



**6. Presentations:**

**a) Kings CED Agency’s Mid-Year Review**

The chair welcomed Erin Beaudin, Executive Director of the Kings CED.

Mr. Beaudin gave a presentation on the Kings CED Mid-Year Review, as she stated that September 30<sup>th</sup> was the half way mark of the fiscal year.

Kings CED have updated the Move to Kings Guide to enhance the business aspect in hopes to attract more businesses to move to this area and to maintain the existing ones. Ms. Beaudin reported that Kings CED has published a Starting a Business Guide. She added that Kings CED is also working on a Business Directory, with approximately 2400 businesses listed. Kings CED is launching a new website in the next week or so.

Ms. Beaudin reported that she is working with Berwick Town Council and the Berwick Board of Trade to hopefully move forward on the business strategy that had taken place last year. She expressed that Kings CED is looking forward to help in any way they can.

**7. Committee Updates and Recommendations**

**(a) Committee of the Whole**

Bob Ashley read the motion.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that Council approve the attached resolution related to Non-Owned Automobile insurance coverage.

**RESOLUTION**

Be it hereby resolved that the TOWN OF BERWICK accept the agreement of the SUBSCRIPTION POLICY to insure the liability assumed by this Resolution as follows:

THE TOWN OF BERWICK HEREBY

1. ASSUMES THE LIABILITY FOR BODILY INJURY TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON OR DAMAGE TO OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY OF OTHERS, IMPOSED BY LAW UPON:
  - (a) Partners, Councillors, Board Members, Officers, Employees or Volunteer Workers of the TOWN OF BERWICK for liability which arises out of the use or operation by such person of a licensed motor vehicle, or
  - (b) the owner of any licensed motor vehicle, for liability which arises out of the use or operation of such licensed motor vehicle Partners, Councillors, Board Members, Officers, Employees or Volunteer Workers of the TOWN OF BERWICK
  
2. DECLARES THAT SUCH ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS:
  - (a) This assumption of liability applies only to the use or operation of a licensed motor vehicle in Canada or the United States of America by Partners, Councillors Board Members, Officers,

Employees or Volunteer Workers on behalf of the TOWN OF BERWICK including travel to and from work and attendance at meetings.

- (b) This assumption of liability applies only in excess of existing insurance carried by the owner of the licensed motor vehicle which was being used or operated by Partners, Councillors Board Members, Officers, Employees or Volunteer Workers at the time of the accident and does not apply unless the licensed motor vehicle which was being used or operated by such person at the time of the accident is insured for not less than the minimum Third Party Liability Limited required by The Insurance Act for the Province of Nova Scotia.
- (c) This assumption of liability is subject to the agreements, conditions, terms and limit of liability insured in the Non-Owned Automobile Policy issued by the SUBSCRIPTION POLICY and shall terminate whenever such Non-Owned Automobile Policy is terminated.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **(b) UNSM Conference**

Deputy Mayor Clarke remarked that he felt the conference was very good. He felt George Cuff's presentation was very interesting and thought provoking. Mr. Cuff recommends a periodic checkup of Council to see how Council is doing with regard to priorities, visions, etc.

Deputy Mayor Clarke went on to explain some of the different presentations that he, and other members of the Town attended, including issues on Fire Services, Municipal/Significant Case Law and Solid Waste Management.

Mr. Ashley reported that he attended the "Women In Government" session. This session indicated that there was not enough women in government – it should be 50/50 and we are about 20/80. There should be efforts put forth to encourage women to run for Council. Mr. Ashley noted that he would like to have a public awareness campaign introduced before the next election to encourage more women to run for Council in Berwick.

Deputy Mayor Clarke noted that the update on both GAM and Assessment Services was very eye opening.

### **(c) Update on Berwick Food Bank**

Councillor Easson attended the General Meeting on November 2, 2006. She read a letter from the Berwick Food Bank which stated that were grateful for the land offer but would like to put the offer on hold until after the Annual General Meeting in December, at which time new directors will be chosen.

