

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
14 JANUARY 2003

Present: Chairman Mayor John P. Prall
 Deputy Mayor Michael E. Trinacty
 Councillor Gary W. Whittier
 Councillor Donald E. Clarke
 Councillor Thomas S. Banks
 Councillor J. Richard Horsburgh
 Ms. Linda Parker, Chief Administrative Officer
 Mrs. Rachel Turner, Recording Secretary

In attendance: Mr. Ken MacPherson, Berwick Register
 Mr. Jeff McBean, West Kings PTSA

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed the guests in attendance.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
The following additions to the Agenda were noted: 8(d) SNSMR – Strengthening the Relationship and 8(e) Dept. of Environment and Labour. An in camera meeting will be held at the end of the regular meeting to discuss confidential personnel issues. Hearing of no further changes the Chairman approved the Agenda as amended.
3. **Approval of the Previous Minutes**
Hearing of no errors or omissions the Chairman approved the previous minutes of 10 December 2002 and Special Council meeting minutes of 7 January 2003.
4. **Presentation**
 - (a) **West Kings Parent Teacher Student Association – Mr. Jeff McBean**
Mr. McBean reviewed his presentation and noted that the group is looking for a decision by late January. He also distributed a sheet outlining the proposed projects and the cost involved that the group is looking for assistance with. It was agreed to refer the issue to staff for further discussion at the January Committee of the Whole.
5. **Recommendations from Other Committees**
 - (a) **Planning Advisory Committee**
Deputy Mayor Trinacty quickly reviewed the issue.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the completion of
Phase 2 and 3 of the Groundwater Resource Study.**

A report that was previously presented to Council was re-distributed which outlines the costs associated with each of the phases, as well as a final report from the 4Site Group on the completion of phase 1. Ms. Parker reviewed the timeline required to complete the project and noted that the testing and sampling process will need to be contracted out. A brief discussion followed and it was noted that Mr. Millier and his staff have done tremendous work in the completion of phase 1 of this project. It was agreed to invite Mr. Millier to the February Council meeting to provide an overview of the findings of phase 1.

Motion Carried

7. New Business

(a) Valley Waste Resource Management Authority

Councillor Horsburgh reviewed the draft budget that was distributed from the Valley Waste-Resource Management Authority and noted that their meeting has been moved from January 30th to February 6th to present the draft budget to the participating municipal units. The main increases in the budget were discussed and general discussion followed regarding why those increases are present. Ms. Parker noted that with the current budget, it costs approximately \$3 per dwelling per pickup for households to take their garbage to the curb. We do have one of the best waste management systems in place and the staff certainly strives for excellence. However, they may need to be reminded that the costs need to be kept to affordable levels for municipal units and residents.

It was noted that municipal units are presented with various budgets from organizations with which there are intermunicipal funding arrangements prior to determining our own budgets, therefore it is even more prudent to review the percentage increase in costs for the Town of Berwick to help keep our own budget in check. It was agreed to add this item on the January Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion.

8. Correspondence

(a) Annapolis Valley Honour Choir

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to respond to the group asking for more information, specifically why all members are not travelling and how many are from the Town of Berwick, and that the request has been deferred to the upcoming budget process.

(b) FCM – Call for Resolutions

For the information of Council.

(c) UNSM Spring Workshop

Councillors were asked to let Mrs. Turner know if they would like to attend the Spring Workshop that is scheduled to be held in May 2003.

(d) SNSMR – Strengthening the Relationship

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that representatives from the Town had attended the previous meetings and would not attend the upcoming meeting.

(e) Department of Environment & Labour – Storm Draining Works Approval Policy

For the information of Council

9. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Rachel L. Turner
Recording Secretary