

Council Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting
May 10, 2022 6:30pm

Attendance

In attendance

Chair

Don Clarke, Mayor

Mike Trinacty, Deputy Mayor

Councillor Ty Walsh

Councillor Rod Reeves

Councillor Chris Goddard

Councillor Adam Lutz

Councillor Derrick Jamieson

Mike Payne, CAO

Lisa Buchan, Director of
Finance

Chantal Pineo, Executive
Coordinator

Byron Lamb, Gala Days

Anna Ashford-Morton, Gala
Days

Pat Jodie

George Floris

1. Call to Order

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

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:

- Federal Riding issue

4. Presentation: Berwick Gala Days Committee

Byron Lamb and Anna Ashford-Morton presented Council with a cheque for \$3000 from 2021 Gala Days proceeds for the Town to purchase an accessible swing for Rainforth park.

Both thanked the Town for their support each and every year and noted Gala Days would not be able to happen without it.

Deputy Mayor Trinacty noted that the Community Development Committee is starting to look at a committee structure to redevelop the playground area in the park so this contribution from Gala Days is a great start to the project.

5. Committee of the Whole Recommendation Report:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the MPS and LUB Review proposal from Brighter Communities Planning & Consulting.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the Willow Avenue – Development Standards Report and furtherance to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council accept the Public Open Space Policy dated May 10, 2022.

MOTION DEFERRED

Council felt more review and work needed to be done on this Policy. In particular the maintenance of the garden beds areas on Commercial Street adjacent to the sidewalk and who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep – the Town or the business at which it is located (ex Foodland, Home Hardware, etc).

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve a letter of support in principle for an Annapolis Valley Agricultural Technology Accelerator located in the Town of Berwick.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the Fire Services Operations Agreement between the Municipality of the County of Kings, the Town of Berwick and the Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department, as presented at April COTW.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the Facility & Rental Protocols & Fees, as presented at April COTW with amendments as directed by Council. The Gazebo in Centennial Park should be added at a rate of \$25 per hour.

MOTION CARRIED

6. New Business

a. First Reading – Balcom Development Agreement

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council give first reading to the Development Agreement between the Town of Berwick and A&J Holdings Ltd.

MOTION CARRIED

b. NSFM Spring Conference Update

Mayor Clarke offered an update on the NSFM Spring Conference which was held last week. Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Trinacty and Mike Payne attended.

c. Berwick Mural Project

Mayor Clarke spoke with Greg Hubbard earlier in the day who provided a rendering of the new centennial mural that will be painted on the front of the Bargain Harley's property fronting Commercial Street. The project will be starting any day now.

d. Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts

A commission has been struck to review this issue. Their initial proposal would see the Town of Berwick removed from the riding of West Nova and placed in Kings-Hants. Council confirmed that they would like to make a submission to the Commission on this issue.

7. Mayor's Update

Mayor Clarke highlighted the following dates for Council:

- May 13 – IMSA Working Group
- May 14 – KMCC Dinner
- May 17 – BEC meeting
- May 18 – REN LOC Meeting
- May 19 – Economic Task Meeting and Community Dev Meeting
- May 24 – COTW Meeting

8. IN CAMERA SESSION:

The regular Council meeting entered into an In-Camera Session at 7:44pm and returned to regular Council at 8:13pm, with the following motion:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Town Council direct the CAO to negotiate a contract with Jennifer Boyd to become the next CAO for the Town of Berwick.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Adjournment – Council adjourned at 8:15pm.