

Council Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting

June 8, 2021 6:30pm

Via WebEx Virtual Meetings

Attendance

In attendance

Don Clarke, Mayor

Chair

Councilors
Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh
Mike Trinacty
Derrick Jamieson
Chris Goddard
Adam Lutz
Rod Reeves

Mike Payne, CAO
Karen Peckford, Director of Finance
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 as circulated.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated, with the following addition:

- Pride Month Proclamation
- Heritage Wall Murals Project
- West Kings Prom Parade
- Correspondence – Keith Irving and Peter Muttart

4. COTW Recommendations to Council

The following recommendations were put forward for Council's consideration and decision:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Lands known as PID 55358097 and described in detail in Appendix 'A' are hereby discharged from the Development Agreement dated December 1, 1978 and recorded on December 4, 1978 in the Kings County Registry of Deeds in Book 455 at Page 761, as Document No. 12969.

Appendix 'A'

Parcel Description

PLACE NAME: Brown Street & Orchard Street, Town of Berwick, Kings County, Nova Scotia

TOWN/MUNICIPALITY/COUNTY: Town of Berwick

DESIGNATION OF PARCEL ON PLAN: Lot "1B"

TITLE OF PLAN: Plan of Survey Showing Lot "1B" Subdivision of Lands of Graham J. Keene Enterprises Limited (BK. 1084, PG. 835) & Lot "1C" Subdivision of Lands of Watson Wilson (BK. 1083, PG. 145; BK 1092, PG. 105)

REGISTRATION COUNTY: Kings County

REGISTRATION NUMBER OF PLAN: P10806

REGISTRATION DATE OF PLAN: September 8, 1997

SUBJECT TO a Development Agreement dated September 12, 1994 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for Kings County on September 21, 1994 in Book 993, at Page 438, and as Document Number 7726.

*** Municipal Government Act, Part IX Compliance ***

Compliance:

The parcel is created by a subdivision (details below) that has been filed under the Registry Act or registered under the Land Registration Act

Registration District: KINGS COUNTY

Registration Year: 1997

Plan or Document Number: P10806

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the "Apple Fund" recreation funding policy (attached). The policy would allow any resident of Town in need of financial support to participate in a recreation activity or program. This policy would promote and enable physical activity, confidence and self-esteem building, health and wellness, leadership skills, friendships and the opportunity to be part of a team.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

The Margaret Marshall Saunders Interpretive Panel which has been created by the Halifax Women's Historical Society be placed on the grounds in front of the Berwick and District Library at the Berwick Town Hall.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Public Works assist Berwick & District School with installing PRIDE/BLM markings on the two sites of property owned by AVRCE. The Veterans Drive crosswalk will retain the traditional white markings as per the recommended national standard for crosswalks.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

That Town of Berwick Council adopt Change 1 to the Kings REMO Regional Emergency Management Plan, dated March 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

b) *Housing Committee Recommendation*

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council respond to the letter from Grandview Manor that Council is not interested in assuming responsibility for the existing structure but is interested in working with the Manor Board to identify other parties that may be interested in the building for affordable housing such as The Portal, Affordable Housing Association of NS, Valley REN, Michelin and Migrant worker agencies.

5.New Business

a. *2021/22 Sewer Operating Budget*

Ms. Peckford discussed the 2021/22 Sewer Operating Budget report. The budget is balanced with an \$80K surplus allocated to the sewer reserve. Total revenue is \$525K and total expenditures are \$444K.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the 2021/22 Sewer Operating Budget.

AND THAT

Council approve the 2021/22 Fees for Sewer Charges.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Pride Month Proclamation

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council proclaim June, 2021 Pride Month with the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS; June is recognized as Pride Month in Canada and around the world as an opportunity to celebrate sexual diversity, promote equal rights, and build awareness of the challenges faced by the LGBTQ2S+ community; and

WHEREAS; Pride Month is an opportunity to prevent discrimination and promote acceptance and inclusion of all, and to support the development of harmonious and respectful relationships amongst all members of our community; and

WHEREAS; during Pride Month we can all reflect on the progress made to recognize and protect the rights of LGBTQ2S+ communities, and the work that still needs to be done;

THEREFORE, I, Don Clarke, Mayor of the Town of Berwick, proclaim June 2021 to be recognized as “Pride Month” in the Town of Berwick.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Heritage Wall Mural Project

There is a citizen committee struck regarding a Heritage and Historic Wall Murals Project, led by Greg Hubbert and Anna Horsnell. Community Development will be looking at this as well. The idea is to have a mural constructed at the trail head on a building owned by the Parsons group. The committee will look at other locations going forward if there is interest with further murals. Mayor Clarke noted that the Town would like to be part of this process and will look at a donation when an official ask comes to Council.

Ms. Brydon highlighted there is potential for 50 cent dollar funding for this project.

d. West Kings Prom Parade

The Parade committee is reviewing this request for the West Kings Prom Parade. A letter will go to the West Kings Committee after the committee reviews the particulars.

e. Correspondence

The Town received correspondence from both Keith Irving and Peter Muttart. Both are attached.

Muttart Correspondence:

Council would like to know more information on the training, costs and schedules. Mr. Payne will look into this.

Irving Correspondence:

Will post on our social media accounts so the public are able to take part.
Mr. Payne will inquire as to if the Climate Committee is looking into this as well.

5. Mayor's Update

Mayor Clarke offered an update on his activities in the last two weeks including REN Board meeting, IMA Working Group meeting and VCFN Catch Up meeting.

Upcoming:

June 11th – AREA Meeting
14th – Accessibility Meeting
15th – Police and BEC Meeting
16th – URB Hearing
22nd – COTW Meeting

6. In Camera Session (Personnel)

The regular Council meeting entered into an In-Camera Session at 7:38pm and returned to regular Council at 8:05pm.

7. Adjournment – Council adjourned at 8:06pm.