

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - June 13, 1995

Present:

chairman

Mayor John W. Rainforth

Deputy Mayor Michael J. Munday councillor Bruce H. Morse Councillor Gary W. Whittier councillor
Ronald G. Reeves Councillor Michael E. Trinacty Judith Mitchell, Town Clerk connie Coles, Recording
Secretary

,Absent:

Councillor John P. Prall

In attendance:

Mr. Robert Stewart, solicitor Mr. Dwight Johnson, School Board Representative Mr. Alton Powers,
Board of Trade Mrs. Claudette sturk, Berwick school
Mrs. Kaye Logie, Berwick School Five Berwick Elementary School students Ms. Sara White, Berwick
Register

1.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7: 00 p . m . and welcomed the teachers and Grade Seven
students from the Berwick and District Elementary School, who are currently studying Municipal
Government.

2.

Approval of Previous Minutes

(a) Hearing of no errors or omissions, the chairman approved the minutes of
the regular council meeting of May 9, 1995 as circulated.

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

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Fire Department Budget Meeting Personnel Committee

Licensing Committee

Personnel committee

Police Commission

Public works Budget Meeting Recreation Committee

May 15, 1995 May 16, 1995 May 16, 1995 May 31, 1995 May 31, 1995 June 6, 1995 June 7, 1995

The Personnel Committee minutes for May 31, 1995, were approved as amended, noting councillor Morse is the Chairman of Personnel, not Council Trinacty .

3.

Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Kings Transit

The Chairman reported on Kings Transit, noting that the Town of Wolfville has signed a Letter of Agreement to have the bus route extended to Greenwood. The Chairman and Clerk will be meeting with Mr. Andy Patterson on Thursday to discuss Berwick's position.

(b) CED

,A CED Funding Meeting has been held with Mr. Jack Jones, Mr. Leonard Poetschke, and the four Municipal Clerks to discuss quarterly funding formulas. Further update to follow.

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School Board Report

Mr. Johnson briefed Council on current issues relating to the school Board as follows:

(a) The Minister of Education has announced that the Education Reform Program is now in place, with four areas confirmed for amalgamation, one being the Annapolis Valley area (which includes West Hants, Kings County and Annapolis County).

(b) A meeting was held earlier today to discuss an amended bus proposal from Perry Rand. Annapolis Valley School Board has since agreed with the amended proposal; currently awaiting Provincial approval. There has been a 3% cut in the Kings County School Board budget, which will result in a shortfall of \$2.5 million; and lead to a reduction in teaching staff, unless the bus sale proceeds. Berwick and District Elementary school will not be affected by the teacher cutbacks; however, there is a need for a Vice principal, which is under consideration.

(c) Kings County District school Board is looking to implement a Community Volunteer plan in the fall to channel efforts from some of the many volunteers who used to participate at the Western Kings Memorial Hospital.

A Site- Based Management Program is underway, and volunteers may be asked to pitch in for a "General Clean-up Day" or something of that nature.

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Committee

Reports

(a) Solid Waste Management Tour:

Cumberland

Councillor Morse informed Council of a recent tour undertaken by himself, Councillor Prall and Public Works Superintendent Gary Gould, of the Municipal Balefill Site in Irishtown, located in the Municipality of the County

of Colchester; tour sponsored by the Municipality of the County of Kings. Whereas the Whynott Settlement facility focuses on recycling and composting, the Cumberland facility concentrates on baling waste into compacted blocks and then into a new State-of-the-Art balefill. This complex cost \$3.5 million and is not yet complete. Councillor Brian Van Rooyen of the Municipality of the County of Kings indicated that Kings County will soon have to make a decision on what is to be done with local

garbage.

(b) Planning Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Munday briefly outlined the purpose of the Planning Advisory Committee for the guests from the Berwick and District Elementary School, and noted there was nothing new to report, having only recently completed the major task of revising the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for the next five years.

(c) Community Economic Development

Deputy Mayor Munday spoke about the role of the CED; that it is an organization designed to stimulate community economic development between

Kings County and the four other Municipal units. A draft proposal entitled Development Strategy and Action Plan has been received; a meeting will be held on June 29, 1995, to discuss the draft.

(d) Fire Department

Councillor Prall was away; however, the Fire Budget Meeting has been held. No other report is available for Council.

(e) Recreation

Councillor Trinacty commented on the following items:

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Registration for summer programs will take place on Saturday, June 17, from 8:30 to 12:00 noon.

The Tourist Bureau is currently in the process of hiring summer staff for July - September, 1995: two Tourist Bureau Attendants. The Gala Days Committee will be hiring an additional person, who will be available to help at the Tourist Bureau from time to time.

A Beach Volleyball area and a T- Ball Field are being considered for the field area directly behind the Town Hall; to be done at minimal expense.

The Recreation Department has been awarded the Hour Glass Award, for its provision of the Wheelchair Basketball Program and its Integrated Day Camp Program.

A request has been received from the Berwick Arena Association, for permission to erect a refreshment tent for use in August. It was moved by Councillor Trinacty and seconded by Councillor Morse to allow the Berwick Arena Association to erect a refreshment tent

following the same hours and conditions as in prior years.

Motion Carried

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streets

,Councillor whittier reported that the Public Works Department has started preparing the Town Hall field for T-Ball. otherwise, . it is business as usual: mowing grass, planting flowers, painting lines, cleaning up ditches and catch basins from winter. A request was received from Moody's to move and enlarge drainage lines behind the grocery store to better accommodate drainage. That request will be forwarded to the Finance Committee at the direction of Council. The infrastructure work, Phase II, is still in progress. Maple street and Main street have settled considerably; paving should get underway soon.

