
ATTENDING

Mayor Don Clarke, Chair
Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Adam Lutz
Councillor Chris Goddard
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
Greg McWha
Jason Haughn, Municipal Advisor DMAH

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Rod Reeves

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:57pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

4. SECOND READINGS:

a. Brown Street LUB Amendment

The environmental report submitted in April 2023 states that the soil is now compliant for residential uses and the remediation is complete. To that end, Council has accepted the Pario report in the place of a Certificate of Compliance.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council give Second Reading for the redesignation and rezone PIDs 55238067 and 55238059 from Commercial General (C1) to Residential Two Unit (R2), amend the language in policy C2.

MOTION CARRIED

b. 308 Main Street LUB Amendment

Council had no further comment on the rezoning matter.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council give Second Reading to the rezoning 307 Main Street (PID 5524911) from R1 to R2.

MOTION CARRIED

5.COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

The current Backhoe Loader will be taken in on trade to help with costing.

a. RFD018-2023 Temporary Borrowing Resolution 2023-Backhoe Loader

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, tow hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars (\$265,000) to finance the purchase of a 2023 Backhoe Loader.

MOTION CARRIED

b. RFD019-2023 Performance Management Policy

There were no further questions from Council.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council APPROVE THE Performance Management Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c. RFD020-2023 JRTA Municipal Working Group Member Appointment

CAO Boyd noted her first meeting has been scheduled for July 13th. Deputy Mayor Trinacty asked if there was a timeframe set out for this group. CAO Boyd explained that the strategy is set to be delivered for November 2024.

Council noted that they did not want this to be a committee that becomes tedious with no real outcomes and becomes a somewhat non-valuable use of staff time. CAO Boyd confirmed she will monitor the commitment and the meetings are mainly scheduled for online – approximately two meetings will be in person in Halifax.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council appoint CAO Jennifer Boyd to be the primary Municipal Working Group Member for the Joint Regional Transportation Agency.

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5. NEW BUSINESS

a. RFD021-2023 WWTP Cell 1 Diffuser Repair and Replacement Tender Award

The Town has purchased the material for the repair and replacement of because the parts for the system are exclusive. This tender is to complete the work that remains.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the use of \$85,475.55 from the Sustainable Growth Fund for the 2023/24 capital project WWTP Cell 1 Diffuser Repair and Replacement.

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IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council award tender BER2023-05 WWTP Diffuser Repair and Replacement to Hutchinson Landscaping and Excavating Ltd.

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b. RFD022-2023 Basketball Court Tender Award

Pre Policy, this requires Council approval, though, all funding is being provided through a grant.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council award tender BER2023-07 Court to Valley Paving & Excavation for \$15,680.00 plus HST.

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c. Approval of 2022/21 Financial Statements

Director Buchan gave an overview of the Financial Statements provided by Auditors, Morse Brewster Lake. Ms. Buchan highlighted that the double capacity grant and the deed transfer tax has aided in the Town's surplus.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council accept the 2022/21 Financial Statements as presented.

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6. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

July 13 – BEC Meeting

July 13 – Community Development Meeting

July 19 – SMGAR Meeting

July 20 – AREA Meeting

July 26&27 – 4H Days (Mayor Clarke requested a Councillor to take his place at the Welcoming).

August 1 – Special Council Meeting

9. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:45PM.

Approved by Town Council *September 12, 2023.*

As recorded by Chantal Franey, Executive Coordinator.