

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**13 JUNE 2000**

Present:           Chairman       Mayor John P. Prall  
  Deputy Mayor Michael J. Munday  
  Councillor Gary W. Whittier  
  Councillor Bruce H. Morse  
  Councillor Donald E. Clarke  
  Councillor Thomas S. Banks  
  Councillor Michael E. Trinacty (7:45 p.m.)  
  Mr. Roger Ryan, Accountant  
  Ms. Jenn MacDonald, Recreation Director  
  Ms. Linda Parker, Acting Town Clerk  
  Mrs. Rachel Turner, Recording Secretary

In attendance:           Ms. Sara Keddy, Register  
  Mr. Bob Stewart, Town Solicitor  
  Mrs. Judith Mitchell  
  Ms. Carolyn Pinch  
  Mrs. Ann Corbin

1.   The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2.   **Approval of Agenda**

The Chairman noted that the Apple Blossom Princess Committee Recognition would be deferred until July Council, and two items were added to New Business, (a) Noise at STP, and (b) Property Beautification.

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

**Motion Carried**

3.   **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Hearing of no errors or omissions the Chairman approved the minutes of 9 May 2000 as circulated.

4.   **Public Budget Presentation**

Mayor Prall noted that an important part of the Town's budget process is to gain public input regarding the issues in the budget. The budget being presented this evening is a result of Council's direction to staff to prepare a budget based on the same service levels that the Town provided in the last budget. Thanks were extended to Ms. Parker and staff who put the budget and presentation together.

Ms. Parker presented the 2000/03 Capital Budget and 2000/01 Operating Budget (copy of presentation filed with minutes). Mayor Prall requested members of the public have their comments in to the Town Clerk by June 20<sup>th</sup> in order to facilitate the completion of the budget process at a special Council meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the public left after the presentation.

5. Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

a) Information Technology

**IT WAS MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Clarke that the Information Technology Strategy be adopted in principle and further recommend the development of a three-year work plan for the goals and objectives identified in the Strategy.

**Motion Carried**

b) Youth Area

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Trinacty to approve the location of garbage receptacles, benches and tables at the old Berwick Bakery location.

Discussion followed regarding the types of garbage receptacles that are to be placed at the location. Ms. Parker noted that the Public Works Superintendent is currently reviewing all options available and is aware of the concerns of the public and Councillors.

**Motion Carried**

c) Recreation Strategy

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Banks and seconded by Councillor Clarke to approve the Terms of Reference and move forward with the development of a Recreation Strategy.

Ms. Parker noted that the remaining members of the Task Force have been identified as Mr. Bob Best, Mrs. Judy Allen, Mr. John Rainforth, and Mrs. Theresa Steadman.

**Motion Carried**

d) Employee Benefits Plan Policy

**IT WAS MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks to approve amending the Employee Benefits Plan Policy by increasing the prescription co-pay to \$10.00 and reducing the annual maximum for paramedical practitioners from \$500 per year to \$300 per year.

**Motion Carried**

e) Agreement of Undertaking

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Banks and seconded by Councillor Whittier that the Town of Berwick enter into an Agreement of Undertaking with the Apple Capital Museum regarding the joint operation of the Museum and VIC facility.

**Motion Carried**

f) Purchasing and Tender Policy

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Banks to amend the current Purchasing and Tender Policy so that page 6 of the policy reads “Employees and Councillors of the Town and members of the Berwick Electric Commission, or their agents are permitted to bid on surplus materials only if the material is sold by a sealed tender process.”

**Motion Carried**

6. Recommendations from Other Committees

a) Planning Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Munday reported that the Committee had met to review an application by Mr. Dwight Johnson to amend the zoning maps on property he owned located on South Street, for the development of a multiple unit apartment building. After a brief discussion,

**IT WAS MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Clarke to consider the application of rezoning by Mr. Dwight Johnson and confirm that a review of relevant municipal planning strategy policies indicate that the proposed development is consistent with the Strategy’s intent and policy provisions; and that the two lots must be consolidated prior to a development permit being issued.

**Motion Carried**

According to proper process for a rezoning application, it was noted that a public hearing is required on this issue. Therefore,

**IT WAS MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks that a Public Hearing on the Johnson rezoning application will be held on July 11, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

7. Other Business

a) Sewage Treatment Plant Lagoon

Councillor Whittier noted that a property owner across from the Sewage Treatment Plant has lodged a complaint regarding the constant noise being emitted from the compressor building. This noise is preventing the enjoyment of his property and a request has been made that the Town rectify the situation. After further discussion of options to address the situation, it was agreed to contact the Town’s Engineer. In addition,

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Banks that the Public Works Department erect a temporary wooden barrier in front of the compressor building, as well as plant cedar trees as a vegetative noise barrier, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.**

**Motion Carried**

- b) Property Beautification  
Councillor Morse noted that he had been approached by a resident of the Town regarding the possibility of a property beautification tax rebate for residents who upgrade and maintain their properties. Staff was instructed to research the issue.

**7. Correspondence**

- a) A letter was received from the Municipality of the District of Barrington regarding a resolution that was passed by their Council about the new province-wide radio communication system. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to defer this item to Committee of the Whole.
- b) A letter was received from the Kings CED Agency, requesting the Town of Berwick to confirm a municipal representative and a municipal appointee as members of the Association.

**IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Trinaacty to reappoint Mr. Joe Maund as the municipal appointee to the Association.**

**Motion Carried**

It was noted that Councillor Banks would remain the Town's municipal representative.

- c) A letter was received from the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association, who will be hosting the Annual Conference of the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association at Acadia University in July 2000. A request has been made for assistance with funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the Opening Ceremony. After a discussion regarding the Grants to Organizations budget figures,

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Whittier to grant \$1,000 to the Opening Reception of the Maritime Fire Chief's Convention.**

**Motion Carried**

8. Summer Break

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Banks that there be no Committee of the Whole meeting in July or Council meeting in August, unless special circumstances arise which warrant a meeting.

**Motion Carried**

9. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

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John P. Prall  
Chairman

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Rachel L. Turner  
Recording Secretary