

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
27 JUNE 2000

Present: Chairman Deputy Mayor Michael J. Munday
 Councillor Gary W. Whittier
 Councillor Bruce H. Morse
 Councillor Michael E. Trinacty
 Councillor Thomas S. Banks
 Councillor Donald E. Clarke
 Mr. Gary Gould, Public Works Superintendent
 Ms. Jenn MacDonald, Recreation Director
 Mr. Don Regan, BEC Superintendent
 Corporal Mike Payne, RCMP
 Ms. Linda Parker, Acting Town Clerk
 Mrs. Rachel Turner, Recording Secretary

Absent Mayor John P. Prall
 Mr. Roger Ryan, Accountant

In attendance Sara Keddy, Berwick Register
 Mr. Brad Morse, MacKenzie Morse & Brewster

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

2. **2000/01 Financial Statements**

Mr. Morse presented the final draft financial statements for the Town of Berwick and Berwick Electric Commission as of March 31, 2000. Council briefly reviewed the statements. Ms. Parker commended staff on an excellent job in collecting tax payments, which in turn helped increase the surplus for the Town.

**IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Munday and seconded by
Councillor Whittier to approve the financial statements for the
Town of Berwick and Berwick Electric Commission as of March
31, 2000.**

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Budgets**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by
Councillor Trinacty that the 2000-2001 Operation Budget totalling
\$2,237,000 be approved as presented.**

Motion Carried

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by
Councillor Banks that the 2000-2003 Capital Budget totalling
\$1,293,290 be approved as presented.**

Motion Carried

4. Approval of Tax Rates

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Trinacty that the 2000-2001 Tax Rates be set as follows:

Residential	\$1.33
Commercial	\$2.38
Sewer (Residential)	\$0.125
Sewer (Commercial)	\$0.125

Motion Carried

5. Tax Exemption Resolution

The following resolution was moved by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Banks:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Berwick

THAT an exemption from taxes for 2000/2001 be granted pursuant to Part IV Section 69 of the Municipal Government Act in the amount of \$200.00 (TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS);

THAT the exemption be granted to every person assessed with respect to taxable property in the Town of Berwick whose total income from all sources (and including the income of all other persons of the same family residing in the same household as the applicant ratepayer) for the year preceding the year for which the exemption is sought (i.e. 1999) is \$18,000.00 or less (EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) excluding War Veteran's Allowance or War Pension, and who is a resident of the Town of Berwick;

THAT the exemption be granted only in respect of property occupied by the application ratepayer as his/her home;

WHERE property is jointly owned, only one Tax Exemption shall be allowed;

THAT no application for an exemption will be considered unless made on or before the 31st day of July A.D. 2000;

THAT proof of income MUST be submitted along with the application (i.e. photocopy of Income Tax Return for the 1999 tax year).

Motion Carried

6. **Tax Billings**

Ms. Parker noted that the ideal due date for the final tax billing would be September 30th, however in light of the challenges with the current financial system a firm date of when the bills will be printed has not been determined. Therefore, a due date in October would be preferable to provide customers with 30 days to pay their bills.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by Councillor Clarke that the final 2000-2001 Tax Billing be issued in September 2000 with a due date of October 31, 2000.

Motion Carried

7. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Michael J. Munday
Chairman

Rachel L. Turner
Recording Secretary