

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Whittier that the Town of Berwick Municipal Planning Strategy's Generalized Future Land Use Map be amended by the redesignation of lands of Michael Morse/1921300 Nova Scotia Limited, being 55 acres on the east side of Willow Avenue from Parks and Recreation to Agriculture;

Further to amend the Town of Berwick Land Use Bylaw by rezoning the lands of Michael Morse/1021300 Nova Scotia Limited from Parks and Recreation O-2 to Agriculture A-1;

Deputy Mayor Munday noted that the conclusion of this process would be to provide the appropriate documentation to the Provincial Director of Planning for approval, and the issuance of a building permit for a residence after the approval is granted.

Motion Carried

6. Sewer Discharge Bylaw

Ms. Parker reviewed the issue, noting that since the first reading of the Bylaw on September 12, 2000, the Town has received two pieces of correspondence. The first letter was from the Town's Engineer, Mr. Doug Seamone, noting two minor changes to the Bylaw by deleting section 2.4 (c) and removing the word "starch" from section 2.1 (d). Mr. Karl Larsen, President of Larsen Packers Limited, submitted a letter requesting that the Town defer the second reading of the Bylaw for a period of 90 days so that the company can properly assess how it will become compliant with the new Bylaw.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Clarke to proceed with the second reading of the Sewer Discharge Bylaw, as amended.

A brief discussion followed regarding the amendments proposed by Mr. Seamone. All agreed that the changes were warranted. Mr. Mellish, Solicitor for Larsen Packers Limited, then introduced himself to Council and noted that his client would prefer to have the second reading deferred due to a number of concerns that have been presented to the Town. Consultants have been hired by Larsen Packers to assist the plant with determining what work is required to comply with the proposed Bylaw. It was agreed that, due to the nature of the business, there is residual blood in the wastewater, however the engineering advice from their consultants will provide the information on how best to handle the situation to effectively obtain the results that the Town is looking for. Deferring the second reading would allow for the information to become available. After a lengthy discussion,

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Whittier to defer the second reading of the Sewer Discharge Bylaw for 90 days, to be considered at January 2001 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

6. Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

a. Berwick and District Volunteer Fire Department

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Morse and seconded by Councillor Whittier to provide a grant to the Berwick and District Volunteer Fire Department equal to the amount received from the sale of the Utility Truck.

Motion Carried

b. Tree Planting

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Munday to approve the purchase of large caliber no. 2 trees by the Public Works Superintendent, for planting at locations within the Town.

Motion Carried

c. Cottage Street Sidewalk Extension

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Morse and seconded by Councillor Trinacty to approve the capital project to extend the Cottage Street sidewalk to Main Street.

Motion Carried

d. Resolution on Climate Change

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS 1990 to 1999 was the warmest decade of the millennium;

WHEREAS a global reduction in emissions of green house gases (GHG) is necessary to slow climate change and reduce the risks to human health, the physical environment, economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS the 1998 ice storm cost the City of Montreal \$116 million; Baie Comeau more than \$2.5 million, and the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton \$6.32 million, while the Red River flood cost Winnipeg \$32.3 million;

WHEREAS these weather-related expenses are creating an additional financial burden for municipalities at a time when responsibilities are increasing as a result of devolution;

WHEREAS reducing greenhouse gases makes good economic sense. New and improved infrastructure, energy efficiency, building retrofits, water conservation, more effective wastewater treatment and distribution, renewable energy technologies, waste reduction, better fleet management, etc.,

reduce municipal operating costs and help maintain community services, while having a positive impact on the environment;

WHEREAS industrialized countries, realizing initial commitments were inadequate to protect the Earth's climate system, agreed in December 1997 to the Kyoto Protocol which, if ratified, commits Canada to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions six per cent below 1990 levels between 2008 – 2012;

WHEREAS in November, national governments will meet in The Hague, Netherlands to negotiate terms and conditions for ratifying the Kyoto Protocol. It is critical that Canada has the support it needs to conclude negotiations;

WHEREAS mayors and municipal leaders responsible for the well being of communities across Canada urge federal and provincial/territorial governments to make climate protection a priority;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Berwick endorse this **MUNICIPAL LEADERS' RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Motion Carried

7. **Recreation Strategy**

Councillor Banks started by thanking all those involved for the effort and time put into developing the Strategy, and that this document should be a living document and not put on a shelf to gather dust. It is a useful tool in measuring the effectiveness of the Recreation Department. Councillor Banks reviewed the document and responded to several questions, noting that any financial implications that the Strategy may bring to the Town would be considered under the next fiscal budget planning process.

