



Regular Council Meeting- Minutes of the Meeting

March 10, 2020 6:30pm

Attendance

In attendance	Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh	Chair
	Jane Bustin (via telephone/unable to vote)	
Councillors	Anna Ashford-Morton Mike Trinacty Barry Corbin	
	Mike Payne, CAO Karen Peckford, Finance Director Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator	
Present:	Shane Spicer Glenn Bannon, Kings Transit Jen Tufts, Valley REN	
Absent with Regrets:	Don Clarke, Mayor Rod Reeves, Councillor	

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.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated with the following additions:

- *Tent Purchase – Gala Days*
- *Library Correspondence*
- *Keith Irving Correspondence*

- *Cost of Living Increase Approval*
- *Russians Hockey Practices Update*
- *Pylons at northern bridge*
- *Fitness Centre Holiday Hours Policy*

4. Presentations:

a. Kings Transit Budget

Glenn Bannon reviewed the Kings Transit 2020/21 Operating and Capital Budgets for Kings County. Mr. Bannon noted that the total operating budget for Kings County is \$1,860,184 of which Berwick’s share of municipal contributions is \$48,585.

The capital budget indicates that Berwick’s share is \$4,000 (no increase from last year). Council agreed that a motion of Council would be put before April Council.

b. Valley REN

Ms. Tufts offered the Valley REN Quarterly Presentation. Some discussion ensued with regard to more substantial advertising of the programs that exist for new businesses, the STAR program as well as the REN’s new branding.

5. Committee of the Whole Recommendations:

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT**

Council approve the amendments to the Remuneration and Expenses of Council, Committees, Boards and Agencies Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT**

Council approve the TBR 20/21-1 in the amount of \$250,000 for the Berwick Electric Commission power transformer.

MOTION CARRIED

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT**

Council give pre-approval of a debenture in the amount of \$788,000, not exceeding a term of 20 years, and subject to a maximum interest rate that does not exceed an average of 5.5%.

MOTION CARRIED

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT**

Council agree to write off the outstanding balance of \$488.46 for tax account AAN713287 in the name of Charles Chapman.

MOTION CARRIED

THAT Council appoint Mike Payne, CAO to be the Returning Officer in the upcoming 2020 Municipal Election for the Town of Berwick.

(Tabled)

THAT Council agrees to pay Paul Jones \$7,500 + HST for the tent and accessories, and will invoice the Gala Days Committee that amount, due and payable on or before September 30, 2020. The Gala Days Committee will provide forthwith a certificate of insurance for use of the tent on Town property that confirms damage and liability coverage as well as adding the Town as an additional insured.

(Tabled)

Councillor Bustin asked if staff could gather pricing on insurance and tent rentals of similar size and have same made available for the April 1st Special Council Meeting.

6. Valley Waste Budget Approval 2020-2021

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT**

Council approve the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority Operating Fund Budget and Capital Budget for 2020-2021, dated January 15, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Library Funding Update – Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Deputy Mayor Walsh read the correspondence from Lynn Somers dated February 25, 2020.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT**

Council approve the budgeted amount for the Town of Berwick for the Annapolis Valley Regional Library in the amount of \$17,400.00.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Correspondence from Keith Irving re Doctor Recruitment

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the correspondence dated February 27, 2020 with an ask of Berwick to contribute \$4000.00 to the Annapolis Valley Collaborative for Doctor Recruitment.

(No motion was tabled.)

9. Cost of Living Increase Approval for non unionized employees.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded
THAT**

Council approve the cost of living allowance of 2% for all non-unionized salaried Town employees effective April 1, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Russians Hockey Team Update

Councillor Trinacty indicated that the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship was scheduled to take place in Halifax and Truro but has been cancelled. The organization is hoping to still go ahead with the tournament this time next year. The KMCC is optimistic that the Russian national team practices will remain scheduled here as well as perhaps an exhibition game.

11. Pylons at Northern Bridge

Councillor Trinacty asked that staff contact NS Department of Transportation regarding the pylons that are broken and scattered around the bridge area coming into town. It's dangerous and unsightly. Mr. Payne will contact the department.

12. Fitness Centre Holiday Hours

Councillor Trinacty asked about the upcoming Easter holidays and when the fitness centre will be open/closed.
Staff are currently working on a policy and will put it before Council on April 1st at the Special Council Meeting.

13. In Camera Session (Personnel/Contractual)

The regular Council meeting entered into an In Camera Session at 8:36pm and returned to Regular Council at 9:00pm.

14. Adjournment

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.