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(b) 75th BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE

Councillor Morse reported that the next meeting of the 75th Birthday Committee was scheduled for Oct. 15th at 7 p. m., but would have to be re-scheduled due to a conflict with the Band Supper and Lions Club Meeting. The next planned event will be a Historical Heritage Evening being put together by Councillor Clarke for the evening of october 17th.

(c) SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillor Banks read aloud a letter from the provincial Dept. of Community Services indicating that the Contract between their Dept. and the Town for delivery of social services had been reconciled and adjusted to reflect the Town's audited figure of \$ 77003. , (down from the original figure of \$ 91599). Based on the UNSM Memorandum of Agreement, the 1998/99 contribution will be reduced by a further 15% to an amount payable of \$ 65453, or \$5454/month. These final figures now agree to the Town's Budget.

(d) KINGS CED AGENCY

Councillor Banks reported that the application for funding for the Apple capital Museum Society had been made to three sectoral committees of the Agency: Tourism, Western Kings, and Education. The Education Sectoral Committee declined the funding application, preferring instead to use their funding for more directly related educational items. However, funding was approved by the other two sectoral committees in the amount of \$1500. each.

Councillor Banks also advised that the CED Executive Director, Mr. Robin Marshall, had his contract extended for an additional 18 months, effective october 1,1998, to be tied in with approved CED funding commitments.

(e) VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Councillor Clarke reported that the months of August and september have been extremely busy for the Authority with over 7 meetings. Announcements by the Minister of Environment that the Meadowview Landfill Site will be closed in June 1999 has also created additional pressure to come up with a workable infrastructure to accommodate the solid waste requirements of the Region.

Also need to comply with the upcoming organics Ban imposed by the Dept. of Environment. Not decided just yet exactly how. Probably by use of compost carts for each household - this will be an expensive proposition. Have to ensure that organics do not end up in with the regular garbage.

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(f) FIRE COMMITTEE

Going very well. Councillor Clarke advised that a recent ammonia situation at the Arena had been handled quite well by local firefighters. For volunteers, they do a very professional job, especially when working with hazardous chemicals. The BDVFD recently hosted an Open House for Fire Prevention Week. Lots of information was given out to the public; good attendance; excellent speeches from the candidates for Fire Prevention Queen.

(g) RECREATION COMMITTEE & TOURISM

Councillor Trinacty reported that the Fall Program of events is now out. As well, the Recreation News in the Berwick Register will be in a new format. Looking at a Hall of Fame evening or event to honour past or current athletes. Plan to set up a subcommittee to have a look at it with first meeting to be held on Oct. 28th.

The Tourism Visitor Information Centre stats are now in for the past season which reflect an increase of 345 visitors: up 18%. Last year was 1813: this year is up to 2158. The increase is attributed to more American tourists, as well as having the Tourist Bureau open for an extra two weeks. Breakdowns are as follows: American tourists 17%; Foreign tourists 4% *i* and Canadian tourists 79%.

(h) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Councillor Trinacty reviewed recent recommendations from the Personnel Committee on the development of a Policy and Handbook for public appointees to be appointed to Committees, Commissions, and Boards. Two new Committees are being put forth: a local CED Committee to promote local economic development in Berwick (in conjunction with the Board of Trade) *i* and a Tree Committee to help plan and direct the removal of diseased or hazardous trees and placement of new trees and regrowth. A copy of the Handbook was circulated to all on Council. Chairs of each Committee or Commission are to be named by council unless stated otherwise. May be looking at adding general policy guidelines after a further review of the bylaws from neighboring Municipal units. After rounded discussion on the two new Committees and the Handbook...

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Trinacty that Policy Guidelines be approved with two amendments for statement of purpose to be added for the local CED Committee and the Tree *Committee*; with Councillor Morse named as Chair of the local CED Committee and Councillor Banks named as Chair of the new Tree Committee.

Motion Carried

It was also noted that the Social Services Committee is virtually defunct now that social services are provided by provincial contract

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and that the 75th Birthday Committee will be wrapped up by the end of 1998.

(i) Streets Committee

councillor Whittier announced that Fall Cleanup will be held this year from Oct. 19th to Oct. 30th. The Orchard Street Sidewalk Project is to commence soon on the north side of Orchard Street. Tenders are being prepared for quotation on disinfection equipment/building (s) /installation for the STP Upgrade. The Superintendent is currently working on a schedule for Leaf Pickup: details will be forthcoming in the Town's Oct. 16th newsletter.

(j) Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Munday advised that the Finance committee had last met on Sept. 28th to review Financial Statements and Capital Statements to August 31st. Capital expenditures are slow getting underway to date; operating expenses are on par for this time of year compared to prior years. Expect to see major capital projects commenced shortly for Orchard Street paving / Gym Roof Replacement, STP Disinfection Upgrade, and new Computer Hardware & Software. Deputy Mayor Munday noted that the Finance Committee had discussed maintaining a differential between the remuneration packages for the Chief and Corporal, once the PANS collective Agreement was negotiated; also discussed the Gym Roof Job. To that end.. .

