

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
11 JANUARY 2000

Present: Chairman Mayor John P. Prall
 Deputy Mayor Munday
 Councillor Gary W. Whittier
 Councillor Michael E. Trinacty
 Councillor Donald E. Clarke
 Councillor Thomas S. Banks
 Councillor Bruce H. Morse
 Mr. Rick Ramsay, Acting Clerk
 Ms. Rachel Jones, Recording Secretary

In attendance: Ms. Sara Keddy, Berwick Register
 Corporal Michael Payne
 Mr. Bob Stewart, Town Solicitor

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Prall asked for any additional items to be added to the agenda. Several items were added under New Business: b) Subdivision Bylaw Update; c) Lotta Truck Nova Scotia Mixed Provincial Curling Championships; d) Town Pins; e) Road Salting Policy; f) Derelict Cars. Hearing of no further additions,

**IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by
Councillor Banks to approve the amended agenda.**

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Previous Council Minutes**

Hearing of no errors or omissions in the regular Council minutes of 14 December 1999 and the special Council meeting of 4 January 2000, the minutes were approved as circulated.

It was agreed to defer Business Arising and the second reading of the VSWA Bylaw until the Town's Solicitor arrived.

4. **Recommendations from Committee of the Whole**

a) Meetings and Procedure Bylaw – First Reading

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by
Councillor Clarke to accept the first reading of the Meetings and
Procedure Bylaw (copy attached to minutes).**

Motion Carried

b) Brush Pick Up Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks to adopt the Brush Pick Up Policy as presented (copy attached to minutes).

Motion Carried

c) Berwick Library Computer and Electrical Wiring

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Trinacty to allow the electrical and computer wiring to be completed in the Berwick Library by the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, so long as the work does not interfere with the current computer and electrical wiring installed for the Town Office.

Motion Carried

d) FCM Letter of Support

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Whittier to send a letter to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in support of their Quality of Life Infrastructure Program Proposal.

Motion Carried

5. Business Arising

a) Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Bylaw

A discussion followed between Council and the Solicitor about the practicality and legality of section 7 of the Bylaw regarding Waste-Resource Management Centres. Councillor Clarke noted that each municipality is adopting this as their own Bylaw with the option of editing it as required for each individual municipal unit. Mr. Stewart advised that the Town of Berwick should not adopt a Bylaw that attempts to oversee other municipal units' property. After further discussion, it was agreed to omit section 7 in its entirety.

The issue of fines levied and collected was raised. Mr. Stewart noted that the Town would want assurance that any complaints received regarding collection, etc. would be passed onto the VSWA for action. All agreed that the Bylaw outlines that the Valley Waste-Resource Management Authority is responsible for the Bylaw enforcement, and that their solicitor will be responsible for prosecution at the cost of the Authority. Councillor Clarke noted that the Town must be in compliance with its own bylaws and Council is waiting for information from the Public Works Superintendent regarding source separated waste receptacles throughout the Town.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Whittier to pass the Valley Region Waste-Resource Management Bylaw with the omission of Section 7, Waste-Resource Management Centres.

Motion Carried

6. New Business

a) Police Services Advisory Committee Selection

Mayor Prall read aloud the names of the successful applicants as selected by a secret ballot by Council. Therefore,

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Trinacty to appoint Leanne Grosvold, Colin MacDonald, Brad Burstall, Al Howard, Alan Shay, and Mark Levack as public appointees to the Police Services Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

Mayor Prall reported that three Councillors have expressed interest in serving on the Committee with the Mayor and public appointees. Therefore,

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks to appoint Councillor Morse, Councillor Clarke and Councillor Trinacty, as well as Mayor Prall as members of the Police Services Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

b) Subdivision Bylaw

Mayor Prall reported that Mr. Grant Cooke of the Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs has agreed to review the Town's Subdivision Bylaw and assist in bringing the Bylaw up to date. He has sent a sample update via email and this has been passed onto Deputy Mayor Munday as chairman of the Planning Advisory Committee. A meeting of that committee is scheduled for January 18th at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Jones will notify Mr. Cooke and the remaining members of the Committee.

c) Lotta Truck Nova Scotia Mixed Senior Curling Bonspiel: February 6-8, 2000

Mayor Prall reported that the organizers of this event have submitted a request to the Town for funding support of the Bonspiel. Council granted their request last year in the amount of \$300, which allowed for a brief history and map of the Town to be placed on the back cover of the program, as well as a welcoming message from the Mayor on the front cover.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Clarke to support the Lotta Truck Nova Scotia Mixed Senior Curling Bonspiel, February 6th to 8th, 2000, by giving \$300 towards the cost of the event.

Motion Carried

d) Town Lapel Pins

Mayor Prall has been approached by the Legion to again have Town lapel pins available, especially to individuals and groups who travel and wish to distribute souvenirs to others on their travels. The Deputy Clerk was instructed to gather information and quotations for the production of pins for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

e) Road Salting Policy

Councillor Trinacty reported that a resident slipped on the ice on a sidewalk on Commercial Street recently. All agreed that the recent weather experienced lately makes it difficult to judge whether sidewalk and street salting/sanding is required. Council requested the Public Works Superintendent to address this issue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

f) Derelict Cars

Mayor Prall reported that there has been a recent complaint regarding derelict cars on a property within Town limits. It was noted that an inventory of derelict cars within Town was completed several years ago. It was agreed to look into the Town's bylaws to determine what bylaw derelict cars fall under. Corporal Payne requested a copy of the Unsightly Premises Bylaw for review, as this may be one that the RCMP can assist in enforcing. Mr. Ramsay noted that other municipal units have hired a contractor in the past to remove car bodies from properties. This may be an option for consideration by Council in dealing with this issue.

7. Any Other Business

a) Flag Day

Councillor Morse reported that the Flag Day Committee met earlier today to discuss the Flag Day Ceremony for this year. The actual date for Flag Day is Tuesday, February 15th however the ceremony will take place on Sunday, February 13th. The Committee is scheduled to meet again on January 25th at 10:00 a.m.

b) Presentation

Mayor Prall presented Councillor Morse with the 75th Birthday Banner for recognition of his time and effort in making the Town of Berwick's 75th Birthday celebrations a huge success. Councillor Morse expressed his appreciation to Council for the banner.

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8. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Rachel L. Jones
Recording Secretary