

# Town of Berwick

## *Council*

### Minutes of the Meeting

November 13, 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	Laurie Saunders Ken Redden Steve McMahon Keith and Patricia Ellis David Lonergan Mike Larsen Brad Morse Gloria Cunningham Carol Tobin	
	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.

7(b) Honorariums

7(c) UNSM Report

7(d) Library Representative

7(e) Annapolis Valley Event Sports Tourism Association

7(f) Sidewalks on Orchard Street (citizen request) Councillor Horsburgh (done earlier on agenda)

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

The Minutes of the October 15, 2007 Council were approved as circulated.

### ***4. Presentations***

#### ***(a) Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department***

Chief Laurie Saunders, Steve MacMahon and Ken Redden gave a presentation on progress to date on the new fire hall. The building plans were introduced and reviewed. Chief Saunders noted that advertisements were almost ready for the Design/Build RFP. The closing date for same will be December 12<sup>th</sup>, with the opening in Council Chambers.

### ***5. Second Reading***

#### ***(a) Non-Domestic Animal Bylaw***

A lengthy discussion ensued about the outstanding issues with regard to the Non-Domestic Animal Bylaw. Many points were brought to the table such as setting specific times for the keeping of manure, the fact that Council is trying to protect residential but not restrict people's properties and determine what they can and can not do on their own lands, lot sizes, and the lack of support by citizens who are for the bylaw.

Mr. Ashley reviewed the options that Council could enter into from this point.

This Motion has been defeated.

#### ***(b) Subdivision Bylaw Amendments***

Mr. Ashley read the Resolution and made note that the Resolution text should stop at the word "By-law" (typing error).

Council discussed the Subdivision Bylaw Amendments and agreed that a friendly amendment be made which includes the word "cement" after asphalt in 5.2.1(iii) (iv).

Councillor Trinacty noted that he would like PAC to work on the option of using the 5% open space for linear pathways, and perhaps can qualify for a sidewalk.

Councillor Tinancty also confirmed to Council that passing this motion was not the "end all" to the this bylaw. The Engineers, planners, etc. will all have input to these amendments.

### **IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

### **THAT**

Council give approval to the first reading of Draft Amendments to the Town of Berwick Subdivision By-law.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## 6. Committee Updates and Recommendations

### *(a) Police Services Advisory Committee Recommendation – Report*

Following discussion about the traffic problems on the west end of Orchard Street and the fact that there should be other traffic calming measures put in place for this area the following Motion was put forth:

#### **IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:**

#### **THAT**

Council consider moving the crosswalk at the entrance of Orchard Heights Subdivision close to the Berwick & District Nursery School and to consider building a sidewalk on the south side of the road from the entrance of Orchard Heights Subdivision to the Berwick & District Nursery School.

And

Further to consider the issue of improving general traffic safety in the Orchard Heights Subdivision.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

At this time, Councillor Horsburgh reviewed a letter which he received, from local residents in this approximate area, asking for a sidewalk at the round corner at Orchard Street.

Councillor Trinacty indicated that this should be forwarded to Gary Gould at Public Works to be put on the list of work to be reviewed and completed.

(This was previously approved on the agenda as Item 7(f))

#### **IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

#### **THAT**

Council considers the public's request for a sidewalk extension on Orchard Street to the end of town limits.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### *(b) COTW – Recommendation – Budget Workplan Adoption*

After discussion ensued about the Budget Workplan and timelines, the following Motion was put forth:

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT**

Council accept the proposed 2008-09 budget workplan for Council/Staff/Public as its guide for the Town of Berwick's upcoming operating and capital budgets deliberations.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(c) Economic Development Report*

Councillor Trinacty reviewed the report (page 12 of the agenda)

No questions arose from this report.

**7. New Business**

*(a) Annual Selection of Deputy Mayor*

Mr. Ashley reviewed the Annual Selection of Deputy Mayor report. Upon same, Mayor Prall asked Council for nominations.

Councillor Whittier nominated Councillor Clarke, and was seconded by Councillor Anna Morton. Upon receiving no more nominations Councillor Clarke appointed Deputy Mayor.

*(b) Motion for Honourariums:*

Mayor Prall reviewed this process.

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT**

Council direct the Finance and Admin Committee together with four appointed citizen representatives to start work on review of Councilor/Mayor stipends/honorariums.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Trinacty commented that he believes this is policy.

Mr. Ashley noted that in the absence of a policy this Motion is made.

Mayor Prall relayed that Council will need to seek two citizens for this committee.

Carol Tobin and Patricia Ellis (in the gallery) nominated themselves for this committee.

(c) *UNSM Report*

Mayor Prall, each Councillor and Mr. Ashley gave a brief verbal report on the UNSM Conference.

Councillor Morton suggested that the Town investigate the option of borrowing the Global Warming film which was shown at UNSM, for a showing at the Berwick School on a weekend in the future.

(d) *Library Representative*

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT**

Councillor Easson be nominated for the Town of Berwick Representative for Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(e) *AVESTA Report*

Councillor Trinacty gave a brief report about AVESTA and the bid for 2011 games. He noted that the first annual meeting was today. Mayor John Prall was elected to the board as Vice Chair. Councillor Trinacty reported that the committee will be going forward with bids for valley events, for sports and tourism.

Councillor Trinacty relayed to Council that Anna Allen has asked if the money put forth by the Town of Berwick for the 2011 Games bid could be kept by AVESTA for the AVESTA future ventures.

Council directed staff to forward a letter to the Chair confirming that AVESTA is permitted to keep said funds for future projects.

**8. Adjournment**

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:47

9. Council entered into an In Camera Session.

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John Prall, Deputy  
Chair

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Chantal L. Pineo-Atwood  
Recording Secretary