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Trinacty that a differential be maintained for the Police Chief as recommended by the Finance Committee with an effective date of April 1, 1998; and that the PANS Medical/Dental and Town Pension benefits be put in place consistent with the ratified PANS collective Agreement, Local 214, effective January 1st, 1999.

Motion Carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Trinacty that the all inclusive quotation for materials from Berwick Building Supplies be accepted in the amount of \$26959.81 plus tax, (which also includes dormers and fascia trim).

Motion. Carried.

clerk's note: Councillor Whittier declared a Conflict of Interest and absented himself from Chambers for the discussion and vote.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks that a quotation for labour only be accepted from local

contractor J. W. Surette in the amount of \$7840. plus tax, for roof and dormers.

Motion Carried.

On another matter, Deputy Mayor Munday advised that he had recently had the opportunity to attend the opening ceremonies of the new Roman Catholic Parish Hall on Mill street, on behalf of the Mayor. Had a tour of the facility and gave a brief speech; this is an excellent addition to the town: a very nice facility.

(k) PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Munday indicated that PAC had not met recently, however, there are several items that may be forthcoming in the near future.

(l) 75th BIRTHDAY: DANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

A New Years Eve Dance is being planned by the Dance SubCommittee reported Deputy Mayor Munday. Arrangements are well underway for tickets, door prizes, music, etc... Advertisements will start in early October. The Dance will be held on Dec. 31st at the Legion. Deputy Mayor Munday urged all to try and attend this last sendoff for the Town's 75th Birthday. Next meeting is planned for Oct. 20th and plans are to meet every three weeks or so until the event.

(m) MEETING with MINISTER of MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Deputy Mayor Munday reported on a recent meeting he and the clerk had attended with Minister Gaudet and Municipal Affairs' staff in Halifax. Basically, the meeting was held to clarify the position of small towns in general, and Berwick in particular, after the preparation of a difficult budget. It is important to make the Province aware that there are immediate problems that should be addressed; as well, that small towns are being hit from all sides by various Provincial Depts. Extensive documentation pertaining to Berwick's situation was well-received and left on file in the Minister's office.

(n) MAYOR'S REPORT

(i) Meeting with Minister of Transportation

The Mayor informed Council that he and the Clerk had met recently with Minister Clifford Huskison to discuss the elimination of both maintenance and capital cost-sharing for arterial highways in Berwick, (ie- Orchard Street, Commercial Street, and East Main street). Berwick is unique compared to other towns because it is situated between Trunk

1 and Hwy 101, therefore traffic must go through Berwick to access the local Hwy 101 interchange. As well, truck traffic has increased considerably with the removal of railway lines and expansions at Michelin and CFB Greenwood have also left an impact. It is not fair that the 2159 residents of Berwick end up paying 100% of the cost of maintaining and upgrading arterial highways, especially when rural municipal units do not. The Mayor indicated that he had specifically asked the Minister to review the Town's status for eligibility for funding and possible reinstatement of the Provincial Agreement. {To that end, DOT put counters across arterial highways for one week in September, but no other response to date}. A lengthy submission was presented to the Minister for his contemplation and action.

(ii) Police Commission

Mayor Prall reported that the study of housing for the emergency services of Fire/Police/Ambulance are ongoing. Now looking at the north side of the Fire Dept. Building for a possible Police Station, and south side for a possible Ambulance Bay. Mr. Hetteema presented tentative plans to the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and the Clerk. Fire Dept. have since reviewed the plans and come up with additional suggestions.

Also met with EMC Ambulance service to see if they have any interest in being included in an Emergency Services Building, (apparently they are). Town of Wolfville recently did a similar project in Wolfville to combine an ambulance bay with their fire dept. Final decisions of course will come down to practicality, efficiency, cost, and affordability.

(iii) STP Upgrade

Mayor Prall updated Council on a recent trip to San Francisco to examine a Fuzzy Ball Filtration Technology site in action at the University of California in Davis, CA. Very impressive: appears to be both clean and efficient. Also went to a place called Yountville where treated lagoon water is sold under contract to farmers in the Nappa Valley for use in irrigation. Also noted that a Golf Course was being built right next to the lagoons, (they're that environmentally friendly).

Also toured filtration sites in Walnut Creek, and had a look at some sand filtration tanks. One of the things learned

is that whichever technology is used, (fuzzy ball or sand filtration), will likely need to add chemicals in the hot summer months to combat microscopic algae growth. The information brought back from this trip will be used to finalize the designs for Tender, and will incorporate a variety of options to keep costs competitive.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Received from Mr. Robin Marshall, Kings CED Agency, a Memo advising that it has been suggested that a Regional Natural Gas Committee be formed within each RDA region. As well, that the Premier commented in the Chronicle-Herald on Sept. 18th that that the \$50000 fee to apply to distribute natural gas will be waived/ will not be a barrier for small applicants. For the information of Council.
- (ii) Received from Mr. Bob Stewart of Stewart & Turner, a letter advising that the H. E. Margeson properties have now been deeded over to the Apple Capital Museum Society from t he Town for \$1. 00 and registered accordingly with the Registry of Deeds Office. For the information of Council.
- (iii) Received from Mr. Wayde Brown, Head of Heritage for the N. S . Dept. of Housing & Municipal Affairs, an information kit on the 17thAnnual Home awards Programme for 1998. A copy of the kit will be posted on the bulletin board for the public. For the informationof Council.

