

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
19 APRIL 2000

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

In attendance: Ms. Sara Keddy, Register
 Mr. Bob Stewart, Town Solicitor

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
 An item from the Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department was added under Correspondence. Hearing of no further additions to the Agenda,

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by
Councillor Clarke to approved the Agenda as amended.**

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 Hearing of no errors or omissions the Chairman approved the previous minutes of 14 March 2000 as circulated.
4. **Recommendations from Committee of the Whole**

a) **Smoke-Free Kings**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Trinacty and seconded by
Councillor Whittier to accept the recommendations of the Smoke-
Free Kings Public Places Committee, specifically that the four
Councils of Kings County adopt a common smoking bylaw; a
committee be formed with staff from each of the four councils and
representatives from Smoke-Free Kings to make
recommendations for the municipal bylaw restricting smoking in
public places; and that the recommendations be presented to
councils by September 2000 with implementation of the bylaw by
December 2000.**

Motion Carried

b) Personal Tax Exemption

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks that the level of income of \$18,000 and the personal tax exemption amount of \$200 remain unchanged for the taxation year 2000/01

Motion Carried

c) Interest Rate on Overdue Taxes

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Whittier to maintain the interest rate charged on overdue taxes at 15.0% per annum (1.25% per month) and to continue to calculate the rate using the simple method.

Motion Carried

d) Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Berwick Electric Commission

The following Temporary Borrowing Resolution was moved by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Clarke:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Berwick, subject to the approval of the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65(z) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Berwick to expend funds for the capital purpose of the acquisition of equipment, materials, vehicles, machinery, apparatus, implements and plant for a municipal purpose, namely a utility truck for the Berwick Electric Commission;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town borrow a sum or sums not exceeding One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Town borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

Motion Carried

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Trinacty to give authority to the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the resolution on behalf of the Town of Berwick to be forwarded to the Minister for approval.

Motion Carried.

e) Purchase of Tanker Truck

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Trinacty to allow for the share of the Town's Budget for the purchase of the tanker truck for the Berwick and District Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion Carried

f) Training and Professional Development Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Banks to approve the Training and Professional Development Policy as attached.

Motion Carried

g) Hawkers and Peddlers Bylaw

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Clarke to wait for the release of the model Hawkets and Peddlers Bylaw prepared as part of the UNSM/AMA/DHMA joint Model Bylaw initiative. Further, that the Town Solicitor be instructed to have a report ready for May Committee of the Whole which will include a proposed Hawkets and Peddlers Bylaw for the Town of Berwick.

Motion Carried

h) Registrar of Voters

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Banks to appoint Rachel Jones as the Registrar of Voters for the regular municipal election to be held in October 2000.

Motion Carried

i) Requests for Funding

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Whittier to grant Mr. Gary Long, Town Crier, \$300 to assist in his trip to Belgium in June 2000; and to grant the Berwick & District School Band Program \$400 for their trip to Quebec in May; to be funded from the 1999/2000 Budget.

Motion Carried

j) Fire Department Purchase - Coveralls

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Whittier that approval be granted for the Fire Department to proceed with the purchase of fire retardant coveralls for the upcoming fire season.

Motion Carried

5. Recommendations from Other Committees

a) Police Services Advisory Committee

Councillor Trinacty reported that at the last meeting of the Police Services Advisory Committee, it was noted that the issue of roaming dogs has been very time consuming for the RCMP. A motion was made upon recommendation of Corporal Payne to provide some guidance for Council. After further discussion, it was agreed that the entire Animal Control Bylaw needs to be reviewed, and this task will be undertaken by staff at an appropriate time. Ms. Parker noted that she will provide a review of the Town's bylaws that need to be reviewed and will bring back a proposed schedule for such a review at a later Committee of the Whole meeting.

b) Planning Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Munday reported that at the last PAC meeting a discussion took place regarding the current arrangement between the County of Kings and the Town for planning services. There are two rezoning applications that need to be dealt with. Therefore,

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Banks to retain the services of Ridge Hiltz Development Program Services Ltd. of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, to process the two rezoning applications received from Grand View Manor and Mr. Dwight Johnson, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

Motion Carried

6. Correspondence

- a) Received from the Department of Environment, a letter requesting the support of the Town regarding a program called Plant-a-Row, Grow-a-Row, to promote composting and to support local Food Banks.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by Councillor Clarke that a letter will be sent to the Department of the Environment supporting the Plan-a-Row, Grow-a-Row Program.

Motion Carried

- b) Received a letter from Scott MacLean, noting that the residents of Cape Breton are considering that the island should form Canada's 11th province. He is asking all Nova Scotian municipalities to hold a plebiscite on this topic during the municipal election in October. For the information of Council.
- c) Received a letter from the Annapolis Valley Labour Council reporting on the cutbacks to the Employment Insurance program in the Kings County Area. Attached is a resolution for the consideration of Council. It was agreed to distribute this package with the Committee of the Whole Agenda for consideration.
- d) Received an invitation from the Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department for Council and Department Heads, to their annual "Ladies Night" on May 13th. For the information of Council

7. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Rachel L. Jones
Recording Secretary