Ms. Parker noted that, if Council approves the Strategy, it would provide the Recreation staff the vision and direction that is needed for the department. It is the intention to provide this strategy to the newly hired staff to develop a work plan for implementation. It is a good document for new staff to adopt and work within.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by Councillor Trinacty that the Recreation Strategy prepared by the Strategy Task Force be adopted and further that the newly hired Recreation Director develop a work plan to implement the Strategy, to be brought to January Committee of the Whole.

Motion Carried

Mayor Prall expressed his thanks to Mr. Arthur for his effort and time. Councillor Banks thanked all those who participated on the Task Force, namely Theresa Steadman, Judy Allan, Bob Best, John Rainforth and Jenn MacDonald.

8. Development Control & Planning Applications Fee Bylaw

Ms. Parker noted that the Bylaw passed first reading at September Council. There has been no public input or comment since then and proper advertising has been completed notifying Council's intention to entertain second reading this evening.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks to proceed to second reading of the Development Control & Planning Applications Fee Bylaw.

A rounded discussion followed regarding the advantages of having a fee structure in place.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Trinacty and seconded by Councillor Banks to amend the fee section for Application Fee for Final Subdivision Approval, to read "\$150 per application plus \$20 administration fee plus fees for the registration of plans, deeds and any other instruments of subdivision as established by the Registry of Deeds."

Motion Carried

Mr. Millier noted that, in the past, the Town has supported the planning process as a public service to those residents who use it. The fees being charged as a result of contracting this service out provide a good deal of general information and customer service that are not recovered through a fee.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Munday reported that it is the intention of the Town to develop a manual of all the fees charged by the Town with specific criteria outlining the general power of Council.

A vote was taken on the amended motion.

Motion Carried

10. Assessment Cost Recovery

Ms. Parker reviewed the report for the benefit of Council. Currently, the Town turns over more than \$400,000 to the Province for the return of services. Currently, the Province does not have a billing and payment system set up, therefore it has been proposed that the Province is looking to recover all costs associated with property assessment through the municipal units. Feed back to the UNSM regarding this issue has been requested by October 20th.

Staff was directed to draft a response to the UNSM for the Mayor to sign stating that the Town of Berwick is not in favour that municipalities assume the cost of assessment services, as outlined in Ms. Parker's report.

11. **Tree Removal Tender**

Ms. Parker reviewed the report on behalf of Mr. Regan. MTT has approached the Town to cost share in removing some of the trees that infringe on their lines.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by Deputy Mayor Munday that the 2000/01 tree trimming/removal contract be awarded to Atlantic Arbourists at a cost not to exceed \$27,228.50 as submitted.

A tree removal policy, including cost recovery for trees located on private property, is being drafted. The trees to be removed need to be prioritized as the funds available for this project amount to \$17,000.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by Deputy Mayor Munday to amend the amount of the cost to the Town to be no more than \$17,000.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion Carried

A vote was taken on the amended motion.

Motion Carried

Staff was instructed to bring back a specific listing of trees and the cost for the work to be done for each at October Committee of the Whole.

12. **Other Business**

a. Mrs. Rice's Parking Lot

Mayor Prall reported that he had met with Mrs. Rice to explain the Town's position regarding the end of maintaining the property that she owns. Since then a fence has been erected, limiting the use of the space. Some local businesses have been inconvenienced by these actions. Mayor Prall is attempting to set up a meeting between Mrs. Rice and the local businesses to discuss possible cost sharing by those involved to ensure that the parking lot is accessible to others.

b. Board of Trade

Mayor Prall announced that the Berwick and District Board of Trade is holding its annual dinner and award night at the Wandlyn Inn in Coldbrook on October 27th. As in the past, they are asking that the Town support the organization by sponsoring the attendance of members of Council at the dinner. Councillors were requested to reply to the Deputy Town Clerk if they are interested in attending.

c. Scott Lutz Funding

Councillor Trinacty noted that he had not been present at the previous meeting when this request had been dealt with and denied. It was suggested that Council consider the request outside the policy guidelines to assist this athlete who would be representing the Town at an international sporting event.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Trinacty and seconded by
Councillor Whittier to contribute \$250 to Scott Lutz.**

Motion Carried

13. Correspondence

- a. A letter was received from Mr. Hartt MacKinley on behalf of the Western Kings Memorial Health Society. The Society is requesting that a directional sign be erected at the end of Orchard Street to better advertise the location of the Health Centre. This request will be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee for consideration.
- b. A letter was received by Rene and Janice Penner of 110 Main Street requesting that the Town consider extending the Town's sewer line to their property. The request was referred to the Public Works Superintendent to bring a report and recommendation forward to October Committee of the Whole for consideration.
- c. A letter was received from Mr. Medford Hogan regarding the state of some of the trees in Berwick and whose responsibility it is to trim or remove those trees in need of work. Mayor Prall has spoken with Mr. Hogan informing him that a tree trimming policy is being planned and that information will be forthcoming.

- 14.** Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Rachel L. Turner
Recording Secretary