

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2000

Present: Chairman: Mayor John P. Prall
 Deputy Mayor Michael J. Munday
 Councillor Gary W. Whittier
 Councillor Bruce H. Morse
 Councillor Thomas S. Banks
 Councillor Donald E. Clarke
 Councillor Michael E. Trinacty
 Ms. Linda Parker, Acting Town Clerk
 Ms. Carol Boylan, Recording Secretary

In attendance: Ms. Sara Keddy, Berwick Register
 Bob Stewart, Town Solicitor
 Chris Moore
 Dwight Johnson
 Cathy Foley
 Carol Bezanson

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order 7:30 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Prall added the following items to the Agenda: 4a) PAC – Rezoning, 5a) Councillors Remuneration, 8a), UNSM Conference Numbers, 8b) Strategy Session – Committee of the Whole, 8c) Hawkers & Peddlers Bylaw and 8d) Bylaws Priority List.

**IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by
Councillor Whittier to accept the Agenda as amended.
Motion Carried**

3. **PAC Rezoning Request**

Deputy Mayor Munday reported the request from Belmont Financial to rezone land from R1 and R2 to R3. The PAC has considered the merits of this request and recommended to council that a public hearing be held which was done July 11th to deal with concerns/questions.

**IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by
Councillor Banks that we rezone the subject property from R1 and
R2 to R3 to permit development.
Motion Carried**

Councillor Trinacty asked Chris Millier if the application was in conflict with any of our town bylaws. Mr. Moore noted that the application involved two lots and these lots would have to be consolidated in order to obtain a building permit, but not to be rezoned. Mr. Johnson is aware of this and is in the process of doing so. Mr. Millier stated that all criteria was met for rezoning to take place.

4. **Apple Blossom Princess Committee Recognition**

Mayor Prall thanked the Committee Members, Elaine Prall, Diane Clarke, Sheila Munday and Louise Rainforth for their hard work in coordinating this year's Berwick Apple Blossom Princess events and gave them a token of our appreciation. Mike Munday accepted on behalf of Sheila Munday who was unable to attend. Elaine Prall spoke and thanked her coworkers for their help.

5. **Recommendations from June Committee of the Whole**

a) Bicycle Awareness Signs

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Banks to have a white line painted on the outside of the vehicle lane on Commercial Street, excluding the business core, and post bicycle awareness signs on the four entrances to the Town, at a cost of no more than \$1,000.

Motion Carried

b) IT Strategy Workplan

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Munday and seconded by Councillor Clarke to approve the IT Strategy Workplan.

Motion Carried

c) Town Clerk Appointment

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Trinacty Council that the Town Clerk be appointed as the Responsible Officer under Part XX of the Municipal Government Act, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy.

Motion Carried

d) Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Tanker Truck

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks to approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution issued by DHMA for the Town's share of the purchase of the tanker truck for the Berwick Fire Department.

Motion Carried

- e) Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Meadowview Landfill Site Closure and Post Closure Costs

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Whittier to approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution issued by DHMA for the Town’s share of the closure and post closure for the Meadowview Landfill Site.

Motion Carried

- f) Destruction of Documents

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Banks to approve the destruction of the list of documents as outlined in the Town Clerk’s Affidavit.

Motion Carried

- g) Hiring of ProShred Ltd.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Banks to hire the services of Proshred Ltd. of Dartmouth to complete the destruction of the listed documents.

Motion Carried

- h) Remuneration for Returning Officers and Poll Clerks

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by Councillor Whittier that the remuneration during the 2000 Municipal Election for Deputy Returning officers be set at \$125 per day and Poll Clerks be set at \$100 per day, and that this fee includes attendance to count ballots and receive instructions from the Returning Officer.

Motion Carried

- i) 911/Fire Dispatch Services

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Morse that the Mayor and Acting Town Clerk be authorized to sign the proposed Agreement with Valley Communications Incorporated of Kentville, Nova Scotia for the provision of 911/Fire Dispatch Services for the Town of Berwick.

Motion Carried

j) Staff Meeting Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Trinacty and seconded by Councillor Whittier to approve the Staff Meeting Policy.

Motion Carried

k) New Employee Orientation Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by Councillor Whittier to approve the New Employee Orientation Policy.

Motion Carried

6) Councillors Remuneration

Ms. Parker reported that an ad had been placed in the local paper inviting public input on this subject and no submissions had been received. Mayor Prall suggested a committee be formed to study this before fall elections. Discussion followed. It was decided to leave it with the Finance and Administration Committee to invite three members of the public to sit on the Committee and bring a recommendation to Council in September. The Finance and Administration Committee will contact each Councillor prior to the meeting to get their ideas/suggestions.

7. Capital Projects

Ms. Parker presented work plans for the capital projects included in the 2000 Capital Budget.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Trinacty that approval be given for staff to proceed with the following capital projects in accordance with the work plans presented for each:

- **Town Hall Ventilation**
- **Public Works Building**
- **Financial System**
- **Computers (Public Works and Recreation)**
- **1 Ton Truck**
- **Sewer and Lab Equipment**
- **Playground Equipment**

Discussion followed concerning the Crosswalk Lighting and Paving projects and the need to set priorities was identified. Staff were instructed to prepare a report on the paving of streets and sidewalks in the Town for the August meeting of Committee of the Whole. It was also agreed that these two capital projects would not proceed until funding under the Federal Infrastructure Program has been confirmed.

Motion Carried

8. Playground Equipment – Rainforth and Spicer Parks

Ms. Parker presented a report on the replacement of playground equipment in Rainforth and Spicer Parks.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by Councillor Whittier to approve the ordering of playground equipment for Rainforth and Spicer Parks from Little Tykes at a cost not to exceed \$16,639.45.

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence

- (a) A letter was received from the Victorian Order of Nurses Nova Scotia informing Council of proposed changes in their organization.
- (b) A letter was received from the Department of Community Services regarding the property tax rebate program for Seniors.

10. UNSM Annual Conference

Mayor Prall inquired as to which members of Council were planning to attend the UNSM Annual Conference to be held in Truro from September 20 – 22. Staff were instructed to make reservations for five members of Council.

11. Special Strategy Session of Council

Following discussions, it was agreed a special strategy session of Council would be held on the evening of September 6, 2000 prior to the municipal elections.

12. By-law Priority List

Councillors were reminded to complete and return their By-law Priority List to the Deputy Clerk by the end of the week.

13. Hawkers & Peddlers By-law

The Town Solicitor presented a draft Hawkery and Peddlers By-law for Council's consideration. After a brief discussion and clarification of some parts of the draft by-law, it was agreed Councillors would review the draft and further review would take place at the August meeting of Committee of the Whole.

- 14. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.**

John P. Prall
Chairman

Carol Boylan