

Town of Berwick

Regular Council Meeting- Minutes of the Meeting

February 12, 2019 6:30pm

Attendance

In attendance	Mayor Don Clarke	Chair
	Deputy Mayor Jane Bustin	
	Anna Ashford-Morton	
	Mike Trinacty	
Councillors	Rod Reeves	
	Ty Walsh	
	Barry Corbin	
	Mike Payne, Assistant CAO	
	Jerry Wood, Finance Director	
	Debbie Elliott, Director of Community Development & Recreation	
Absent with Regrets:	Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator	
Present:	Hart MacArthur	
	Paige Hoveling, Gov. Rel. Coordinator,	
	Nova Scotia Realtors	

1. Call to Order

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The previous Council Minutes were approved by motion of Council.

Motion Carried: *Walsh/Bustin - Unanimous*

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated with the following additions:

- Mayor Clarke added an in-camera session.
- Councillor Trinacty added a request for a discussion on an Exhaust Fume By-Law.

Motion Carried: *Walsh / Bustin - Unanimous*

4. First Readings

- a. Scott Baxter Rezoning (Lands of Weir)

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT *the lands of Scott Baxter on the north side of Main Street (PID 55527832) be rezoned from Residential Single Unit (R1) to Residential Two Unit (R2)*

MOTION CARRIED: *Trinacty / Corbin - Unanimous*

- b. E. Silver and P. Silver Rezoning/DA 252 Main Street

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT *the application by P. Silver to convert the existing dwelling located at 252 Main Street (PID 55240816) be approved and to be considered by Development Agreement with the following caveats:*

- *Commencement to begin within one year.*
- *Parking is to be at the side or rear.*
- *Residential activity is to be restricted to the residential zone.*
- *All construction / modifications is within the existing building.*

MOTION CARRIED: *Reeves / Corbin - Unanimous*

- c. J. & C. Reimer Rezoning 129 Front Street

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT *the lands of Joel M. and Cynthia J. Reimer on the south side of Front Street west of Foster / Brown Street (PID 55237093) be rezoned from Residential Single Unit (R1) to Residential Three Unit (R3).*

MOTION CARRIED: *Corbin / Ashford-Morton - Unanimous*

d. M. MacArthur Rezoning / DA 173 Cottage Street

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT *In regards to an application from Michael MacArthur to rezone lands of Gena Dickson located at civic 173 Cottage Street (PID 55288401) from Residential Two Unit (R2) to Residential Three Unit (R3) Council provide conditional approval of a Development Agreement, subject to the four specific conditions in Town Planner, Chris Millier's report (and listed below), and a revised floor plan.*

- *The development be undertaken in general consistency with the "Site Plan";*
- *That the Traffic Authority confirm the adequacy of the location of the proposed driveways;*
- *That details concerning grading and storm drainage be provided;*
- *And that no exterior alteration or addition to the existing structure be permitted in relation to the development.*

MOTION CARRIED: *Ashford-Morton / Trinacty - Unanimous*

5. Presentation: Paige Hoveling, Government Relations Coordinator, NS Realtors

Presentation relevant to the Deed Transfer Tax requesting due consideration of its merit and possible changes the Municipality of the Town of Berwick may choose to make. i.e. reduce of the tax rate, possible installment payments.

Some points of interest:

- Attractive to younger families and
- Attractive to first time home owners

***FOR CONSIDERATION:** *Making a motion in Council and / or send letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs, in response to letter/presentation from the NS Realtors.*

ACTION: *Council will further discuss.*

6. Ongoing Business

a. BDVFD Fire Siren:

- a. A review of past discussion with a majority of Councilors stating that they didn't find the Siren to be a problem.
- b. A review of a letter from Fire Chief Saunders / Fire Department, requesting that Council 'hold the status quo'.
- c. CAO stated that he, and others, had completed research of other department's practices.

ACTION:

- a. *Council chose to 'hold'.*
- b. *A letter is to be issued to those that wrote concerned, explaining Council's choice and the safety issues surrounding same.*
- c. *A letter to be issued to the Berwick Fire Department indicating that 'after due consideration', explaining Council's choice and support.*

7. New Business:

- a. Kings Point to Point 2019-20 Operating Budget – Chris Goddard

NOTE: Chris Goddard did not attend the meeting and no budget was issued with the correspondence for Council to review.

ACTION:

- a. *Clarify the status of the current Kings Point to Point Manager.*
- b. *Wait for further budgetary clarity from Chris Goddard.*

- b. Recommendation from the Fire Services Sub-Committee – Jerry Wood

Jerry Wood and Mayor Clarke brought forward the discussion about the need of the Berwick Fire Department to purchase Breathing Apparatus on short notice.

- a. There is a Provincial Rebate available but only for equipment purchased in advance.
- b. The company would provide six (6) free (SCBA Pacs).
- c. Chief Saunders met with the Mayor and Jerry and discussed.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT Council support the purchase of the needed breathing apparatus by the Berwick Fire Department.

MOTION CARRIED: Trinacty / Reeves – Unanimous

- c. Exhaust Fumes By-Law Question: What kind of exhausts?

ACTION: CAO to follow up.

8. Mayors Report

Discussion:

1. Municipal Planning Standards Session
2. VCFN Board Meeting
 1. Business Plan
3. Physician Recruitment Meeting

1. Incentives
4. Meeting with Leah Sweet – fundraising for ‘March for Cancer’
5. VCFN Business Meeting
6. Meeting with Clark & Glenn Squires
7. E-filters Group ??????
8. PAC
9. Audit Committee Meeting
10. AREA Meeting
 1. Mike Payne shared a ‘Wind Report’
11. Discussion regarding Sawler Gardens

(8:20 pm – Councilor Walsh left the meeting)

12. Meeting with Mayor Muttart
 1. Consideration to bringing representatives from the province and from Municipal Affairs.

(8:34 pm – Councilor Walsh returns to the meeting)

2. Discussion revolved around joint meeting – Berwick and Municipality of Kings. Perhaps Berwick and Kentville.
3. Council would prefer that the Mayor be present for the meeting and recommended a time during the first week of April. Perhaps the 2nd or 3rd. Perhaps 2 pm – 4 pm.

ACTION:

- a. *Mayor Clarke will suggest the meeting date / timing to the Municipality.*

9. In Camera:

The regular Council meeting entered into an In Camera Session at 8:48pm and returned to regular Council at 9:25pm.

10. Adjournment

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:26pm.