

Town of Berwick

Council

Minutes of the Meeting

September 11, 2007

Attendance

In attendance

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

Chair

Guests	Mr. Pat Hempsey Mr. John Penny Mrs. Bonnie Penny
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Media	Sarah Keddy
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Register

Absent with Regrets

1. Call to Order

Mayor Prall called the meeting to Order at 6:58 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following additions:

- 4(b) Accolade – Pat Hempsey and Anne McKenna – Exit 15
- (c) EMO Emergency EMO Co-ordinator Update

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

4. Accolades

(a) Deputy Mayor Easson – Basic Emergency Management Awareness Certificate

Mayor Prall congratulated Deputy Mayor Easson on achieving the Basic Emergency Management Awareness Certificate.

(b) Pat Hempsey and Anne McKenna

Mayor Prall presented Mr. Hempsey with a framed congratulatory certificate for his efforts and publishing of Exit 15, a book on Berwick's history, sports, etc. Ms. McKenna was unavailable to receive her Certificate at this time.

(c) EMO Emergency EMO Coordinator Update

Mr. Ashley noted that Calvin Boudreau has resigned from his position as EMC. At this time, Mr. Ashley introduced Mr. Brad Burstall to Mayor Prall, Council and the Gallery, indicating that he will be nominated as the next EMC at the September EMO Meeting.

5. Presentations

(a) Mr. and Mrs. Penny – Stormwater Drainage

The Penny's have a collection of water that deposits in their back yard from water run-off from Daniel Drive.

Mayor Prall indicated that he attended the Penny property that day, as well as Mr. Bob Ashley, Gary Gould and an Engineer. There is a plan that has been discussed with the Engineers and work will hopefully commence in the very near future.

6. Committee Updates and Recommendations

(a) Planning Advisory Committee – Report

Deputy Mayor Easson reviewed the Planning Advisory Committee Report.

Councillor Trinacty asked why the carwash company still had their sign up at the corner of Commercial and South Streets. Mr. Ashley noted that he has written them a letter, but to avail. He will be going to see them.

Ms. Morton asked how many lots were available in the town on which to build on. Mr. Ashley noted he would put this on the next PAC Agenda.

Mr. Ashley remarked that the Industrial Park Study is underway and it has been noted that industrial land is needed.

It was noted during the meeting by Councillor Clarke that residential land was suppose to be examined within this study between the County and the Town.

Mr. Ashley indicated that there is an upcoming meeting on this study, and he will inquire about the residential land issue at that time.

Discussion ensued about the blue town sign on Highway 101. Mr. Ashley noted that this sign belongs to the Town and we are obligated to the maintenance of same. Mr. Ashley indicated that he will inquire about putting a "banner" on the bottom of this sign.

7. Ongoing Business

(a) Economic Development Advisory Committee – Citizen Representative – Update by Mayor John Prall

Mayor Prall reported that he has been making some phone calls and inquiries for a citizen representative for the Economic Development Advisory Committee but does not have anyone confirmed at this point.

8. New Business

(a) NSURB Confirmation of Councillors – Public Hearing Notification – Mr. Bob Ashley

Mr. Ashley reviewed and explained the Public Hearing Notification for the NSURB Confirmation of Councillors, which will be held on September 17, 2007. He explained that this confirmation happens every four years. The NSURB is required under the Municipal Government Act to confirm the number of Councillors in each municipality and to hold a public hearing for any opposition that the public may have.

Mr. Ashley and Mayor Prall went around the table asking each Councillor which committees they belonged to. Each belonged to an average of four committees each.

Council indicated that they wanted to make a submission to the Board recommending Council stay as status quo. Mr. Ashley noted that would inquire as to the protocol with regard to this. If Council is permitted to do this, Mr. Ashley will write a letter/submission to the Board of behalf of Council.

(b) *Assessment Board – Call for Town Representative*

Mayor Prall explained the mayor explained that the Assessment Board requires municipal elected officials to fill three vacancies on their Board of Directors.

Mr. Ashley noted that any Councillor wishing to apply could perhaps be relieved of a committee in which they now sit.

Discussion ensued about time lines with regard to the municipal election and time frame of this appointment.

9. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

John Prall, Deputy
Chair

Chantal L. Pineo-Atwood
Recording Secretary