

Town of Berwick

Council

Minutes of the Meeting

December 11, 2007

Attendance

In attendance	Mayor	John Prall	Chair
	Deputy Mayor	Beth Easson	
	Councillors	Richard Horsburgh	
		Mike Trinacty	
		Don Clarke	
		Gary Whittier	
		Anna Ashford-Morton	
		Don Clarke	
	CAO	Bob Ashley	
	Guests	Mike MacArthur	
		Millie	
	Media	Sarah Keddy	Kings County Register

1. Call to Order

Mayor Prall called the meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following additions/alterations.

5(b) Planning Services Contract

Councillor Trinacty noted that he must leave at 7:35pm.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the November 13, 2007 Council were approved as circulated.

4. Committee Updates and Recommendations

(a) COTW – Recommendations – Report

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council adopt the Occupational Health and Safety Policy as per attached.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council accept the addition of Don Clarke to the approved list of signing officers and the deletion of Beth Easson.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) PAC – Recommendations - Report

Councillor Easson noted in the PAC Report that the Town received a letter of request from Valley Search and Rescue to render the old fire hall site to them when it becomes available.

Council agreed to send Valley Search and Rescue a letter thanking them for their interest in the property and that many things need to be considered before such decisions are made.

Discussion ensued about the Larsens property and zoning.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

The lands of Larsens Packers Ltd. (PID 55242879) be rezoned from Industrial Heavy M-2 to Residential Single Family R-1.

MOTION CARRIED

The Public Hearing on this issue will be held on January 15, 2008.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council enter into a Development Agreement with Viking Ventures Ltd. to permit the construction of a multiple unit residential development on Lot 4 Ron Smith Drive as described in the building and site plan documentation submitted in conjunction with the application. This is subject to that the proponent confirm the status of landscaping, lot grading and signage, as they relate to the proposed development and that appropriate provisions be included in the Development Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

The Public Hearing on this issue will be held on January 15, 2008.

Councillor Easson explained that the Town has received an application from A. Woodworth and W. Wilson on behalf of Blackburn Holdings Ltd., Wilworth Holdings Ltd. and W. Wilson to rezone three parcels of land generally located at the south east corner of the intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council support lands of Wilworth Holdings Ltd. (PID 55246300), lands of Blackburn Holdings Ltd. (PID 55246318) and lands of William Wilson (PID 55246326) be rezoned from Agriculture A-1 to Residential Single Family R-1.

MOTION CARRIED

The Public Hearing will be held on January 15, 2008.

Councillor Easson relayed that there had been discussion at the PAC level with regard to opening up the opportunity to residential development in the Willow Avenue area, north of Main Street.

Councillor Easson highlighted there is not a trunk going down to that area. The Municipal Planning Strategy would also need to be revised.

Discussion ensued about the MPS and the need to review the same.

Council feels it is best to review policies in the Municipal Planning Strategy to see if it is appropriate to amend them to deal more effectively with the redesignation of new lands, including agricultural lands, for residential purposes.

This deals most directly with present application because PAC would examine the policies which right now do not allow this application to go forward.

There is a need to understand implications of this option and for the sanitary sewer system and in this regard it would be timely for the Town to undertake a study similar to our Storm Water Management Strategy to assess the current status of the systems and opportunities/constraints to future expansion.

5. New Business

(a) Amendment to Intermunicipal Transit Agreement

Mr. Ashley explained that recently Kings Transit started servicing Hants County. This caused updating of the text in the original 1999 intermunicipal agreement on Kings Transit to reflect the broader geographic reality of its present operations.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the attached amendment to the intermunicipal agreement governing the Kings Transit Authority.

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted that the CAO's are identified as "Clerk's", and should be changed.

Councillor Trinacty suggested that the name of Kings Transit be reviewed to reflect the base it covers. A name brought forward was "Valley Transit".

(b) Planning Services Contract

Mr. Ashley reviewed the report.

Discussion ensued about fees and separate billings for special projects, the services provided by 4Site and the other proponents.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

The 4Site Group be awarded the contract to provide planning and development control service for the Town of Berwick for the 3 years commencing January, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Whittier asked if we could send a letter to Chris Palmer for the fantastic job that was done at the Christmas Show at the Berwick Legion.

It was decided to place Mr. Palmer on the Agenda for January Council to accept an accolade from Mayor and Council.

6. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:51

John Prall, Chair

Chantal L. Pineo-Atwood
Recording Secretary