

Town of Berwick
Regular Council Meeting- Minutes of the Meeting
December 11, 2019 6:30pm
Attendance

In attendance	Don Clarke, Mayor	Chair
	Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh	
	Jane Bustin	
	Mike Trinacty	
Councillors	Rod Reeves	
	Barry Corbin	
	Mike Payne, CAO	
	Karen Peckford, Finance Director	
	Debbie Elliott, Director of Community Development & Recreation	
	Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator	
Absent:	Anna Ashford-Morton	

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.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated with the following additions:

- TBR (Berwick Electric)
- In Camera (Property)

4. New Business

a. Kings Transit Supplementary Capital Budget Approval

Ms. Peckford discussed the variance in cost of the bus. Monies will come from capital funds, Council needs to approve the spending.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT

The Kings Transit Board of Directors recommend approval of the Supplementary Capital Budget necessary to support the award of RFP KTA 19-05.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Trinacty asked if the bike racks could remain on the buses for a little longer than they presently are.

b. Berwick Green Energy Program – Six Month Update

Council reviewed a report from Equilibrium Engineering updating the committee on what has transpired over the last six months. Parties are pleased with the uptake on the program with 21 signed participants.

Discussion ensued with regard the green initiatives that Berwick Electric is making and perhaps more public sharing through media, videos, etc should be transpiring.

c. Temporary Borrowing Resolution 19/20-3

IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT

Council approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 19/20-03 in the amount of \$350,000 for the BEC Hydro System Dam.

MOTION CARRIED

Council and staff requested a tour of the Hydro System as time allows.

5. Committee Recommendations:

a. Planning and Advisory Committee

IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT

Council recommends and gives 1st Reading of lands of A&F Holdings Limited located at Commercial Street, Berwick, NS (Lot 3 “X” PI 55538631) be rezoned from Residential Single Unit R1 to Residential Two Unit R2.

MOTION CARRIED

The Public Hearing and Second Reading will take place at the January 14, 2020 Council Meeting.

Mayor Clarke also explained that there is interest from Willow Avenue resident’s to amend the LUB and MPS to allow lots to be developed with a minimum 250 foot road frontage and 2 acre lot size, with onsite sewer.

Council gave PAC direction to initiate a public consultation in this regard.

b. Committee of the Whole Recommendations to Council

IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT

Council adopt the Kings REMO Winter Storm Preparedness and Response Plan dated September, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT

Council approve the planned initiatives and monitor the intersection at Union and Foster Streets, for vehicle volume and speeds.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT

Council appoint the CAO as the Traffic Authority for the Town of Berwick

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT

Council recommends that the By-Law Officer 6 month term position be extended an additional 6 months.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mayors Update

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

- Public Works Lunch for Shawn Muzzerall
- 14 Wing Greenwood Tour and Lunch
- REN Meeting
- AVCC Quarterly Breakfast
- Aldershot Christmas Reception
- TOB Christmas Open House
- TOB Staff Christmas Party

Upcoming:

- Lunch for Katie – December 11, 2019
- Open Arms Turkey Dinner – December 13
- Housing Meeting – January 7
- Committee Structure Meeting – January 7
- No COTW in December

Deputy Mayor Walsh commended the Berwick Gala Days Committee for such a successful festival.

Berwick Gala Days held its Annual General Meeting on December 2, 2019. The association gave out over \$34,000 to 14 area youth service organizations and our supporting partners. An increase of over \$8,000 from the previous year's disbursements.

Greenwood Synchronized Figure Skating Club

Cool Moves BMX

Dance ConXion

ICE Integrity Cheer Empire Group

Berwick Arm Wrestling Club

United Church Campground

Berwick & District School Food Project

Valley Wildcats Hockey

Berwick & District Lions Club

2nd Berwick Scouting Group

Berwick & District Curling Club

Kings Minor Basketball Association

Berwick & District Ringette Association

Berwick Minor Baseball Association

7. In Camera Session (Contractual) (Property)

The regular Council meeting entered into an In Camera Session at 7:38pm and returned to regular Council at 8:14pm with the following motion:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council agrees to extend full time employment to Anna Schofield to March 31, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Adjournment

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.