

MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2006

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

In Attendance: Mrs. Sara Keddy, Kings County Register
 Mr. Byron MacDonald, Kings CED

1. The Chair welcomed members of the gallery. He called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
The Agenda was approved with the addition, under accolades – f) Recreation Department - Gala Days and the Eastern Canadian. Mayor Prall stated that Mr. Stockman will not be presenting tonight, and another addition is 8) Executive Assistant. Approved as amended
3. **Approval of the Previous Minutes**
The Council minutes of July 11, July 25, and August 22, 2006, were approved as amended.
4. **Accolades / Presentation**
 - (a) **Public Works**
For the information of Council, a letter was received from Mr. Ron McCann; thanking Public Works for the quick and excellent job they did repairing the water problem in front of his house.
 - (b) **Public Works**
For the information of Council, a letter was received from Mr. Scott Pothier and Ms. Tanya Brewster, thanking Public Works in regards to helping out with a sewer problem.
 - (c) **Annapolis Royal**
For the information on Council, a letter was sent to Mayor John Kinsella congratulating the Town of Annapolis Royal as the 2006 recipient of the Prince of Wales Prize.
 - (d) **Erle Dolson**
For the information of Council a letter and picture was received from Mr. Erle Dolsen in regards to accepting the Representative Volunteer Award for 2006, for the Town of Berwick.

(e) **Berwick school**

For the information of Council, Berwick and Somerset Schools were recently nominated to *Today's Parent Magazine* survey of the nation's top elementary schools. A letter of congratulations was sent out to the principals.

(f) **Recreation Department**

Mayor Prall stated the Recreation Department did a tremendous job on Gala Days; and the Eastern Canadian celebration. He outlined the grounds look immaculate after the Gala Days weekend.

He went on to state the Ball tournament was a great success, and many people attended.

Councillor Whittier suggests the Town sends a letter to Bob and Jody Rutledge, thanking them for the work they did during the Eastern Canadian Tournament.

Chair Trinacty announced the golf tournament raised **\$98,000**. He suggests sending a letter to the Committee congratulating them.

Mayor Prall emphasized that Mayor Corkum had surgery, and is still in the hospital. He suggests sending him a get well card.

Presentations

a) **Doug stockman**

Mr. Doug Stockman was unable to present tonight.

b) **Byron MacDonald**

Mr. Macdonald began his presentation about activities of Kings Community Economic Development and discussed their Community Development Strategic Plan.

He went on to explain the new initiatives and the threats and barriers to Community Economic Development. He stated the biggest threat is labour force issues, that many people in the labour pool are moving to Alberta for work.

Mr. MacDonald discussed the Strategic Planning Process, and stated it is a three phase process, of exploration, evaluation and execution.

Mr. MacDonald thanked Council for allowing him to present at the meeting, and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Ashley asked about the Business Retention Expansion program. Mr. MacDonald replied that they are gathering business intelligence through a comprehensive survey-questionnaire. Mr. MacDonald went to state that so far, Kings CED has visited almost 50 businesses since mid-August. He explained that none of polled businesses so far have any succession planning

Mr. MacDonald went on to announce the Local Action Team is meeting at the end of the month. He stated this team is made up of Municipal Units. The purpose is to help find solutions to problems a business may have.

Mr. Ashley stated that there is much potential, or more in expanding the businesses we already have as opposed to attracting new ones. . Mr. Byron MacDonald agreed, stating that it is easier to expand then trying to chase an new business.

A discussion ensued regarding the strategic municipalities with gas tax transfers.

Mayor Prall Thanked Mr. MacDonald for his report.

6. Committee Updates and Recommendations

(a) Planning Advisory Committee

Mr. Trinacty reviewed his report and stated a PAC orientation was held for the newest Citizen Rep, Mr. Mark Flawn. Mr. Trinacty suggests making a PAC Resource Manual and the MPS and LUB information available to the public through the Towns website, would be helpful.

He went on to state the upcoming Berwick Gateway Project is in its beginning stages. He announced it has been arranged to have a student from the Dalhousie's School of Urban Planning to do research and design Berwick's Northern Gateway.

Mr. Trinacty continued explaining the Future Industrial/Commercial Development exercise. He stated this was an interesting brainstorming and planning exercise. He explained that all Committee members were asked to state their opinion on where development might/could/should progress in the Town within 10 years or more. Mr. Trinacty noted that all members had similar ideas of development.

He went on to discuss the PAC's work towards an animal control bylaw. Mr. Trinacty stated that the Town's present bylaw does not have restrictions on keeping livestock, horses or exotic animals in a residential area. He went on to state a by-law needs to be made, and that we have many many implications to look at.

Mr. Ashley announced that PAC's mandate is expanding and it's not just about permits and development, but the whole community.

Mr. Ashley stated the biggest challenge is receiving participation from the business community. He announced the Board of Trade is struggling to get people involved.

Deputy Mayor Clarke stated he understands Council and the Board of Trade, has met to take the economic study and make a sub committee. Mr. Ashley noted the group has reinvented itself into a new group, and that he and Mr. MacDonald will be involved.

(b) Other Committees

Mr. Ashley explained his report and stated that since there were several recommendations from Committees of Council this summer; this is a summary of those recommendations.

6. **Ongoing Business**

(a) **2nd reading**

Mayor Prall announced the public meetings have taken place on zoning amendments for the Ilsley property and now is the final time to talk about this.

No further discussion took place.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council approve the 2nd reading of amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy as these apply to the Ilsley property.

Motion Carried

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Council approve the 2nd reading of amendments to the Land Use Bylaw as these apply to the Ilsley property.

Motion Carried

Councillor Ashford-Morton suggested sending a formal letter of congratulations to the new Lt. Governor. Mayor Prall stated that would be a great idea.

Mayor Prall went on to discuss the Assessment and Municipal Waste Water. He stated the Waste Water Management is a national thing across Canada Department of Environment, and involves how to manage the waste water treatment. Mayor Prall noted on Oct 2nd a briefing will be held in Middleton.

7. **Other business**

The meeting moved into in camera.

8. **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of Council will be held October 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

9. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the Council meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Mayor John P. Prall
Chairman

Jenna Reeves
Recording Secretary