did highlight that she will be speaking with Chystal Fuller this week regarding the Marsters Avenue property.

5. COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Councillor Kwakernaak** – reminder that October is Mi'kmaw History Month and the County of Kings, though its diversity services have several events throughout the month.
- **Deputy Mayor Lutz** – thanks to the firefighters for the ongoing support of the wildfires. It was suggested that a thank-you message be put on the Town's electronic sign.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Committees of Council Members Check-in Summary

CAO Boyd reviewed the summary report. The italicized text in the document reflects the staff's action items in response to the responses from the report. It was recommended that there be another check-in with committee members before the end of their committee term.

b. Overview of the Emergency Command Center (ECC)

CAO Boyd gave a brief overview of the ECC structure in response to the wildfire in the Lake George area. The four supporting municipalities with the REMO are each taking 12-hour shifts at the ECC center and are currently working on a two-week schedule.

c. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - circulated

- a. **Fire Department** – report as circulated
- b. **Community Development** – report as circulated. Manager Verrette highlighted Small Business Week, October 20-24, and there will be a Youth Vendor Market on Saturday, October 18th, from 9:00 am-12:30 pm, in partnership with the school and REN. Manager Verrette provided clarification on the Community Voices Circle. This is to have discussions with community members and staff to build on EDI initiatives in the community.
- c. **Public Works** – report circulated. Director Dondale mentioned that the yellow accessibility markings along Commercial Street haven't been completed as indicated in the report – additional paint had to be ordered. Councillor Kwakernaak inquired about a tree replacement policy. Currently, there is no policy in place; however, this will be a joint effort from different departments going forward to determine the right plant and placement around Town.
- d. **Finance** – report circulated. Director Walsh highlighted that the Berwick Electric Commission passed the operating and capital budgets for the year. Also, there are citizen committee positions available on the Berwick Electric Commission and the Town's Audit Committee.
- e. **CAO** – report as circulated. CAO Boyd gave an update on the Municipal Planning Strategy, with the recommended amendments that were suggested by the provincial planning staff to the Minister for approval.

d. COMMITTEE REPORTS – circulated

- a. **Accessibility Committee** – Councillor Kwakernaak reviewed the report as submitted.
- b. **AREA** – Mayor Trinacty reviewed the report from the last AREA meeting, which focused on the Solar Garden cost reconciliation.

- c. **Berwick Electric Commission** – Mayor Trinacty highlighted that BEC and Town staff were very proud to be part of Don Regan's celebration of life.
 - d. **Diversity Kings County** – Councillor Kwakernaak reviewed the report from the September 3rd meeting.
 - e. **Kings Point to Point** – report as circulated. Councillor Goddard mentioned that a new bus has been added to the current fleet.
 - i. **Police Services Advisory** – Councillor Serino reviewed the report from the last PSAB meeting. It was highlighted that Bruce Morse has been appointed as the provincial representative.
 - ii. **Valley Regional Services** – report and meeting minute was circulated. It was noted that Kings Transit Authority has been renamed to Tidal Transit Authority.
- e. **MAYOR'S REPORT** – circulated. Mayor Trinacty mentioned that the Council Coffee Chat is on Tuesday, October 7th. The public strategic planning sessions will be on Wednesday, October 8th at the Anglican Church Hall, and then the smaller, more targeted session will be on the 22nd at the Fire Hall.

Director Walsh, and EA Longmire left the meeting at 8:04 PM

f. **IN-CAMERA**

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA AT 8:04 PM.

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IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:31 PM.

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g. **ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:32 PM.

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**Approved by Committee of the Whole, October 28, 2025
As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant**