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information on the Foundation and its goals. Deputy Mayor Trinacty thanked the Foundation for their presentation and noted that the funding request would be referred to the upcoming budget deliberations. The members thanked Council for allowing them the opportunity to make the presentation and left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

5. Recommendations from COTW

(a) Crow Population

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to purchase and implement the use of starter pistols immediately to control the crow population within the Town of Berwick.

Motion Carried

(b) 2002 Berwick Princess Committee

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to select Lisa Landry (Chair), Nicole Lee, Cheryl Roop, Cindy Giffin-Johnson, Allyson Burgess and Jennifer Best to form the 2002 Berwick Princess Committee.

Motion Carried

6. Recommendations from Other Committees

(a) Police Services Advisory Committee

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to proceed with the implementation of a one-year pilot project of an expanded policing jurisdiction for the Town of Berwick RCMP Office, to include the communities of Aylesford, Somerset and South Berwick, presented by the RCMP as Option A, beginning April 1, 2002.

Ms. Parker reported that the Municipality of the County of Kings, due to lack of time during its regular Council meeting, has deferred the issue until February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

7. Business Arising

(a) Valley Waste Resource Management 2002/03 Budget

Councillor Horsburgh noted that, at the Joint Meeting of Councils held on January 23rd, there were no other adjustments made to the budget as was presented to the Town of Berwick's Committee of the Whole in January. The Town's share of the budget is 2.8%, or \$137,275. This is a minimal decrease from the past year due to the addition of the Town of Hantsport to the partnership.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the 2002/03 Valley Waste Resource Management Budget as presented.

Motion Carried

(b) Partial Tax Exemption Bylaw - 2nd Reading

Ms. Parker reviewed the report, noting that the amendment to the Bylaw is a housekeeping change to keep in line with the past practice of the Town.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve second reading of the amendment of the Partial Tax Exemption Bylaw to include the Berwick and District Nursery School.

Motion Carried

8. Other Business

(a) Health Action Coalition of Kings and Annapolis

Deputy Mayor Trinacty reviewed the letter from the Municipality of Annapolis County to the Minister of Health regarding the proposed health funding cuts in the Annapolis Valley, as well as an invitation from Frank Chipman, MLA of Annapolis to a meeting on February 14th regarding the same issue.

It was agreed that the Town needed to express its concerns regarding the proposed cuts, and to take a strong stand with the provincial elected officials by urging them to consider the consequences of such drastic cuts. A strongly worded letter will be sent to Dave Logie of the Valley District Health Authority, copied to the local MLA's expressing the Town's views. Deputy Mayor Trinacty will attend the meeting with Mr. Chipman. It was also noted that clear communication should be maintained with the Western Kings Memorial Health Centre regarding meetings and any letter writing campaign.

(b) Strategy Session Date

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to schedule the next Strategy Session meeting for March 28th at 6:30 p.m. Future dates will be considered at that time.

(c) UNSM Meeting

A meeting between the UNSM and Minister MacIsaac is scheduled in Halifax on February 15th at 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The purpose of the meeting is to open dialogue between the mayors and wardens and the Minister. The Agenda and format of the meeting is unknown at this time. There will be a meeting of the Town Caucus during the evening prior to the Minister's meeting. The CAO will attend the Town Caucus meeting and the CAO and Deputy Mayor will attend the Minister's meeting.

At this time, Mrs. Musseau addressed Council regarding the proposed health care cuts that have been in the news and expressed her concern about the lack of funding and the potential loss of further services to Berwick and surrounding communities. The list of provincial politicians and their contact information was given to Mrs. Musseau and she was encouraged to start her own letter writing campaign.

(d) RCMP Incident

Deputy Mayor Trinacty noted that the domestic disturbance incident that took place in Berwick last week was handled very well by the RCMP and expressed his thanks to all of the

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RCMP involved, as well as the Town's staff in how things were handled from the Town's perspective. The level of concern and the procedures taken were appropriate for the incident.

(e) Employee Recognition Ceremony

Deputy Mayor Trinacty reminded Council of the Employee Recognition Ceremony scheduled for noon on February 21st in Council Chambers.

(f) Natural Gas Update

Councillor Clarke updated Council on the Natural Gas issue, noting that there are a number of options and opportunities available that the Town is aware of and is participating in to a degree, such as wind power and co-generation of electricity and steam. It speaks very well of the Town to be involved in exploring renewable energy sources.

9. Correspondence

(a) For the Information of Council

There was no discussion regarding the list of correspondence received by the Town.

(b) Online Investments

Ms. Parker noted the correspondence received from Online Investments regarding the deed transfer tax, and corrected some inaccurate statements in the Town's response to that letter. This issue will be considered further during the upcoming budget deliberations. It will be difficult to address until the actions of the Province become clearer with respect to the municipal equalization issue.

10. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Michael E. Trinacty
Chairman

Rachel L. Turner
Recording Secretary