

**MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 10, 2006**

Present:           Chairman       Mayor John P. Prall  
  Deputy Mayor Donald E. Clarke  
  Councillor J. Richard Horsburgh  
  Councillor Beth Easson  
  Councillor Gary W. Whittier  
  Councillor Anna Ashford-Morton  
  Councillor Michael E. Trinacty  
  Mr. Bob Ashley, Chief Administrative Officer  
  Ms. Shannon Bishop, Recording Secretary

In Attendance:                       Mrs. Sara Keddy, Berwick Register  
  Mr. Ken Crichton, Hants Kings Business Development  
  Centre Ltd.

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**  
The Agenda was approved with the addition of Valley Waste under New Business item? The Agenda was approved as amended.
3. **Approval of the Previous Minutes**  
The Chairman approved the Council minutes of December 13, 2005 as circulated.
4. **Presentations**
  - (a) **Hants Kings Business Development Centre Ltd. ~ Mr. Ken Crichton**

Mr. Chricton indicated that his major role was to provide financing to people who were not able to access financing through more normal means. He noted that this current year was the best yet and were projecting to do five million dollars of deals during this fiscal year.

Mr. Chricton next reviewed the different programs offered by the Hants-Kings Business Development Centre Ltd. He discussed a program that was in conjunction with Services Canada which was formerly known as HRDC. Mr. Chricton was concerned that a source of funds was questionable right now and there may be a request for a letter of support to do these funds.

Mr. Chricton noted that the lending limits have increased from 125,000 to 150,000 for business. These are for childcare, sheltered workshops or not for profit organizations. He relayed that he would like to have any people directed to the Hants Kings Business that could utilize this service.

Mr. Chrichton noted that there has been a definite boom during the last fiscal year. He noted that the rate for borrowing was 8%, just above the bank rate.

## 5. Accolades

### (a) Outgoing Chief Stephen Palmer ~ B&DVFD

For the information of Council. Mayor Prall complimented Mr. Palmer on his conscientious job and volunteerism during his tenure as chief.

### (b) Outgoing President Joe McGrath ~ B&DVFD

For the information of Council.

### (c) Chief Laurie Saunders ~ B&DVFD

For the information of Council. Mayor Prall wished Chief Saunders all the best in his tenure and noted he would be directly involved with the Fire Department and the Kings County end of the Fire Study.

### (d) Kings Transit ~ House of Assembly

For the information of Council.

## 6. Committee Updates and Recommendations

### (a) Recreation Advisory Committee

Councillor Horsburgh noted that the December meeting was a good meeting and went to the meeting at Acadia for the Formal Bid for the Canada Games Stakeholders bid process. Discussion took place regarding Flag Day which would be hosted by Berwick in the year 2007.

Councillor Eason asked if the green color would stay on the skateboard park units.

### (b) Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor Trinacty reviewed the report. He relayed that when subdivision occurs in one year, the building increases in the next year and Mr. Millier relayed that single family construction will increase in the new year.

Councillor Trinacty discussed briefly the process of public hearings and changes to the MPS and LUB that would allow zero lot lines.

He also noted that he would be the representative on the Economic Development Steering Committee to link PAC and the Economic Development Strategy Committee.

The other item discussed was the renaming of Main Street or a portion of Main Street to Veterans Drive. Mayor Prall noted that he and Deputy Mayor Clarke had canvassed East Main Street. He relayed that some people were not home and there would be revisited. He noted that the responses were varied.

Mr. Ashley noted that he wrote a letter to the Apple Capital Society regarding there input and inviting there input.

Discussion took place regarding the possible renaming of Main Street to Veterans Drive. In addition the process of public input in the Street Naming and Renaming Policy. Mr. Ashley noted that Council will have to look at how the voting from the survey and what would warrant a change. He would prefer that a number be selected prior to receiving and tabulating the results of the survey.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that the results of the survey will be based of a minimum of a 60 % return rate.

**Motion Carried**

**6. New Business**

**(a) Eco-Kings One Tonne Challenge**

Mr. Ashley reviewed his report.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that Council show its support for Phase II of the Eco-Kings Community Challenge by sending a letter of support dated January 10, 2006, signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Town of Berwick.

**Motion Carried**

It was suggested that we don't say what type of support we would provide at this time in the letter of support.

**(b) Fire Hall Proposed Site Purchase ~ Amendment to the MPS & LUB**

Mr. Ashley reviewed his report. He relayed that Donna Conrad had drafted a purchase agreement for the Town and Fire Commission and Donna has now done revisions. The Fire Commission will review the documents and Geoff Muttart will review the document for the Town. There is also a letter to proceed with Council acknowledge receipt of the letter requesting the amendments to the MPS and LUB.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that Council accepts the request the Fire Commission/Town of Berwick partnership's request to amend the Town's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law such that both will permit construction of a new hall for the Berwick and District Fire Department at the property to be purchased from Mr. Illsley (PID 55242622).

**Motion Carried**

Discussion took place regarding the order of what processes should take place. Councillor Clarke noted that the Department of Environment would require that an engineer would certify that the land would be OK to bring to grade. It was

discussed that the rezoning process would take place first to see if the public was OK with the rezoning of the process.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that Council refer the matter of the above motion to PAC for placement on the agenda of the next PAC for placement on the agenda of the next PAC meeting, February 7, 2006.

**Motion Carried**

(c) Valley Waste Recovery Budgetary Update

Councillor Horsburgh relayed that the budget would be reviewed on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.??? And all of the Councillors are invited to attend. An increase in a partners share of 14% and will be in the Town's case about \$20,000 for increases in the budget that they are requesting from the partners. The reason for this is for the new second generation landfill and the transportation to that landfill. Councillor Horsburgh encouraged all councilors to attend the meeting as it means 2 cents on the tax dollar for this increase. A four % increase in wages was also flagged as a problem. Kings and Annapolis County have a veto over everyone for the passing of the budget. Councillor Horsburgh noted that after the budget meeting, Mr. Ross Maybe would come to our meeting. Mayor Prall noted that big cost was the dumping.

Councillor Clarke highlighted 57,000 in IT in this current year and thought that that should be a question at the Bridgetown meeting. Mayor Prall was concerned that the budget goes to a general meeting and the people around the board do not get input to the budgetary process.

**8. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of Council would be held February 14, 2006.

**9. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the Council meeting at 8:13 p.m.**

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John P. Prall  
Chairman

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Shannon Bishop  
Recording Secretary