
ATTENDING

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2025, WERE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

DM Lutz inquired about getting the key for Town Hall. Director Dondale will follow up with the extra building keys.

5. COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Kwakernaak – Both she and Councillor Goddard attended the “Ready Together Evacuation and Recovery” session hosted by the Evangeline Club and the Kingston Lions. This was an inspiring event that highlighted the remarkable strength and resilience within our communities.

Councillor Goddard – The Poppy stations will be open around Town beginning Friday, October 31st. The Remembrance Day parade will begin at Foodland at 10:50 am on November 11th. The Remembrance Day dinner will be at the Legion at 6 pm. Tickets are available.

Mayor Trinacty – The Remembrance Day event at Berwick school will be on November 6th. Staff and Council are invited to attend.

Deputy Mayor Lutz – Congratulations to the West Kings boys' volleyball team on their win at the annual Halloween tournament. The inaugural Kingston Greenwood Sports Hall of Fame ceremony was held on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Several teams/players from West Kings High School were honoured.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Berwick School Advisory Committee Appointment

Council has been asked to have a representative on the Berwick School Advisory Committee, and Councillor Serino has agreed to be the representative. Council will make this appointment, as well as other Committee appointments, at the next council meeting.

b. Strategic Plan Update

Mayor Trinacty mentioned that the next session will be held on November 18th. The committees will continue to work on their key priority statement and begin some action planning. Councillor Jamieson is unable to attend the next session.

c. Code of Conduct for Elected Officials amendments

CAO Boyd reviewed the amendments the province recently announced to the Code of Conduct for elected officials. Only an elected member of Council can file a complaint against another current elected official.

d. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - circulated

- a. **Fire Department** – report as circulated
- b. **Community Development** – report as circulated. Manager Verrette highlighted that the holiday events in the Town will be from November 20th to 23rd. Also, the department will be attending the Immigration and Community Fair at Acadia on November 1st.
- c. **Public Works** – report circulated. Director Dondale highlighted that work continues on the sidewalk repairs on Commercial Street. Also, a presentation from CBCL on the process of the stormwater management plan was held with Council, and the public presentation is anticipated next month.
- d. **Finance** – report circulated. Busy with Berwick Electric Commission in relation to Factorydale. The evaluation completion phase is coming up and hope to have a recommendation for the Commission at the November meeting. Notification was received from NS Power for the fuel adjustment and maritime link costs, and as of September 30, 2024, the cost that the electric utility owed is approximately \$900,000, and we are awaiting final costs. The auditors are tentatively booked to come on-site the last week of November. The variance analysis will be circulated at the next Council meeting.

- e. **CAO** – report as circulated. CAO Boyd will be attending the retirement party for Dan Stoval and will make a presentation on behalf of the Town and Council.

e. COMMITTEE REPORTS – circulated

- a. **AREA** – Mayor Trinacty reviewed the report from the last AREA meeting
 - b. **Annapolis Valley Regional Library** – Councillor Walsh reported that the last AVRLE meeting was mainly in camera and not able to comment at this time.
 - c. **Fire Department Sub-Committee** – Mayor Trinacty reviewed the report. The Town has expressed concerns about being able to fund its portion of the new Tanks. Another meeting is scheduled for Oct 29th to further discuss this concern.
 - d. **KMCC Governance Committee** – CAO Boyd highlighted that the water sample for the building passed the last testing, and the signs have been removed. Councillor Goddard inquired about the possibility of two parking spaces designated as a crosswalk from an accessibility standpoint. The item will be added to the action items.
 - e. **Kings Point to Point** – report as circulated. Councillor Goddard mentioned that the staff luncheon was held today.
 - f. **Planning Advisory Committee** – Deputy Mayor Lutz reviewed the report from the last PAC Meeting.
 - g. **REMAC** – Mayor Trinacty highlighted that Dan Stovel is retiring at the end of October, and best wishes are extended from the Town.
 - h. **REN_LOC** – Councillor Jamieson reviewed the highlights from the last meeting.
 - i. **Valley Regional Services (Tidal Transit/Valley Waste)** – Mayor Trinacty highlighted that the board approved to redirect funds to purchase 7 hybrid diesel/electric buses.
- f. MAYOR'S REPORT** – circulated. The boxcar meeting scheduled for October 28th did not happen. Mayor Trinacty and some Town staff are participating in November.
- g. IN-CAMERA** - Nil
- h. ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:45 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

**Approved by Committee of the Whole, November 25, 2025
As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant**