
ATTENDING

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

1 person in attendance

REGRETS:

Councillor Justin Serino

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2025, WERE ACCEPTED AS CIRCULATED.

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

The action items were reviewed. Councillor Lutz asked to have the addition of a crosswalk to the bike park added and considered in budget discussions.

5. COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Deputy Mayor Kwakernaak** – Attended the musical concert at the Berwick Legion, which raised \$2700 for the Berwick Food Bank. She reminded everyone that February is African Heritage month, and the County of Kings is hosting a proclamation event on Monday evening. She also wanted to recognize the neighbours helping neighbours during the recent snow and winter weather, very much appreciated.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Public Safety

Mayor Trinacty reviewed the orientation package and mobile app that the Police Advisory subcommittee has developed for RCMP officers to clarify patrol expectations, including maps, bylaws, and community contacts. There was also a business survey to gather feedback on policing needs, and a series of monthly public safety workshops in partnership with the King's Senior Safety Program.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – circulated

- a. **Community Development** – Manager Verrette highlighted that the Active Living Strategy report card was introduced to track progress on the strategy. The report card will mirror the Accessibility Plan report card. The community events calendar launched on the town website, allowing local groups to submit events. She will confirm the Wildcat sponsorship game and send out the details.
- b. **Public Works** – Director Dondale mentioned that a new wastewater operator was hired. The aeration and blower upgrades should be complete this week to improve efficiency and reduce odours. The snow removal contractor's performance and sidewalk clearing methods are under review.
- c. **Finance** – Director Walsh highlighted that the audit preparation is ongoing, and the auditors are expected to be on-site in late March.
- d. **CAO** – CAO Boyd highlighted the update to the Town of Berwick's website. It is a visual update and not a content update.

Mayor Trinacty recognized the Town Staff for managing heavy workloads and multiple projects.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS – circulated

- a. **Homelessness Advisory Committee** – Deputy Mayor Kwakernaak reviewed the report as submitted.
- b. **AVRL Meeting** – CAO Boyd reviewed the report as submitted.
- c. **Berwick Electric Commission** – Mayor Trinacty reviewed the report from the last BEC meeting, highlighting that the BEC Relief fund has been launched.
- d. **Community Development** – Councillor Walsh reviewed the Community Development Committee report as submitted.
- e. **KMCC Governance** – CAO Boyd highlighted from the report that the comfort center coordination at KMCC is ongoing.
- f. **Kings Point to Point** – report as submitted
- g. **Planning Advisory Committee** – Councillor Lutz gave a verbal report from the last PAC meeting, which had to be rescheduled to January 19th.

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- h. **Police Services Advisory Board** – Mayor Trinacty gave an overview of the last PSAB meeting. Members were officially sworn in, and the Police Advisory Board bylaw was reviewed.
 - i. **Valley Regional Services** – Mayor Trinacty reviewed the report as submitted.

9. MAYOR’S REPORT – circulated.

Mayor Trinacty highlighted that there will be a funding announcement at the Town Hall on Friday at 10 am. Reminder of the Council/Staff budget workshop on Thursday afternoon.

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:05 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

**Approved by Committee of the Whole, February 27, 2026
As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant**