



## Town of Berwick

### *Regular Council Meeting- Minutes of the Meeting*

**January 14, 2020 6:30pm**

#### **Attendance**

In attendance

Don Clarke, Mayor

Chair

Councillors

Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh

Jane Bustin

Anna Ashford-Morton

Mike Trinacty

Rod Reeves

Barry Corbin

Mike Payne, CAO

Jerry Wood, Finance Director

Debbie Elliott, Director of Community  
Development

Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator

Present:

George Floris

Marge Debodt, WKCHB

Heather Morse, WKCHB

Olivia Pattison, WKCHB

Larry Phillips, Public Health

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

#### **2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The previous Council Minutes were approved by motion of Council.

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as circulated with the following additions:

- Engineering Services
- Coldest Night of the Year Walk
- Kings Transit Bus Route (Councillor Corbin)

### **4. Western Kings Community Health Board**

Ms. Morse, Ms. Debodt and Ms. Pattison attended on behalf of the WKCHB and presented the 2019 Western Zone Community Health Plan and its priorities. The four priorities are food security, housing, recreation and wellness and community connection. Council thanked the Board for their tireless efforts for the health of our community.

### **5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Proposed Rezoning A&F Holdings Ltd. Commercial Street, Berwick, NS**

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

The lands of A&F Holdings Limited located at Commercial Street, Berwick NS (Lot 3 “X” PID 55538631) be rezoned from Residential Single Unit R1 to Residential Two Unit R2.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **6. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Valley Regional Waste Management – Amendment to Bylaw**

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council accepts first reading of the Draft Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Bylaw dated January 8, 2020.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **7. Ongoing Business:**

#### *a. Recreation and Community Development Terms of Reference*

Council asked that the Membership clause be amended and the “one member of the business community” be removed and be replaced with three community citizens at large, who have interest in the five pillars of Community Development set out in the Terms of Reference document.

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council accept the Community Development Committee Terms of Reference.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*b. Tax Write Off for South Street Property*  
Deferred to January COTW.

*c. Engineering Services*

The Town would enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Municipality of the County of Kings (MoK) for engineering services procurement and design:

- The Municipality would manage the procurement process through their standing offer list of engineering services.
- The Municipality would evaluate proposals for engineering services and make a recommendation to the Town.
- The Municipality would provide this service for an estimated cost of \$2,500.00

**Impacts**

- The proposal would ensure that legislative and regulatory procurement policies are followed and that only firms with the required expertise in these fields are considered.
- The Town would retain sole authority regarding entering into a contract with an engineering firm to develop ‘shovel ready’ proposals.

Council gave staff direction to enter into a MOU with the MoK for engineering services procurement and design.

*d. Coldest Night of the Year Walk*

Council agreed to collaborate with the Berwick Baptist Church team and make a \$100 to same.

*e. Kings Transit New Route*

Councillor Corbin noted he had a concerned citizen ask if the new Foster Street route would be reviewed as this individual was unhappy with the increased traffic on Foster/Brown Streets.

Council feels the route is currently acceptable and is a huge benefit to many citizens in the area.

## **8. Mayors Update**

Mayor Clarke gave an update as to the many events and meetings he has attended such as:

Open Arms Christmas Luncheon

Interviews with regard to the new Berwick Electric initiatives

Meeting with the four local Mayors

Housing Meeting

Committee Structure Meeting

### Upcoming:

Solar Garden RFP Opening

Wildcats Casino Night

REMO Meeting

Budget Meeting

BEC Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting

## **9. In Camera Session (Contractual/Property)**

The regular Council meeting entered into an In Camera Session at 7:55pm and returned to regular Council at 9:00pm with the following Motion:

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

### **THAT**

Council approves a Limited Guarantee in the amount of \$385,700 for NB Power for the Town's obligations arising under a Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Alternative Resource Energy Authority for 2021.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **10. Adjournment**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.