

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
Krista Longmire, Planning & Bylaw Administrative Coordinator

Also in Attendance:

Chrystal Fuller, BCP & C (via Teams)
Dale Whynot, Kent Field Estates
2 Members from the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

7. d. Kings Transit Bus Shelter

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

4. FIRST READING

a. 228 Main Street Development Agreement, Kent Field Estates

Ms. Fuller gave an overview of the multi-residential development application from Kent Field Estates that was initially received on April 30, 2021. Since that date, the Town Engineer and Town Planner have been working with the Developer to address issues related to infrastructure and stormwater. The draft DA reflects an amended site plan to better address these concerns. Ms. Fuller clarified an error that is in

the staff report, the number of units is a maximum of 72 and not 80 as presented in the report.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council give first reading and forward to a public heading the draft Development agreement to permit a seventy-two unit grouped dwelling at 228 Main Street. The Public Hearing will be held on November 6, 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

MOTION CARRIED

Dale Whynot and Chrystal Fuller left the meeting at 6:53 pm.

5. SEPTEMBER COTW RECOMMENDATION

a. RFD024-2023 Invite to Join Recreation Nova Scotia's Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve and agree to sign the Recreation Nova Scotia Anti-Racism Charter on the Town of Berwick committing to create and implement an anti-racism action plan.

MOTION CARRIED

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Quarter 2 Operating Priorities Report

CAO Boyd gave an update on the Q2 Operating Plan Priorities.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. RFD025-2023:2023/24 CAPITAL BUDGET REALLOCATION

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve reallocating the \$25,000 approved from the Operating Reserve Fund for the Stormwater Management Study to fund design work for Bezanson Street Stormwater Culvert and Maple Avenue Sidewalk and Stormwater Infrastructure.

MOTION CARRIED

b. RFD026-2023: SUSTAINABLE SERVICES GROWTH FUND ALLOCATION

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve up to \$25,000 from the Sustainable Services Growth Fund for the Maple Avenue Sidewalk and Stormwater Infrastructure detailed design.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve an additional \$72,500 from the Sustainable Services Growth Fund for the Wastewater Treatment Plant detailed design.

MOTION CARRIED

c. COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN NAMING

It was agreed by consensus that the solar garden be named **Berwick Centennial Community Solar Garden** which will be officially revealed at the naming ceremony on October 21st at 1:00 pm at Town Hall. It was suggested that a small committee be formed to organize a reception for the ceremony and tours of the solar garden if feasible.

D. BUS SHELTER ON COMMERCIAL STREET

CAO Boyd reported that there have been several complaints and concerns regarding the bus shelter in front of Foodland on Commercial Street. Kings Transit recommended removing the bench; however, it was felt this would impose additional concerns from the users that require the bench while waiting for the bus. It was suggested that signage be placed in the shelter with messaging that may deter such activities.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Clarke reviewed the activities he has participated in over the last month and noted that the NSFM conference that will be held on November 7-10 in Halifax.

9. IN-CAMERA

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA AT 8:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA BE ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:37 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve and authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the amendment to the purchase and sale agreement between the Town of Berwick and Kent Field Estates dated October 4, 2023 conditional upon the solicitor's advice regarding an appeal to the application.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
BE ADJOURNED AT 9:38 PM.**

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Town Council *November 14, 2023.*

**As recorded by Krista Longmire, Planning and Bylaw Administrative
Coordinator**