

MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 26, 2005

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

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Mayor Prall reported that he and Mr. Allie Craswell of Avon Foods would be meeting with Minister Fage on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. regarding the Avon Foods Facility. He explained that provincial input would be sought to place another business in the facility. Mayor Prall invited any interested Councillors to attend a meeting on August 4, 2005 in Halifax to brief Mayors, Wardens and Councillors on the Fair & Equitable Funding Project report.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**
The Agenda was approved as circulated.

3. **New Business**

(a) **Berwick Police Area Study**

Mayor Prall reported on a meeting he had attended with the Municipality of Kings regarding the Expanded Jurisdiction Pilot Project and the RCMP. He noted that RCMP and Justice had developed Terms of Reference to begin a study of policing in the Town of Berwick. Mayor Prall relayed that our policing options should be compared to Town's of similar sizes when options were investigated.

Mayor Prall relayed that the cost sharing arrangement between the County and Berwick was another issue that would be included in the service review. He said that the purpose of the study was to investigate the current model of policing in the Town of Berwick. Deputy Mayor Trinacty expressed concern that the RCMP and Justice study be open to all of the available options and configurations and not only the expanded policing pilot model.

Discussion took place regarding the justification for a full complement of officers and advantages of the extended zone with the regional services that were offered. The report was to be complete by November 2005. Mayor Prall reported that an independent audit of the study would be undertaken by the Town upon completion of the study by Justice and RCMP.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council pass a resolution to complete a study of the policing services in the area as per the Terms of Reference (July 14, 2005).

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Trinacty requested that it be noted in the Terms of Reference that the Policing Study would allow the ability to independently audit the completed study. Mayor Prall agreed to pass this information on to Justice and the RCMP.

At this point the meeting moved into an In Camera session to discuss a personnel issue.

The meeting re-adjourned following the In Camera session.

4. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the Council meeting at 5:50 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Michelle Millett
Recording Secretary