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

7. BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

IT WAS MOVED and seconded by Deputy Mayor Munday and Councillor Banks that the attached list of bills and accounts in the amount of lli6556.56 be approved for the month of September 1998.

Motion Carried

(8) NEW BUSINESS

(a) FCM MEMBERSHIP

The Clerk distributed information on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and noted that the Annual FCM Conference

will be held in Halifax next year, (last year was Regina). The cost for membership is \$275/annum. The FCM lobbied the Federal government to put in place the national Infrastructure program, as well as the HST Rebate for Municipal Units, and other national issues that have local importance. After discussion, it was agreed to join, but to watch and see that value is received for the money spent. Therefore...

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Whittier to join the FCM for one year at a cost not to exceed \$ 275. *i* to be done on a trial basis to see what kind of benefits are forthcoming for local Municipal Units.

Motion Carried.

- (b) LOCAL ECONOMIC/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PROMOTION Councillor Morse suggested that Council should be looking at ways to promote the Town of Berwick as a residential area and good place to live, given the recent expansion at Michelin. Need to promote ways to attract more residents, more industry, more business, and do "a good sell job on this Pleasant Valley Town". Impressed with how the Town of Kentville has been promoting business with the Harvest Festival: we need to look at that.

The Mayor noted that Berwick has recently set up a website to give the Town more visibility, but that the point is well taken that businesses need to promote and advertise: we once had events like Western Days. Councillor Clarke indicated that earlier discussion of striking a local CED Committee is being done in part to address this need: to encourage local business and develop growth and attract new residents, etc. Thinks we should really encourage promotion, enhancement, and new development. Councillor Whittier added that the Town's website could have more information on it, including the Town Crest. As well, many small town web pages are directly linked to various businesses: maybe we need to look at that. Deputy Mayor Munday suggested that perhaps the Tourism Action SubCommittee could help to identify what else needs to be added to the Town's website.

Councillor Whittier also noted that the Tourist Bureau signage could be made more prominent.

- (c) CORRESPONDENCE: Public Works MLR Committee
Mayor Prall indicated that he had received a letter from Mr. Bill MacLellan of the Town's Public Works Dept., requesting a Management Labour Relations (MLR) Committee meeting be set up, as outlined in the new CUPE Collective Agreement. After brief discussion, it was agreed that Mayor Prall and Councillor Clarke will plan to attend,(with Councillor Morse to fill in if Councillor Clarke is unable to attend). All are asked to leave some possible dates with the Clerk

so a meeting time can be arranged.

(d) COMMITMENT FOR RDA FUNDING (ie - Kings CED Agency)

As a follow-up to the Special Council Meeting of September 21st, Councillor Banks outlined his point of view on the matter; which was well discussed by all present. It was agreed to let Councillor Banks note these points in person at the CED table to illustrate where the Town of Berwick stands on the Matter: (1) support will continue year-by-year rather than commitment to full five years (still concern over value received for \$10000/year); (2) RDA's are fulfilling an important role in Sable Gas discussions over gas distribution; (3) if all seed funding is not spent, need clarification to see if the funds remaining are to be returned to Municipal Units of origin; and(4) are Provincial/Federal funds available directly to Municipal units for local projects, or must they come via the RDA conduit.

(e) TREE WORK MEMORANDUM

Councillor Banks circulated a memorandum from the Electric Commission Superintendent outlining some lists of much needed tree work as well as cost estimates from a local arborist company. It was noted that while a new Tree Committee had been struck, the public appointees would not be in place until December: some of the most urgent tree work simply can 't wait this long. Councillor Banks suggested that the arborist company be hired to do the most dangerous trees, or to limb off the most hazardous branches. After full discussion of the contents of the Memorandum, it was agreed to call a meeting of the Tree Committee relatively soon to determine priorities and advise both BEC and Public Works' Superintendents accordingly.

(f) PEDDLARS & HAWKERS BYLAW: Fish Truck

Councillor Whittier indicated that he had been approached by Mr. Dale Lloyd of the Atlantic Save-Easy Store about the fish truck setting up and selling fresh fish in front of his store. Felt the Police Dept. should be moving the fish truck along after the allowable parking time had been U3ed up, and/or issuing parking tickets. It was noted that, generally, the truck moves from one parking spot to the next parking spot, and back again, which is legal. However, it was acknowledged that it is frustrating, but that under the present municipal statutes, the Town cannot designate an explicit area to sell from; neither can they charge a License Fee for anyone selling products from the farm, forest, or sea.

(g) MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

Each Councillor was asked to submit their written report to the Mayor for inclusion in the latest newsletter, intended to go out in the Oct. 16th power bills.

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9. There being no further business I the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:20p.m.

John P. Prall

Chairman

Judith Mitchell

Town Clerk