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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - July 11, 1995

Present:

Chairman

Mayor John W. Rainforth

Deputy Mayor Michael J. Munday Councillor Bruce H. Morse Councillor John P. Prall

Councillor Michael E. Trinacty Councillor Gary W. Whittier Councillor Ronald G. Reeves Judith Mitchell, Town Clerk Connie Coles, Recording Secretary

In Attendance:

Ms. Sara White, Berwick Register

Janice Stockman, Summer Recreation Intern

1.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. and welcomed Ms. Stockman to the meeting.

2.

Approval of Previous Minutes

(a) Hearing of no errors or omissions, the chairman approved the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 13, and Special Council of July 4, 1995 as circulated.

(b) Copies of the following minutes were circulated for the information of \_\_\_\_\_ council:

(i)	Public Police Commission	June 21, 1995
(ii)	Special Electric Commission	June 22, 1995
(iii)	Finance Committee	June 22, 1995
(iv)	Finance Committee	June 27, 1995
(v)	Finance Committee	June 29, 1995
(vi)	Special Council	July 4, 1995
(vii)	Recreation Committee	July 5, 1995
(viii)	Public Works Committee	July 11, 1995
(ix)	Licensing Committee	July 11, 1995

3. Committee Reports

(a) Kings Transit Grand Opening

Councillor Morse reported to Council that he had attended the Grand Opening held by Kings Transit in Kingston, and went on the bus tour of the area. Council members from other municipalities were also in attendance, and he felt that the overall feeling for the new bus route is positive.

(b) ETTA

Councillor Morse attended the ETTA workshop recently held in Halifax and noted that Joanne Goode and Al Howard were also in attendance.

(c) Social Services

,councillor Morse reviewed the Monthly Report for June 1995, noting that persons receiving assistance in June was higher than in May, but consistent with this time last year. Homes for Special Care are down slightly, and no changes to report from the Employment Resource Centre.

(d) Licensing Committee

As a result of two requests to have taxi licenses renewed, it was moved by Councillor Morse and seconded by councillor Trinacty, that on recommendation of the Licensing Committee, Council approve the request to grant Taxi Licenses to Star Taxi and C & S Taxi for 1995/96. Both applicants have met Berwick Police Department requirements.

Motion Carried

(e) CED

Deputy Mayor Munday reported that a letter had been received regarding CED funding; the ACOA funding for 1995/96 has been approved at \$160, 000; the Planning Funds budgeted for \$32, 000 have been approved at \$25, 000. The first quarter billing to Berwick has also been received. The next meeting of the CED will be August 16; Deputy Mayor Munday will be unable to attend and requested that if anyone else is interested in attending, to notify the Clerk.

(f) Planning Advisory Committee

Two requests have been received for the Planning Advisory Committee; a meeting will be held in the near future to address these.

(g) Fire Department

Councillor Prall reported that all was running smoothly within the Department. Approval of 1995/96 Budget, with minor cuts noted, was received well. There are 50 pagers available from the Town of Kentville, which can be purchased for approximately the same cost as purchasing 15 new pagers, as Kentville is switching to a different communications system. As well, Chief Terry Hiltz and Alan Schurman recently attended the Annual Fire Convention.

(h) Solid Waste Management

Mayor Rainforth, councillor Prall, Councillor Reeves and the Clerk attended a meeting on July 10 at the Municipality of the County of Kings to further discuss Solid Waste Management. There was a review of the closure of the present landfill site, which will cost approximately \$4 million.

discussions were held concerning possibilities of regionalization.

Further  
Mayor

Rainforth commented that Kings County could financially maintain a separate

landfill operation, but indicated that it would be more cost effective for the other municipalities involved if efforts were combined. A meeting is scheduled for July 17, 1995 in clare to further discussions.

(i)

Recreation

Councillor Trinacty updated council on several items: the summer programs; the Beach Volley Ball Court and the T-Ball field are now in use and doing well.

councillor Trinacty updated council on the upcoming Summer Active Challenge '95 , which will commence on Saturday , July 15. The Challenge is designed to encourage people to become active on a more regular basis.

There will be weekly draws for prizes, a prize for overall participation, and a prize for the municipal unit with the highest number of participants. The Recreation Chairman has requested that Council participate, and noted that all participants are to contact the Recreation Department to register. council agreed to participate.

(j)

Apple Blossom Float

Councillor Morse informed Council that Berwick's Apple Blossom Float was entered in the Kingston Parade on the weekend and took first place for Most Artistic Float.

(k) Streets

Councillor whittier reported that the Dump Truck policy is now in place, and that effective immediately, whenever the vehicle is parked in a private area, the keys will be removed and the vehicle locked; also, it will no longer be available to pick up shingles.

Mr. Sandy Dewar, Howard Little and Gary Gould have gone over all of the Infrastructure paving requirements, and it will be done to the satisfaction of the Public works Superintendent. Streets Chairman Whittier also informed Council the new Lift Station on Mill Street will still be in the same location when Infrastructure work is completed; however, the sidewalk will be routed slightly to go around the Lift Station.

