
ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

6 members of the public

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

c. Keys/Fobs for Town Hall

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MAY 27, 2025, WERE ACCEPTED AS CIRCULATED.

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

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

CAO Boyd reviewed the Action items to date. It was noted that the Deed Transfer Tax will come into effect as of Thursday, June 26th.

5. COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Deputy Mayor Lutz** – special recognition to the Berwick Youth named to Team Nova Scotia Navy Male Hybrid (Indoor/Beach) Volleyball team competing at Eastern Elite Championships and VNS

Beach Provincials - Gabe Smith & Theo Franey. Also, Team NS Royal Male Indoor Volleyball team competing at Canada Cup in Ontario - Brayden Lee, Camden Peach, Eli Franey and Team NS Canada Games Team Indoor Volleyball competing at Canada Games in St John's Newfoundland -Aidan Peach. Congratulations are also extended to the graduates from Berwick & District Elementary School, West Kings and Central Kings High School.

- **Councillor Goodard** - reminder that the Java Walkers continue walking on Tuesday/Friday throughout the summer. Details are posted on the Town's social media.
- **Councillor Kwakernaak** – Introduced some of the guests in the gallery this evening – Daisy Dwyer, Heather Morse, Becca Lapierre Green & Sarah Mullin. These individuals have a special interest in the expansion of alcohol sale points.
- **Councillor Jamieson** - Indicated that Chris Palmer's annual ice cream social was currently taking place.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Provincial Consideration of Expanding Alcohol Sale Points

Mayor Trinacty provided background on the provincial government's proposed initiative to expand alcohol sales across the province. While Council intends to receive a formal presentation on the matter, members agreed that it would be more beneficial to first gain a clearer understanding of what is being proposed. Although the Province's press release indicated that it would engage with stakeholders, including municipalities, no direct communication has been received to date. Staff will continue to gather relevant information, and prepare a response as needed. The information sheets shared by the Councillor Walsh will be uploaded to SharePoint for Council's reference.

b) Berwick & District Community Association agreement

Mayor Trinacty reviewed the signed contract with BDCA. Councillor Serino questioned the lack of ice times in return for the Town's support. Councillor Jamieson requested quarterly reviews of staffing levels at the facility to mitigate any security concerns.

2 members of the public left the meeting at 7:00 pm

c) Keys or Fobs for Town Hall

Deputy Mayor Lutz expressed an interest in obtaining a key fob or keys to access Town Hall for evening meetings. Key fobs or keys will be provided to Councillors who would like them. A procedure for managing the alarm system will be developed and shared with those who have keys/fobs.

d) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** - circulated

- a. **Fire Department** – report as circulated.
- b. **Community Development** – report as circulated. Manager Verrette highlighted that the summer staff will be starting this week. The active transportation plan will be added to the website.
- c. **Public Works** – report circulated. Director Dondale provided an update on the issue affecting Union Street, and in particular, the Smokehouse Tap Room. The necessary remediation work has been completed, and operations are expected to return to normal tomorrow. Mayor Trinacty asked if there could be signage to indicate no parking from the intersection (traffic lights) to the Smokehouse on Union Street.
- d. **Finance** – Director Buchan provided further clarification on the Solar Garden HST recovery analysis. An email update will be sent to the Audit Committee regarding the audit process delay.
- e. **CAO** – CAO Boyd elaborated on the strong mayor's powers as discussed at the AMANS board meeting. The CAMA white paper that has been prepared will be circulated to Council.

1 member of the public left the meeting at 7:34 pm

e) **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – circulated

- a. **Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board** – Councillor Walsh reviewed the AVRL Board report as submitted
- b. **Community Development Committee** – Councillor Walsh reviewed the CDC report as submitted
- c. **Diversity Kings County** – Councillor Kwakernaak reviewed the report as submitted
- d. **Interim IMSA Audit Committee** – Councillor Serino reviewed the IMSA report as submitted.
- e. **KMCC Governance Committee** – Mayor Trinacty reviewed the report as submitted.
- f. **Kings County Trails Committee** – Councillor Goddard reviewed the Kings County Trails Committee report as submitted.
- g. **Kings Point to Point** – Councillor Goddard reviewed the KPPT report as submitted

f) **MAYOR'S REPORT** – report as circulated.

g) **ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:00 PM TO A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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Approved by Council, August 26, 2025
As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant