



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

**August 25, 2020 6:30pm**

**(Via Videoconference Webex Meetings)**

### **Attendance**

In attendance	Don Clarke, Mayor	Chair
	Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh	
	Anna Ashford-Morton	
	Mike Trinacty	
Councillors	Rod Reeves	
	Jane Bustin	
	Barry Corbin	
	Karen Peckford, Finance Director	
Absent with	Mike Payne, CAO	
Regrets:	Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator	

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

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

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

The previous Council Minutes were approved by motion of Council with the addition of adjournment times.

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

The Agenda was approved with the following additions:

- EV Chargers (Karen Peckford)
- 2 additional personnel issues (In Camera)
- Kings Transit (Councillor Walsh)

#### **4. Departmental Reports**

Fire Department - No report. Mayor was very impressed by Chief Laurie and the Department's response to the recent combine fire at the peat bog – we should congratulate them. Follow up for formal report.

RCMP- No regular meeting this month. Chantal will forward the Police Report for July.

Public Works Report Councillor Corbin congratulated the PW department on the Bezanson Drive sidewalk project – landscaping is now done; this in house project was massive! Great infrastructure.

Councillor Trinacty asked for Public Works support to finish the trail work. Asked how the Town can get trail and Chute Park signage work completed. Discussion ensued regarding volunteer help. Ms. Peckford will follow up with Mr. Harding.

Councillor Trinacty asked as well about repairing the basketball hoop at Rainforth Park. and installing it at the regulation height to save it from being torn down. Mayor Clarke will look into pricing for basketball nets over at the tennis court as originally planned. Councillor Morton and Mike Trinacty have basketball hoops and nets for donation to put up for now to hold us over for winter.

Bylaw Officers Report Ms. Redden was a great asset to the town, as she has left her position as of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Ella was a great personality to have around the town; Mayor commended her work.

CD& R- Mayor Clarke mentioned interpretative panel (historic one to be installed at trail head) and shared that the museum staff are making a 2<sup>nd</sup> one. Amanda Furniss is creating a panel on ‘Beautiful Joe’ and Mrs. Saunders with support from the Library (Barb is supportive and involved). Discussion needed as to where the placement of this panel will go. (Town Hall, Park etc).

Councillor Trinacty noted that the Hall of Fame banquet will be September 26<sup>th</sup> and is by invitation only. Legion will host. Facebook Live online option available as well.

Gala Day Council Committee - KMCC site visit and public meeting to be held September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm, behind KMCC. This is to explore options to host Gala Days at the KMCC property, in future years.

Mayor Clarke noted that the Concert in the Park series has been going well. Volunteer recognition for the Town will begin on social media as of September 2<sup>nd</sup> to lead into the provincial effort of volunteer recognition on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September.

Finance Report: Ms. Peckford explained that the 2019-20 audit is underway; Financial Statements to be approved by the late September Council meeting or October.

CAO Report Mayor highlighted that Mike met with Sergeant Kelly regarding speeding on Main Street east. The electronic speed radar has been recording many high speeds – exploring options.

Councillor Morton noted that the Glace Bay, Cape Breton park progress was amazing. They received a Kraft Grant and Reserve Mines received a grant from TD bank. Encouraging efforts to look into other grants like Tim Hortons, and other foundations.

## **5. Ongoing Business**

### Sewer Budget & Fees Policy

Ms. Peckford confirmed that there were a number of errors in the fee collection process that she has amended to ensure they align with latest policy and By-laws. She will ensure that details are provided to the affected parties that include Orchard Apartments and Eden Valley Poultry. Karen will provide an update at the next meeting. The 2021 surplus is to be transferred to reserves.

Ms. Peckford asked for council to approve this budget as presented.

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council approve the sewer operational budget as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council amend sewer fee schedule in Policy 5.018 (fee arena changes) as presented in the revised Policy for Fees dated August 18, 2020.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### EV chargers

Ms. Peckford confirmed that the proposed Electric Vehicle Chargers were not listed in the F2021 capital budget- no formal approval from council. The intention is that Berwick Electric would own the EV Chargers. Funding is being explored and the actual number of EV Chargers is to be determined.

### Kings Transit

Councillor Walsh noted that Kevin Kerr will be the interim general manager for Kings Transit until December. Signing authority change-over is in progress.

## **6. In Camera (Contractual and Personnel)**

The regular Council session entered into an In Camera Session at 7:25pm and re-entered into regular Council at 8:15pm.

7. **Next Meeting:** September 8, 2020.

8. **Adjournment** – Council adjourned at 8:18 pm.