

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

**February 8, 2022 6:30pm**  
*Via WebEx Virtual Meetings*

### **Attendance**

In attendance	Don Clarke, Mayor	Chair
	Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty	
Councillors	Ty Walsh	
	Rod Reeves	
	Chris Goddard	
	Adam Lutz	
	Derrick Jamieson	
	Mike Payne, CAO	
	Karen Peckford, Director of Finance	
	Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator	
	Chrystal Fuller, Brighter Planning (Presentation only)	

### **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 removal of 'BEC Organization Structure' and the following additions:

- Financial Report
- Proclamation – African Heritage Month
- NSFM Structural Changes Meeting

### **4. New Business**

a. Penner Planning Report – Brown Street

Ms. Fuller summarized the Planning Report re the request to rezone the property to Residential, highlighting that this property has been certified for Commercial use by the Department of Environment but that it does not meet residential requirements, due to soil quality conditions.

**IN CAMERA SESSION:**

The regular Council meeting entered into an In-Camera Session at 6:43pm and returned to regular Council at 7:12pm, with the following motion:

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council defer 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and direct staff to contact Mr. Penner to acquire the Certificate of Compliance to a residential standard for the subject properties.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*b. Appointment of Development Officer*

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council approve the appointment of Katie Ollmann of Brighter Community Planning & Consulting as a Development Officer for the Town of Berwick.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*c. Financial Report – Karen Peckford*

Ms. Peckford reviewed the Financial Report dated February 7, 2022.

Within the Town's municipal profile and Financial Condition Indicators the combined reserves are determined to be in the moderate risk category and have improved over the past two years.

Ms. Peckford noted while reviewing the long-term debt report that a number of debts will be fully satisfied over the next two years or so and there may be opportunity to consider funding some projects via long term debt again.

*d. Proclamation – African Heritage Month*

Mayor Clarke read the African Heritage Month proclamation and signed same.

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council proclaim February as African Heritage Month.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*e. NSFM Meeting Regarding Structural Changes*

There was a virtual meeting, on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, regarding proposed structural changes to the NSFM structure. Mayor Clarke, Councillor Walsh and Councillor Jamieson attended.

There are currently two separate Town and Rural Municipality caucus systems and there is interest in revisiting a regional approach and engaging members to discuss this through advisory committees.

Discussion ensued regarding advantages of a regional structure. More information will be forthcoming.

**5. First Reading:**

*a. REMO Berwick Emergency Measures Bylaw*

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council approve the first reading of the amended REMO Berwick Emergency Measures Bylaw.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Second Reading**

*a. Day Care Centre's Property Tax Reduction and Exemption Bylaw*

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council approve the Day Care Centre's Property Tax Exemption and Reduction Bylaw for second and final reading.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Committee of the Whole Recommendations Report**

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council approve the revised Ice and Snow Control Policy, together with a list of public pathways to be plowed, as an appendix to the Policy.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council confirm with the County of Kings, and potential partners, that the Town of Berwick will not support the Kings Region Diversity IMSA at this time.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8. Mayor's Update**

Mayor Clarke highlighted the following dates for Council:

- Meeting with John Lohr and Chris Palmer next week
- February 14 – Accessibility Meeting
- February 15 – BEC Meeting
- February 16 – LOC REN and Community Development Meetings
- February 17 – Regional Taskforce Meeting
- February 18 – IMSA Working Group Meeting
- February 21<sup>st</sup> – Holiday
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Meeting the Chris D'Entremont

9. **Adjournment** – Council adjourned at 8:07pm.