

# Town of Berwick

## *Council*

### Minutes of the Meeting

May 8, 2007

#### Attendance

In attendance

Mayor John Prall  
Deputy Beth Easson  
Mayor  
Councillors Richard Horsburgh  
Mike Trinacty  
Don Clarke  
Gary Whittier  
Anna Ashford-Morton

Chair

Guests Craig Burgess  
John Nichols  
Judy Clarke  
Karen Clarke  
Robert Balsor  
Murray Bezanson  
Joe McGrath

Media Sarah Keddy

Kings County  
Register

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:39pm

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following addition:

6(b) Avon Foods Building and signage for same

(c) Letter from Richard Ayling

### **3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The previous Minutes were approved as circulated.

### **4. Second Readings:**

(a) Alderwood Estates

Deputy Mayor Easson read the following motion brought forward from the Second Reading/Public Meeting held earlier in the evening:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

#### **THAT**

Council approve that the lands of Carol and Leslie Aker (PID 5524314), and the lands of John and Elizabeth Cameron (PID 55236889) and the lands of Terrance Wright and Donna Connolly be rezoned from residential Single Family R-1 to Residential Two Family R-2.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(b) Balsor Fruit and Vegetable Stand Proposed Development Agreement

Deputy Mayor Easson read the following motion brought forward from the Second Reading/Public Meeting held earlier in the evening:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

#### **THAT**

Council approve the application to enter into a development agreement to enable the establishment of a seasonal fruit and vegetable stand at 287 Commercial Street subject to the applicant providing a revised site plan which identifies the location of all existing and proposed on-site parking and which adequately integrates circulation of all related traffic and confirms that all parking and traffic can be enabled onsite. The Development Agreement should contain provisions relating to the seasonal operation of the uses between June 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, that confirms the development will not be serviced with sanitary sewer.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Trinacty relayed his appreciation with regard to the work that has taken place on the traffic flow situation at Mainstreet Video in conjunction with the Balsor establishment. He also added that PAC should see a plan, to scale, of the Fruit and Vegetable Stand.

**5. Committee Updates and Recommendations:**

*(a) Committee of the Whole – Recommendation*

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

**THAT**

Council sell the Orchard Street property, using a Real Estate Broker, at fair market value.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion ensued about the various options there were to sell the property and the zoning options that existed, which are R-1, R-2 or Institutional. It is presently zoned Abstract. It was the general consensus that the Town should sell the property with a condition subject to rezoning.

*(b) Planning Advisory Committee – Report and Recommendation*

Deputy Mayor Easson reviewed this report (Page 26 of the Agenda). A correction is to be made under the subheading “Dalhousie School of Urban Planning”. #3 should read *Mill and/or Front Street redevelopment*.

Further discussion ensued about the Orchard Street property. Deputy Mayor Easson read the following Motion:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

**THAT**

Council should sell the Orchard Street property, but to first refer this issue to the Planning Advisory Committee for recommendations with regard to zoning/subdivision/selling options.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(c) Economic Development Committee – Report & Recommendation*

Mr. Ashley reviewed his report. He noted the key issue right now is to get this Committee up and going. He added that the Committee probably will not be officially formed until September or October and in that time, we need to find a Chairperson. Mr. Ashley also added that it a meeting of this committee be held every other month, instead of monthly.



IT WAS MOVED and seconded

**THAT**

Council strike a new Committee of Council to be known as Economic Development Advisory Committee and that it commence activities while continuing to develop and refine the Terms of Reference.

**MOTION CARRIED**



**6. New Business**

(a) *"Fastest Growing Town – Why?" – Report and Discussion*

Mayor Prall, Mr. Ashley and Council took part in a table discussion, each explaining their own personal reasons why they felt that Berwick was the fast growing town. The group went over statistics from other towns and municipalities.

Councillor Trinacty suggested that a Questionnaire on this exact issue, be given to citizens just moving into Berwick (perhaps when they come in for power hook-up).

(b) *Avon Foods Building and Signage*

Mayor Prall noted that he was approached by Mr. Moody inquiring about the name of the Avon Foods Building and area. Mr. Moody questioned if the Mayor and Council would approve of them using the name "Berwick Industrial Park". Council was in agreement to this.

Mr. Moody also inquired about directional signage to the Avon Foods building. Council referred this issue to the Planning Advisory Committee.

(c) *Correspondence – Letter from Richard Ayling – Discussion*

A letter forward to the Town by Mr. Ayling with regard to the potential of Call Centre being established in Berwick, was reviewed by Council.

Mayor Prall indicated he would approach the applicable parties and set up a meeting as soon as possible.

**7. Adjournment**

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.