

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting - March 14, 1995

Present:

chairman

Mayor John W. Rainforth

Deputy Mayor Michael J. Munday Councillor Bruce H. Morse Councillor Gary Whittier Councillor Ronald G.

Reeves Councillor Michael E. Trinaety Judith Mitchell, Town Clerk Robert Stewart, Solicitor

Connie Coles, Recording Secretary

,In attendance:

Mr. Dwight Johnson, School Board Representative Mr. Paul Easson, Board of Trade

Mr. Joe Maund, Board of Trade

Ms. Sara White, Berwick Register

Absent:

Councillor John P. Prall

1.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7: 00 p. m .

2.

Approval of Previous Minutes

(a) Hearing of no errors or omissions, the Chairman approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 14, 1995 as circulated.

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

(i) (ii) (iii) (iv)

Special Personnel Committee Police Commission Licensing Committee Recreation Committee

- February 14, 1995 - February 21, 1995 - March 7, 1995

- March 8, 1995

3.

School Board Report

The chairman welcomed Mr. Dwight Johnson and invited him to address Council on the Kings County District School Board. Mr. Johnson reported on the

following items:

(a) The white Paper, entitled "Education Horizon" released from the Department of Education is now available. Dr. Jim Gunn, Superintendent of Kings county School Board, has indicated that he will be available to address Council in the near future to discuss areas of concern that Council may have.

(b) Tenders are out on the sale of the school busses. The Minister of Education has confirmed that any monies received from the sale will be for the use of the Kings County School Board, but must be used on capital expenditures.

(c) Berwick School deficiency list is still being addressed and progress is being made;

(d) Funding issues are still not finalized, but it has been determined that it will be based on student population;

(e) Mr. Johnson will provide Council with a copy of a report that will be forwarded to the Department of Education from the Kings County School Board addressing their concerns on certain aspects of the White Paper.

4.

#### Kings Transit

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Paul Easson, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Berwick & District Board of Trade, and invited him to address Council.

Mr. Easson spoke on the issue of Kings Transit expanding its service to include Berwick, Aylesford, Kingston and Greenwood. While interested in discussing western expansion of the Transit, Mr. Easson stated that the Board of Trade does not have a strong recommendation for or against the Transit Service, but offered the services of the Board of Trade's Transportation Committee to support the Town, if needed. He also requested that Council try to attend an upcoming Public Meeting on expanding the transit service to Greenwood (date and time not available yet).

Deputy Mayor Munday outlined discussions from the Mayors and Wardens meeting held March 13, 1995 in Wolfville. The transit situation was reviewed to date from each municipal unit; the issues were determined to be (1) the core route: Wolfville to Berwick, and (2) western expansion: Kentville to Greenwood. The remainder of the meeting was a discussion of how Wolfville, Kentville and Kings County wish to operate the core route, although indication was given that western expansion will take place in due course if the interest and public support is there. The concern of the participating municipal units was that the core route be made more stable and financially secure. However, Berwick did request that they be kept up-to-date on any new developments in regard to western expansion.

Both Mr. Easson and Deputy Mayor Munday expressed concern over cost-sharing figures provided by Kings Transit Authority to date and costing for the expanded route. Councillor Trinacty commented that there appears to be a conflict between expansion of transit service and the need to control costs/deficits and downsize.

Mr. Joe Maund then addressed Council and made the following point: that philosophically, it is easy to agree with western expansion, but the practicality of the matter may be harder to deal with. The Mayor added that Kings Transit Authority also has to respond by coming forward with more business-like propositions and costs.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Easson and Mr. Maund for their comments and they withdrew.

5.

## Committee

### Reports

#### (a) Personnel Committee

,Councillor Morse reported that a memo has been sent to Department Heads advising of the status of this new Committee, and its function and goals. Department Heads were asked to provide the Clerk, by March 15, copies of job descriptions and policies and procedures that they currently have in place. Councillor Morse will meet with the Clerk to review this information.

#### (b) Social Services Committee

February report has been received and points were noted for the information of Council, as well as recent Department of Health changes on Social Services cost-sharing arrangements.

#### (c) Licensing Committee

Councillor Morse reported that one Eating Establishment License had been issued to the Berwick and District School Cafeteria. As well, Mr. Gerald Parker had made written application for an Automatic Machine License at 162 Commercial Street. The Licensing Committee met to review his request on March 7, 1995. Therefore, Councillor Morse requested ratification of a motion to approve the recommendation of the Licensing Committee to issue an Automatic Machine License to Mr. Gerald Parker, with stipulations as agreed at the March 7, 1995 meeting. Motion seconded by councillor Trinacty.

### Motion Carried

chief DeWolfe has been made aware of the stipulations attached to the License and will act accordingly.

Councillor Morse, on behalf of the Licensing Committee, requested permission from Council to review the Automatic Machine By-Law to address current and future uses, with the aim of amending the said By- Law. Council Agreed.

#### (d) Recreation Workshop/Open House

Councillor Morse attended a one day workshop at the Kentville Recreation Centre that he found to be worthwhile. He wishes to make a presentation to the Recreation Committee on the workshop and later to present it to Council, if Council so wishes.

Councillor Morse also attended a House Warming for the Small Options Complex recently opened on parkview Street in Kentville.

