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**ATTENDING**

Mayor Don Clarke, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty  
Councillor Ty Walsh  
Councillor Derrick Jamieson  
Councillor Adam Lutz  
Councillor Chris Goddard  
Councillor Rod Reeves  
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance  
Chantal Franey, Executive Coordinator

**Also in Attendance:**

Pat Jodrie  
Ian Hurst (left after presentation)  
Sherri Bain, Evangeline Club (left after presentation)  
Lynn Riguse (left after presentation)  
Greg McWha (left after presentation)  
Jason Haughn, Municipal Advisor DMAH

**Absent with Regrets:**

Councillor Rod Reeves

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS:**

- Presentation by Ian Hurst
- Approval of Dawn Sutherland as Development Officer
- Update on new hours for Front Counter

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2023 AND AUGUST 1ST COUNCIL MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION:**

**John *Rafuse* be corrected as John *Nichols***

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATIONS:**

**a. *Ian Hurst, Main Street, Berwick***

Mr. Hurst is concerned about the Nova Scotia tax/CAP system and property assessments. Mr. Hurst feels that his current property taxes are very extreme and wanted Council to hear his concerns.

Mr. Hurst also feels that the Berwick Tax Bills should state that "Interim" means twice per year so that new residents are fully aware that the interim bill is not for the entire year, as he thought when purchasing his current property.

**b. *Evangeline Club – Sherri Bain***

Ms. Bain presented to Council on behalf of the Evangeline Club. Things like Social and Recreational Programming, supports, stats, community consequences of government cuts among other highlights were information received by Council.

Council realizes how very important the Evangeline Club is to the Town of Berwick. CAO Boyd will be putting the Community Development Manager in touch with the Evangeline Club staff to see what support the Town can further to be this organization.

**c. *Request for an Animal Control Bylaw***

Lynn Riguse and Greg McWha, both residents of Foster Street, wanted to bring the importance of an animal bylaw to Council. Both residents feel that the number of animals per household within the Town is very important in an urban setting.

Mayor Clarke and CAO Boyd explained that Council and staff will be looking at an Animal Bylaw in the near future and feels that public input will be very important in this matter.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. *RFD022-2023 Valley Waste Municipal Guarantee and TBR***

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve THE Town of Berwick's loan guarantee as requested by the VWRM, in the amount of \$17,032 or 3.08% of the VWRM's Temporary Borrowing Resolution (in the total amount of \$553,000).**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Solar Garden**

Discussion ensued with regard to purchasing/subscriptions of panels. Citizens are encouraged to visit [community-solar.ca](http://community-solar.ca) to add their email address for solar garden updates regarding purchasing/subscriptions.

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the Town of Berwick’s Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount up to, but not exceeding, nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) to finance the construction of the Solar Garden, which supersedes the previous temporary borrowing resolution of \$5,510,000 approved on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**c. Appointment of Development Officer**

CAO Boyd noted that Brighter Planning has hired a new Development Officer to assist with Berwick’s planning matters. Ms. Dawn Sutherland is required to be appointed by Council for her position as Development Officer for the Town of Berwick.

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the appointment of Dawn Sutherland as Development Officer for the Town of Berwick.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**d) Update on Front Counter**

Neither staff nor Council has heard any negative comments about the 4pm front counter closing time. Council asked that another trial be put in place until the end of the calendar year (or when/if there were several complaints). It will be put on the January Council agenda for further discussion/approval.

**5. MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Clarke’s highlighted his activities from the last two weeks and upcoming events.

September 20 – IMSA Meeting

September 21 – BEC Meeting

September 22 – ICIP Funding Announcement

September 26 – COTW

October 11 – KTA presentation at Carol’s Place regarding a revamp of buses, etc.

November – NSFM Conference **(please confirm with Chantal by September 18<sup>th</sup> if you are attending)**

**6. IN CAMERA SESSION – PERSONNEL  
IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR  
MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA AT 8:19 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

CAO Boyd left the meeting at 9:44 PM.

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA  
BE ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:00 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR  
MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:00 PM.**

**Approved by Town Council *October 10, 2023.***

**As recorded by Chantal Franey, Executive Coordinator.**