

# TOWN OF BERWICK

Minutes

Special Town Council Meeting

July 27, 2009, 6:30pm

In attendance:

Mayor J. Prall

Councilors, Ashford-Morton, Clarke, Trinacty, Woodworth

CAO, Bob Ashley

Regrets:

Councilors, Whittier, Morse

## **Commencement:**

Mayor Prall called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 6:32pm. It was noted that the meeting was advertised in the local paper.

## **Kings Transit Capital Budget Amendment**

Council reviewed the proposed amendment to the 09-10 Capital Budget of Kings Transit as outlined in the KTA memo of July 20, 2009. A resolution followed:

### **THAT**

Berwick Town Council approve the proposed amendment to the 09-10 Capital Budget of Kings Transit in reference to accommodate the acquisition of 2 GMC feeder buses through the use of Federal Gas Tax Funds.

**CARRIED**

## **Berwick's Signatory Status re: Federal Contribution Agreement to KMCC**

For public record, Council recapped the emergency meeting of Council from July 16, 2009. The minutes of this meeting were approved by Council as circulated.

In the interest of public transparency and disclosure, it was noted that opportunity for public debate was invited through published notice of this Special Meeting of July 27, 2009. The following resolution ensued:

### **THAT**

Council endorses the following resolution carried by the July 16, 2009 emergency meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

### **THAT**

For the purpose of expediting the Federal grant contribution towards the construction of the Kings Mutual Century Centre (Apple Dome) project, the Town of Berwick consents to acting as a signatory to the forthcoming Federal Grant Contribution Agreement, subject to satisfactory legal review.

**CARRIED**

**Proposed trail renaming from *Demo* to *Apple Blossom Trail***

Council discussed the name-change as proposed by the Trails Committee. It was resolved

**THAT**

The recommendation be referred back to the Trails Committee for more name suggestions with further direction to explore the possible use of a naming contest with the Berwick School.

**CARRIED**

**Appointment of Fire Inspectors**

Council reviewed a written request of the Municipality of the County of King, dated July 21, 2009 to appoint new Fire Inspectors. It was noted this request arose due to the usual fire inspector going on medical leave. It was resolved

**THAT**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Fire Safety Act, Mr. Keith Fraser and Mr. Donald Burns be appointed by Council of the Town of Berwick as Municipal Fire Inspectors.

**CARRIED**

**FCM Cambodia Assignment and CAO participation**

CAO, Bob Ashley outlined the basics and possible benefits of the FCM's International Municipal Partnership Program, noting that he has been asked to participate. He added that although dates had not been finalized, the anticipated schedule was for 2 weeks in September. Council expressed support and the motion following ensued.

**THAT**

Council support the CAO's professional development proposal of a two-week participation in the UNSM/Kings County/FCM International Municipal Partnership in the early fall of 2009.

**CARRIED**

**Apple Capital Museum request for emergency roof repair assistance**

Council considered a written invitation, dated July 25, 2009, from the Apple Capital Museum to contribute funds towards an emergency roof repair. It was noted that this disbursement was not budgeted, however, in view of the Apple Capital Society's overall value to the Town, including housing the Town's Visitor Information Centre, that a withdrawal from the Operating Reserve was appropriate. It was resolved:

**THAT**

Council approve disbursing up to, but not exceeding, \$2,000 from the Town's Operating Reserve Fund to assist the Apple Capital Museum with the emergency roof repairs of their building on Commercial Street.

**CARRIED**

**Town Hall emergency roof repair assistance**

CAO Bob Ashley drew attention to roof leaks and possible serious deficiencies in the roofing structure of the Town Hall. It was noted that even though offsetting savings from other aspects of operations might be potential sources to fund necessary repairs, their urgency warranted special permission for staff to access Operating Reserve Funds. Further, Bob pointed out the project of greening the Town Hall would need to be reconsidered with a view to possible changes needed as

a result of any discovered roof deficiencies. It was therefore resolved

**THAT**

Council approve the use of the Town's Operating Reserve Fund--if necessary--to pay for extraordinary, emergency repairs to the roof of the Town Hall.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.