#### (e) Community Economic Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Munday noted that he was unable to attend the last meeting of the CED but has received

the minutes. The new Chairperson of the CED is Isabel Madeira-Voss. A Public Workshop for the western area was held

on February 21; ten people attended. Discussions were held on the objectives of the CED and what steps were necessary to accomplish these goals. The Board of Trade will be the catalyst for the Western Kings Valley Area. Deputy Mayor Munday noted that Mr. Len Poetschke has expressed an interest in attending Council meeting on April 11, 1995. The Clerk will confirm his attendance at that meeting.

Deputy Mayor Munday also reported on discussions that took place at the QHCWK Meeting on March 9, 1995, and outlined the proposed plans for Western Kings Memorial Hospital with the upcoming closure of the hospital. Apparently, the Department of Health will be responsible for Floor 1 and the Department of Community services will be responsible for Floors 2 and 3. A Corporation will be formed to raise private funds to pay for upcoming renovations of the facility; no funds from the Province are forthcoming.

(f) Recreation

Councillor Trinacty noted the written report from the Recreation Director, and advised on the following issues:

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- ii)
- iii )
- iv)
- v)

The Recreation Committee has put together an Environmental Group to look at environmental issues.

A Seniors Group has been contacted to see if there was interest in participating in the Tourist Bureau this summer. No response to date.

The March Break program is well underway.

The Section 25 Grant has been approved for approximately \$11,745 (including materials). The manpower services of the Berwick and District Community Association will, therefore, not be required this year. The Recreation Department has received excellent service from the Berwick and District community Association in prior years, however dollars and cents dictate this change in operations. The Parks Maintenance person will work at the direction of the Recreation Director.

Would like to highlight the events/happenings of the Recreation Department on an ongoing basis to better promote recreation in the community and awareness of what is available. The Recreation Director is currently working on this.

(g) Fire committee

As Councillor Prall was unable to attend the most recent meeting of the Fire

Committee, Councillor whittier attended on his behalf and reminded Council of the upcoming tour being held on March 28, 1995, commencing at 7: 00 p.m.

(h) streets

Councillor Whittier noted that some of the Public Works employees have been flagging for the Berwick Electric Commission for a job on the Hall Road. He also noted that the Department will be continuing their work on the diseased Dutch Elm trees. Mr. Gould and Mr. MacLellan have been reviewing the implications of the new Environmental Act to their Department. As well, Mr. Gould and Mr. MacLellan will be attending a Public works Seminar in Sydney, Nova Scotia, on April 5, 6, and 7. The chairman extended his thanks and appreciation on behalf of Council to Mr. MacLellan, as well as Mr. Gould, for the excellent job done on restoring the old school bell.

(i)

Finance

Councillor Reeves had nothing new to report this month.

(j) Mayors Report

The Chairman advised there was very little for him to report this month. The Police Commission has signed a Letter of Agreement with the Local PANS unit and documents outlining provisions of the 12-Hour shift have been forwarded to the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Board for approval. Later in April, Henson College, in conjunction with the UNSM and the FCM, are presenting a one-day conference on Municipal Amalgamation, followed by a Public/Private Partnering Conference the next day. The Chairman wishes to attend, if his schedule permits, to keep up with all of the many changes coming to local government.

Correspondence

6.

(a) Fax from Voice of the Earth Society (V.O.T.E.S.) requesting a motion from Council regarding moratorium on Uranium Mining be extended. Council has declined to respond.

(b) UNSM Memo - Federal Budget's Impact on Municipal Units. information of Council.

For the

(c) UNSM Memo - outcome of UNSM Executive Meeting with Province. information of Council.

For the

(d) Letter from the Honourable sandy Jolly, Department of Municipal Affairs, with revised figures for the Town of Berwick on Municipal Service Exchange. For the information of Council.

(e) Kings County District School Board Minutes for February 1, 1995. information of Council.

For the

(f) Letter from the Association of Professional Engineers of NS (APENS), requesting the Town's participation (re: tour

or open house) to recognize municipal engineering accomplishments. Council agrees to participate if Hiltz & Seamone so wish; we will cooperate in any way required.

(g) Letter from Warden Fraser, Kings County, re: Kings Transit to be the only Agenda item at Mayors/Wardens meeting. For the information of Council.

(h) A Thank You letter from the Berwick and District School Band for the Town's donation. For the information of council.

(i)

A fax from the Town of Windsor requesting a press release from towns and cities to protest the unfairness of Municipal Exchange on towns vs municipalities. Council has agreed to have the Finance Committee follow up on this matter closer to budget time.

(j)

A letter from Atlantic Resource Conversion Cooperative Ltd., from Wolfville, offering their services for waste management consulting, specializing in composting. For the information of Council.

(k) A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs seeking to "update, modernize and consolidate" legislation governing local government in NS; and requesting that Council write if they have any suggestions for the committee's review. For the information of Council. Clerk to contact the UNSM to check on the issue of a charter of Municipal Units; Council to look at any submissions initiated by the UNSM executive.

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 Trinacty that the attached list of bills and accounts in the amount of \$74,988.38 be approved for payment.

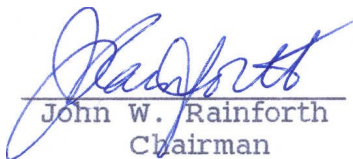
Motion Carried

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Council moved to a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 8: 52 p. m. and returned to regular Council at 9: 23 p. m .

9.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9: 24 p. m.

  
John W. Rainforth  
Chairman

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

Judith M  
Town Clerk  
Mitchell  
& Treasurer