

Council Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting

March 8, 2022 6:30pm
Via WebEx Virtual Meetings

Attendance

In attendance	Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty	Chair
	Don Clarke, Mayor	
Councilors	Ty Walsh	
	Rod Reeves	
	Chris Goddard	
	Adam Lutz	
	Derrick Jamieson	
	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. Mr. Payne updated Council that Mr. Penner will be mitigating to bring his lands, on Brown Street, to a residential standard.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

- Budget Workshop date

4. Presentation: REN Jennifer Tufts

Jennifer Tufts and Paul Dixon offered a presentation on the Valley Regional Enterprise Network "Activity Update". Both Deputy Mayor Trinacty and Mayor Clarke thanked them for a very informative presentation and noted many good things are coming from the REN organization.

5. New Business:

- Town of Berwick Flag Raising Policy*

Council reviewed the proposed policy by Mr. Payne and suggested that “fire fighters killed in the line of duty” be added to the list whereby the flags would be lowered to half-mast in recognition of official mourning.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the Flag Raising Protocol Policy with the addition of fire fighters killed in the line of duty.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Valley Regional Waste – Retention of Surplus Funds

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council requests that all Valley Regional Waste surplus owed to the Town of Berwick be forwarded to the Town for the Town’s own purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Endorsement of Collation for Healthy School Food

The Kings County Community Food Council extended an invitation to Council to the Great Big Crunch which raises awareness of the importance of healthy food at school. This annual moment of anti-silence invites students, teachers, parents and others to crunch into their apples to make a noise for healthy food.

Councillor Goddard, Councillor Jamieson and Deputy Mayor Trinacty will make every effort to attend the Berwick & District School event.

The group also invites Town staff to partake in this activity and take a photo to display on social media.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council endorse the call for the development of a universal, cost shared, healthy school food program for Canada.

MOTION CARRIED

d. REMO Community Outreach Presentation

Council will review a date in April to have a REMO presentation on the Community Outreach – Emergency Preparedness.

e. Budget Workshop Date

Council agreed to set the Budget Workshop date to March 17th at 5pm in Council Chambers.

6. Second Reading

a. REMO Berwick Emergency Measures Bylaw

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council give second reading and approve the amended REMO Berwick Emergency Measures Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Committee of the Whole Recommendations Report

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the hiring of a Director of Municipal Works, cost shared with the Berwick Electric Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the Town of Berwick 2022 Accessibility Plan

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Halliday will share the Plan with the Province for their records.

Mr. Payne will share pertinent sections of the Plan with staff.

8. Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Trinacty highlighted the following dates for Council:

- March 9 – AREA Meeting with Ministers
- March 11 – AREA Board Meeting
- March 10 – NSFM Service Exchange Meeting
- March 14 – Accessibility Meeting
- March 15 – Police Services Advisory Meeting
- March 22 – COTW
- March 24 – Community Development Meeting
- March 25 – IMSA Meeting and Rules of Order Meeting

9. IN CAMERA SESSION:

The regular Council meeting entered into an In-Camera Session at 7:58pm and returned to regular Council at 8:14pm, with the following motion:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Town Council immediately directs AREA staff to resume discussions with staff at the Department of Municipal Affairs to confirm (i) the eligibility of additional assets and (ii) the recovery of AREA staff time spent on the projects.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **Adjournment** – Council adjourned at 8:15pm.