Councillor Easson also confirmed that the Food Bank has signed a lease with Joan Balcom for the space previously occupied by Beacons and Bargains on Commercial Street.

Mr. Ashley commended Councillor Easson with regard to the fact that she created some much needed balance at the last meeting of the Berwick Food Bank. He also, at this time, thanked Sara Keddy, from

the Register, for doing a good job in covering the stories, involving the Berwick Food Bank and the Town of Berwick.

Councillor Easson relayed that she phoned Pat Layton from the Berwick United Church, in response to the letter sent to the Berwick Food Bank and the Town of Berwick requesting a meeting with the Church. She indicated to Mrs. Layton that there was no need to meet at this time as the Food Bank is in the process of forming a new Board of Directors and they have also obtained a new space which needs to be dealt with.

Councillor Trinacty asked how long the lease was between the Food Bank and Joan Balcom. Councillor Easson confirmed that it was a two year lease.

## **8. New Business**

### **(a) Annual Selection of Deputy**

It was agreed by the Gallery that this issue be extended for one month, as not all were present.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that the Annual Selection of Deputy be moved over one month to the next Council Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **(b) Berwick Representative ~ Kings Transit**

Councillor Whittier explained he has now gone back to work so he will not be able to continue to sit on this Board.

Councillor Trinacty remarked that perhaps Council should wait until the Council Retreat to discuss this issue as committees were going to be reviewed at that time.

It was felt that this was the best approach. Councillor Horsburgh could continue to sit as the Berwick's representative in the interim (Mr. Ashley confirmed that he would attend if Councillor Horsburgh could not).

Councillor Ashford-Morton declared she would sit on the Board if they would begin meeting in the evenings.

### **(c) Economic Development Committee ~ Town Representatives**

It was agreed that this issue be discussed at the Council Retreat.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** to reconsider all committee appointments until retreat.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(d) Contract Extension – 4Site Group (In Camera)**

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that Council approve a one-year extension of 4Sites Service Agreement to October 31, 2007.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that Council direct the administration to conduct a market search for planning services in 2007, with the aim of establishing a multi-year agreement with the awarded firm, commencing November 1, 2007.

**MOTIONS CARRIED**

**(e) Update – New Fire Hall Site – Property Acquisition (In Camera)**

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that Council is satisfied that the four conditions of the purchase/sale agreement between Mr. Illsley and the partnership of the Town of Berwick and the Fire Protection Commission for Berwick and District have been adequately met. The four conditions referred to are specifically those appearing in the December 13, 2005 resolution of Council, approving entry in the said purchase/sale agreement with Mr. Illsley.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded** that Council approves the Vendor's request to revise the closing date for the purchase/sale of the Illsley property designated as the site of the new fire hall, to January 2007, and further to propose setting the new closing date at January 8, 2007.

**MOTIONS CARRIED**

**(f) Council Mid-Term Retreat**

It was agreed that a date will be discussed and set when all Council is present.

**(g) Committee duties of the Councillors**

See Motion 8(c)

**(h) Year of the War Bride**

Councillor Whittier suggested that Council look at the idea of erecting a War Bride statue, similar to the statue of the Veteran on Main Street, as this was the Year of the War Bride.

Councillor Trinacty suggested that Council form a committee and go through the same process as was taken with the Veteran statue, and asked everyone to give it some thought.

Mr. Ashley explained that the student from Dalhousie who is working on Berwick's Gateway, will be forthcoming with a presentation in January. He suggested that Council may want to wait until they see the presentation, as there may be an opportunity to incorporate another statue there.

Councillor Ashford-Morton and Councillor Whittier indicated that they both would be interested in sitting on a committee in this regard.

## **9. Announcement**

### **(a) Berwick and Trinity United Church Meeting**

#### **- Berwick Food Bank and Town of Berwick**

See 7(c)

The meeting entered into an In Camera Session at 7:50 p.m..

10. Next Meeting Date – December 12, 2006

11. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the Council meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor Don Clarke  
Chairman

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Chantal Pineo-Atwood  
Recording Secretary