

MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
14 DECEMBER 2004

Present: Chairman Mayor John P. Prall
 Deputy Mayor Michael E. Trinacty
 Councillor Donald E. Clarke
 Councillor Gary W. Whittier
 Councillor J. Richard Horsburgh
 Councillor Beth Easson
 Councillor Anna Ashford-Morton
 Ms. Linda Parker, Chief Administrative Officer
 Ms. Michelle Millett, Recording Secretary

In attendance: Mr. Jason Smith, Berwick Register
 Mr. Tom Easson (left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)
 Ms. Marsha Easson (left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)
 Mr. Ken Crichton (left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.)
 Mr. Stan Maynard (left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.)
 Mr. Frank Lee (left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.)
 Mr. William Easson (left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)
 Mr. Phillip Easson (left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **Presentation ~ Food Bank Donation**
Mayor Prall welcomed Mr. Frank Lee and Mr. Stan Maynard as members of the Berwick Food Bank. He relayed that Council had made it a priority to explore ways in which the Town could help the Food Bank. He asked Councillor Easson to present the Food Bank items donated by staff and Councillors to representatives, Mr. Lee and Mr. Maynard. Mr. Lee thanked Council for their donation and relayed that food that comes into the Food Bank goes back out just as quickly. He said that the representatives of the Food Bank were looking forward to working with the Town to publicize this good cause.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
The Agenda was approved as circulated.
4. **Approval of the Previous Minutes**
The Chairman approved the minutes of November 9, 2004 as circulated.
5. **Presentation ~ Hants Kings Business Development Centre Ltd.**
The Mayor welcomed Mr. Ken Crichton from Hants Kings Business Development Ltd. Mr. Crichton distributed promotional material and the Annual Report. He gave a brief overview of various programs administered by the organization and relayed

that the rate of growth was evident in the increase in funding distributed for new businesses over the past three years.

Mr. Crichton relayed that Mr. Allie Craswell, a familiar face to Berwick, had recently become a member of the Board of Directors for Hants-Kings Business Development.

Mr. Crichton opened the floor for questions and Deputy Mayor Trinacty asked how the Corporation promoted itself. Mr. Crichton replied that the Centre advertised in local papers, sponsored various events and by others who have used the programs telling others. He noted that the Annual Report listed various activities undertaken by the business Centre during the past fiscal year.

Chairman Prall thanked Mr. Crichton for his presentation.

6. Recommendations from Other Committees

(a) Recommendations from Planning Advisory Committee

(i) Century Centre Rezoning

Deputy Mayor Trinacty read the motion regarding the rezoning of the proposed Century Centre land. Councillor Whittier and Councillor Ashford-Morton wanted to table the motion until they could hear from the Berwick and District Community Association about what types of activities would occur in and on the grounds of the centre. Mayor Prall replied that the Community Association had given a presentation at the Public Participation Program on September 28, 2004. Councillor Clarke wanted to investigate further the impact of re-zoning and investigate methods of control that could be instituted upon the facility prior to operation.

Deputy Mayor Trinacty noted that the facility was a positive opportunity for the community and that time should be allowed to ensure that all citizen's needs are met. Mayor Prall noted the positive spin-offs of the development including a sharp increase in new housing starts and the development of the Berwick Acres Subdivision adjacent to the site.

Ms. Parker offered to research the issue for Council to investigate controls that could be utilized to protect the interest of residents and consult with a solicitor in regard to the matter. Mr. Millier relayed that tools may be available within a Development Agreement to manage the areas of concern brought forward by Mr. and Mrs. Easson.

It was suggested that 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2005 be set for a meeting to gather public input.

Commented [MM1]: Hi Linda, Not quite sure how to deal with this motion.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to table the motion to amend the existing MPS and LUB to facilitate the rezoning of the lands of W. and P. Easson from Residential to Parks and Recreation until February Council on February 8, 2005.

Motion Carried

- (ii) Water Resource Management Amendments to the LUB & MPS
Deputy Mayor Trinacty read the motion.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the proposed amendments to the MPS and LUB that would generally have the affect of: promoting awareness and public education about groundwater resource management; promotion of intergovernmental cooperation in matters of groundwater resource management and the regulation of specific land uses which have been identified as being high risk with respect to groundwater quality protection.

Motion Carried

7. **New Business**

(a) Appointment of Signing Officers

Mr. MacLean reviewed his report and noted with the election of a new Deputy Mayor there was a requirement for a new resolution from Council.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council authorize the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer and Accountant to act as signing officers under the Town's Banking Agreement with the Berwick Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Motion Carried

(b) Council Priorities ~ Winter 2005

Ms. Parker distributed documents from Council Priority Setting ~ Winter 2005 (attached) that detailed the priorities for Now, Next and Later, an implementation plan for each priority and a breakdown by month of what priorities staff would be working on. She relayed that it was an aggressive set of priorities and implementation dates. Ms. Parker reviewed each item on the priority list and timeframes and significant milestones in the process prior to recommendation to Council.

Ms. Parker noted that the target dates were a guideline only and relayed that staff think the implementation plan is reasonable and will give every effort to complete the items according to the plan. Deputy Mayor Trinacty relayed that Council would try to adhere to the schedule, but there would need to be allowances for Councillors to move timelines if the schedule becomes too

ambitious.

Councillor Whittier requested that the Burning By-law be changed to be called an Outdoor Burning By-law or another name that wouldn't allude to the burning of wood inside homes.

Councillor Horsburgh asked why another study for the STP and Sanitary Sewer System was to be completed. Ms. Parker relayed that the most recent study was completed on the Storm Water Management System and not the STP and Sanitary Sewer. She said that this study would allow for infrastructure upgrades that should be performed to maintain the older equipment and would serve as a proactive measure to ensure the safety of our sanitary sewer system. In addition, Ms. Parker relayed that preliminary indications were that municipalities may have to file applications for funding from the federal gas tax rebate program and engineering studies supporting the need for infrastructure upgrades would be required.

In conclusion, Ms. Parker reviewed the Century Centre (Apple Dome) impact on the Town's Recreation Department. She relayed that this project would be a challenge as the operations of the Century Centre were yet to be decided. It would therefore be difficult to address what impact it would have on the Town's Recreation Department. Ms. Parker suggested that this initiative should follow the Governance and Operational Study that Council has agreed to fund for the Berwick & District Community Association. Mayor Prall asked when the study would begin and Deputy Mayor Trinacty replied that the Association would build the facility according to what funding was raised and only then would the operational requirements be known. Ms. Parker suggested putting the Century Centre impact on the priority list as a Next item and Council was in agreement.

(c) Logan MacLean

Councillor Whittier noted that Logan MacLean, a resident of the Town of Berwick was a World Youth Championship skate board winner.

(d) Town Caucus Business

Mayor Prall informed Council that the next meeting of the full Town's Caucus will be scheduled for January 2005. The number of representatives from each Town may be limited due to the large number of Towns represented by the Caucus. He asked for input from Council as to whether the number of Councillors from each Town should be limited, and if so, how many should be permitted to attend.

Mayor Prall discussed with Councillors how the next UNSM Board of Directors meeting would address funding formulas for distribution of the Gas Tax Rebate

for municipalities. He relayed those small towns without infrastructure studies may be disadvantaged in receiving Gas Tax funding.

(e) Municipal Law Course by Henson College

Ms. Parker asked any Councillors that wanted to attend the Municipal Law Course to contact her.

8. Correspondence

(a) FCM Position on Fuel Tax

For the information of Council.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of Council would be held January 11, 2005.

10. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the Council meeting at 8:55 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Michelle Millett
Recording Secretary