(g) Finance

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Councillor Reeves briefly outlined the duties of the Finance Committee to the guests, and noted that the Audit is now in process. The Finance Committee will be meeting in the near future to review the Year-End Financial statements and discuss the 95/96 Budget and Tax Rate.

The Annual Meeting of the Hospital Board will be held on Thursday, June 22, 1995 at 7: 00 p. m., at the Western Kings Memorial Health Centre Cafeteria. Councillor Reeves urged as many Council members as possible to try and attend this important meeting. The Board hopes to have a layout of the renovation plans available at that time. of particular importance will be discussion regarding the required "Licenses to operate an Acute Care Facility". The Public is urged to attend this important meeting as well.

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(h) Mayors Report

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The Chairman noted that there was no Electric Commission Meeting this month.

Mayor Rainforth reported that the Police Audit has been completed, which was developed as a result of the Marshall Inquiry. Provincial standards have been set and the Audit is to be done to ensure that standards and regulations have been adhered to. Preliminary report received from Sgt Dennis Kelly, head of the Audit, was favourable. A final report will probably be ready in the Fall.

(i) Building Permit/Planning Report

The Clerk/Development Officer reported that during the period March to June 1995, 18 permits were

issued; this includes three demolition permits, and six single family residence permits; value of permits to date totals approximately \$1.6 million.

(j) Visit of Apple Blossom Party

,Deputy Mayor Munday reported that, on behalf of the Mayor, he had attended the Apple Blossom Luncheon at the Baptist Church for Queen Annapolisa and her Royal Party, along with members of the RCMP. The Luncheon was informal and relaxing; conversation centred on the many experiences of the Apple Blossom Queen and Princesses while participating in the Festival.

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Correspondence

(a) Letter from the Victorian Order of Nurses outlining the increasing demands placed on the VON to deliver nursing services in the Community. Their 1995/96 budget reflects a 10% increase overall; and a request to the Town of Berwick for a \$2,500 grant. This request was passed to the Finance Committee.

(b) An eight-page letter from NDP member, John Holm, outlining profound objections to federal budget law, Bill C-76, which will cut funds to long term health, education and community programs. This document is on file with the Clerk should anyone wish to receive a copy. For information only.

(c) Received a 30-page coil bound report entitled "Report of the Regional Public Libraries Funding Review Committee", and accompanying letter from Department of Education Minister indicating that the recommendations for funding changes have been accepted as presented in the report. Have also received correspondence from the provincial librarian indicating that Berwick's contribution for 1995/96 is \$8,154 and amounts to 2.18% of the total funding required. Information is on file with the Clerk if anyone wishes to view it. It was noted that one computer is now installed in the Library for the use of the Librarian, and a second one is coming for the use of the Public.

(d) A memorandum from the UNSM regarding the 1995 UNSM Annual Conference to be held in Yarmouth from October 11 - 13, 1995; and requesting that accommodation bookings be made on July 31. Circulated to Council; Clerk requests that any Councillor planning to attend the UNSM Conference advise promptly so that all the necessary arrangements can be made.

(e) A request from Jane Mayer, of the Senior Citizen's Secretariat, that The Good Neighbours Campaign, based on an Ontario government model, promoted in Nova Scotia, as a way of creating "safer, more caring communities." A member of the Senior Citizen IS Secretariat is available to speak to an interested group if Council so wishes. Circulated for the information of Council.

(f) A notice from the Annapolis Valley Work Activity Society advising that the Annual General Meeting is to be held on Thursday, June 22, 1995, at 7:00

p.m. at the Annapolis Valley Work Centre, 17 Chipman Drive, Kentville Industrial Park. For the information of Council.

(g) Kings County District School Board Minutes, for the May 3, 1995 Board Meeting. Distributed for the information of council.

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

7.

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 \$106,209.53 be approved for payment.

Motion Carried

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New Business

(a) Board of Trade - Apple

Mr. Alton Palmer, on behalf of the Board of Trade, presented a proposal to mount the apple that sits on display in front of the Tourist Bureau, onto a 6' high pedestal, and install it at the rear of the Civic Centre Park in front of the Town Hall, (roughly where the christmas tree was displayed last winter). The pedestal would be 12" in diameter, and firmly anchored into a ground level concrete base. Once installed, the base will be covered with earth and planted with flowers and shrubbery. Two leaves will be

manufactured to enhance the refurbished apple, and gold lettering on the apple will read "Berwick - The Apple Capital". The height of six feet should make the apple more visible from Commercial Street, as well as suitable for taking tourist photographs.

The cost of refurbishing the apple, installing a vent, putting on lettering, doing the base, and supplying the pedestal will be paid for by the Board of Trade. The Town's Public Works Department will provide the labour to install the Apple on site.

After considerable discussion by Council, it was moved by Councillor whittier to permit the Board of Trade to proceed with the Apple being placed in the Civic Centre Park, as per their proposal. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Munday.

Motion Carried

The Mayor thanked Mr. Palmer for his presentation, and noted that, at some future date, a walkway from the parking lot to the Apple will be put in place, as funds allow.

(b) Dining Establishment Guide

,Councillor whittier reported that Berwick Gala Days was not mentioned in the Places to Eat in Nova Scotia Dining Guide, under the Festival listing. Deputy Mayor Munday noted that in the past, all information has been


forwarded to the correct organizations, and the Gala Days was still not in the guide, and feels that it is not due to lack of information on the part of the Town. The matter will be forwarded to the attention of the Recreation Director.

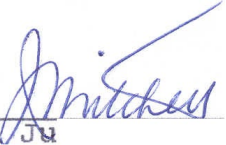
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Council moved to a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 8: 20 p. m. and returned to regular Council at 8: 35 p. m .

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There being no further business, council adjourned at 8: 36 p. m .


John W. Rainforth
Chairman


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