It was moved by Councillor whittier and seconded by Councillor Morse that capital funding for paving in the amount of \$35, 000 be allocated as follows:

1)

sidewalk: Pave/Patch South Street sidewalk from Maple Road to commercial Street;

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Sidewalks: Pave/Patch Commercial Street sidewalks, both sides, bad spots only, from Town Office to railway/Mill Street intersection area;

3)

Streets: Maple Avenue - Pave/Patch all sewer cuts and rough areas from Cottage Street Intersection to Main Street Intersection;

4)

streets: East Main street - Pave/Patch rough areas from Commercial street intersection to Town Limits;

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streets: West Main street - Pave/Patch rough areas from Commercial street intersection to Foster street intersection;

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streets:

Commercial street - Recap over old railway crossing.

Motion Carried

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Finance

Councillor Reeves will deal with financial matters under new business.

(m) Mayors Report

The Chairman noted that there was a Special Electric Commission Meeting this month to meet with the Auditors to approve the year end Financial Statements for 1994/95. The Electric Commission ended the year with a minor deficit of (\$3, 182 ), which was excellent given the generator problems and low water supplies.

(n) Building Permit/Planning Report

The Clerk/Development Officer reported that two additional permits were issued during the month, bringing the total residential permits issued to eight.

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Correspondence

(a) A memorandum from UNSM President indicating that a new AMA Records Management Committee has been formed to inventory and survey the records of local government and formulate a retention schedule to ensure proper records management (and to save money, time, and space). For the information of Council.

(b) A letter from Dr. Jim Smith, Department of Community Services, indicating that the 1995/96 Social Services

Budget has been approved; however, costsharing with the province will only apply up to the level of 1994/95 expenditures. After such point, the municipality will bear the full cost at 100%. For the information of Council.

- (c) A bound report entitled "Council of Maritime premiers, Annual Report: 1993/94", along with several Communiques indicating that Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island governments are still committed to a strategic program of economic cooperation. For the information of Council.
- (d) A letter and report from Dr. Ron Stewart, Department of Health, entitled "From Blueprint to Building. . . Renovating Nova Scotia's Health System". Many of you may have already seen this report at the recent Public Hospital

(e) A request from the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis organization to proclaim "Shinerama Day" on Saturday, September 9, for a fundraiser being 'put on at Acadia University. It was unanimously agreed to proclaim September 9 as Shinerama Day.

(f) A corrected report from the Department of Education and Culture entitled "Report of the Regional Public Libraries Funding Review Committee". For the information of Council.

The balance of the correspondence was of a routine nature or passed to committees for action.

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#### Bills and Accounts

It was moved by Councillor Reeves and seconded by Councillor Morse that the attached list of bills and accounts in the amount of \$104,761.59 be approved for payment.

Motion Carried

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#### New Business

(a) Approval of Year End Financial Statements:

1994/95

It was moved by Councillor Reeves and seconded by Deputy Mayor Munday that the Year End Financial Statements for 1994/95 be approved as presented:

Town of Berwick 1994/95

Berwick Electric Commission 1994/95

Surplus \$5,206 Deficit (\$3,182)

Motion Carried

(b) Municipal Corporation:

Local Borrowing Resolution

It was moved by Councillor Reeves and seconded by Councillor Whittier that recommendation be made to Council that local temporary borrowing in the amount of \$400,000 be approved to defer current expenditures as cash flow requirements dictate.

Motion Carried

(c) Temporary Borrowing Debenture

It was moved by Councillor Reeves and seconded by Deputy Mayor Munday that application be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs for a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$50,000 for the proposed 1995/96 Infrastructure Program, phase II.

Motion Carried

(d) street Vendors

,The Clerk presented a report outlining regulations applicable to street vendors (Le. hawkers and peddlars) being parked on streets for the purpose of selling meat, fish and vegetable products, etc. The Clerk recommended the current Hawkers/Peddlars By-Law be amended as some of it is now obsolete. After some discussion, Councillor Reeves suggested that the Licensing Committee review the By-Law in the fall. The Mayor thanked the Clerk for a comprehensive report. Matter passed on to the Licensing Committee for action, to study the By- Law for amendments and start re-drafting in September, along with input from the Local Traffic Authority.

(e) By-Law Amendment:

Building Inspection Fees

Deputy Mayor Munday held second reading of an Amendment to By- Law 135, Building By- Law, to bring in new fee structures for building permits, consistent with the Municipality of the County of Kings. There being no discussion or amendments when called for, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Trinacty to proceed to the third reading of said By-Law.

Motion Carried

Upon completion of the third reading, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Prall to adopt said By-Law 135 as amended.

Motion Carried

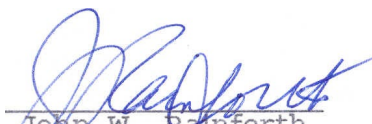
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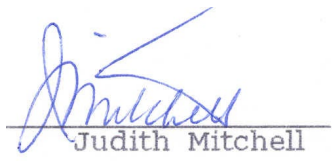
It was moved by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Whittier to cancel the regular meeting of Council for the month of August, and resume regular Council on September 12, 1995.

Motion Carried

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There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8: 06 p. m.

  
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John W. Rainforth  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judith Mitchell", is written over a horizontal line.

Judith Mitchell  
Town Clerk & Treasurer