

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
14 MARCH 2000

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

Absent: Councillor Donald E. Clarke

Present: Ms. Sara Keddy, Register
 Mr. Bob Stewart, Town Solicitor
 Mr. Ron Reeves, KTA Representative

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed Mr. Reeves and Ms. Keddy.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Prall noted that a letter had been received from the Board of Trade regarding the Apple Blossom Festival Booster Club. All agreed to include it in the discussion regarding Apple Blossom Policy recommendations from Committee of the Whole. Items added under New Business included (b) Hawkers and Peddlars Bylaw Update, (c) STP Project Update, (d) Poop and Scoop Information, (e) Berwick School Funding Request

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by
Councillor Banks to accept the Agenda as amended.**

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Hearing of no errors or omissions the Chairman approved the previous Council minutes of February 8, 2000 as circulated.

4. **Kings Transit Authority Budget Presentation – Mr. Ron Reeves**

Mr. Reeves reviewed the Budget presentation that was circulated to Council earlier this evening. Mr. Reeves answered several questions from Councillors and it was noted that the report would be more informative if it included last year's budget as a comparison, as well as the current year-end projections. Mr. Reeves reported that the Authority feels very comfortable with the report and the position that the Authority is in.

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Trinacty and seconded by Deputy Mayor Munday to send a letter of congratulations to the Kings Transit Authority, recognizing a job well done over the past year.

Motion Carried

Mayor Prall thanked Mr. Reeves for the presentation and Mr. Reeves left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

5. Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

a) Lapel Pin Distribution Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by Councillor Whittier to accept the Lapel Pin Distribution Policy which outlines that the Town's lapel pins be sold at the General Office for \$1.00 each, staff and Councillors receive one pin each, and any groups or organizations looking for pins should submit a written request to the Town Clerk.

Motion Carried

b) Apple Blossom Festival Princess Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Banks to accept the Apple Blossom Festival Princess Policy as developed by the Recreation Director.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Trinacty to make the following amendments:

- **the first sentence of the first paragraph on page two of the policy to read “. . . files will remain the property of, and be maintained by, the Recreation Department . . .”**
- **the first two sentences in the second paragraph on the second page of the policy to read “The Princess Committee with the Recreation Director will develop and submit a budget to the February Committee of the Whole meeting for approval at March Council.”**
- **the last sentence in paragraph 4 to read “. . . allocated to offset the current year's expenses.”**
- **delete the second last paragraph in its entirety.**
- **the fifth paragraph on page 2 to read “must reside with the boundaries served by the 538 telephone exchange and general area including the communities of Berwick, South Berwick,**

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Windermere, Waterville, Cambridge, Somerset, Weston, Grafton, Welsford, Woodville, Burlington, Black Rock, Harbourville, Morristown, Garland, and Rockland.”

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion Carried

A vote was taken on the amended motion.

Motion Carried

A letter was received from the Berwick & District Board of Trade noting that the Town's request for the Board of Trade to handle the Booster Club does not fall under their direct mandate to serve the businesses of the area. The Board gave several suggestions received from the Apple Blossom Festival on how the Town could manage this issue. After a discussion of the possibilities for the Town,

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by Councillor Whittier that the Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Town Clerk, develop and distribute a Booster Club promotional package for local businesses and professionals, for submission of funds to the Apple Blossom Festival Booster Club.

Motion Carried

c) In Service Recognition Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Whittier to include the members of the Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department under the Town's In Service Recognition Policy.

After a brief discussion regarding the inclusion of other departments,

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks to amend the motion to include members of the RCMP and Councillors for long service recognition under the Policy.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion Carried

A vote was taken on the amended motion.

Motion Carried

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d) Recycling Receptacles

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Trinacty to instruct the Public Works Department to construct four recycling receptacles prior to the end of March 2000, with the cost not to exceed \$275 in materials for each unit; and that another four receptacles will be built and included in the 2000/2001 Budget.

Motion Carried

e) Valley Solid Waste Authority 2000/2001 Budget

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks to accept the VSWA 2000/2001 Budget.

Motion Carried

f) Department of Transportation Maintenance Agreement

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the Department of Transportation Agreement regarding the maintenance of bridges within Town limits on behalf of the Town of Berwick.

Motion Carried

5. Recommendations from Other Committees

a) Police Services Advisory Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Trinacty and seconded by Councillor Whittier that the Berwick RCMP Office be authorized to turn over any found property not claimed by the owner or the finder after 90 days to the Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department for their annual fund raising auction.

Motion Carried

6. New Business

a) Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) – Report

Ms. Parker reviewed the issue and report for the benefit of Council. There are two opportunities for the Town to communicate its concerns to the Province and the RRFB and these options were outlined within the Report. After a brief discussion,

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Trinacty and seconded by Councillor Banks to adopt the following actions:

- **A letter be sent to the Minister of Environment and copied to the RRFB outlining the Town's concerns;**
- **A copy of this letter be sent to the Valley Waste-Resource Management Authority requesting the Authority to include the Town's concerns as part of its submission on the draft Environment Act;**
- **Present the attached resolution at the next regional UNSM meeting for approval to be presented at the UNSM Annual Conference this fall.**

Motion Carried

b) Hawkers and Peddlars Bylaw Update

Mr. Stewart reported that he has had discussions on this topic with Cathleen O'Grady, Solicitor for the Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs. Ms. O'Grady indicated that the upcoming release of model bylaws from the Association of Municipal Administrators may contain a model to go by at that time. These bylaws are expected to be out in April or May. Councillors noted their concern in having something in place for this summer to deal with street vendors. Several complaints have been received from residents. Council instructed Ms. Parker and Mr. Stewart to draft a report on this issue for the March Committee of the Whole meeting in order to be ready with information and direction from Council by the time the model bylaws are released.

c) STP Project Update

Mayor Prall reported that he had recently met with Mr. Gould and Mr. Dewar regarding the noise problem at the plant. Mr. Dewar is consulting with a noise advisor from Acadia University to solve the problem. The odour from the plant should improve over the next month. Cell #2 has to be drained and have pipes installed, as well as a leak between cell #2 and #3 needs to be repaired.

d) Poop and Scoop – Information

Ms. Parker reported that she had reviewed the work plan laid out by the License and Bylaw Committee regarding the review of Bylaws. It had been agreed upon that public awareness for dog owners would be started by March 31, 2000. A notice has been placed in the Register for the next few weeks, and dog notices will be put in the March and April domestic electric bills.

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e) Berwick School Band Trip Funding Request

Councillor Morse inquired as to where this request stood. Ms. Parker reported that Ms. Jones has completed some research on this topic and staff had been previously instructed to bring back a report to the March Committee of the Whole meeting. The information will be available at that time.

7. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Rachel L. Jones
Recording Secretary