

ATTENDING

Mayor Don Clarke, Chair
Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Adam Lutz
Councillor Rod Reeves
Councillor Chris Goddard
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development
Aaron Dondale, Director of Public Works
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chrystal Fuller, BCP & C (Via Teams)

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 AS AMENDED

Remove RFD030-2024: Emergency Service Providers Policy and Registration

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 4, 2024 SPECIAL JOINT COUNCIL MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 29, 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

4. FIRST READING

a. Bentley Development Agreement

Planner Fuller gave an overview of the proposed development agreement for a multi-unit residential development on Lot 1-AC Commercial Street. Fuller highlighted that there are two parts to this development, the subdivision application and the development agreement. The development agreement even if approved is subject to the subdivision application/approval and all other requirements and policies are in place, such as master plans, lift station agreement, and all required permits.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council forward the draft Development Agreement for Lot1-AC Commercial Street to a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE of the WHOLE

a. RFD031-2024: Remuneration and Expenses of Council Policy

CAO Boyd presented the updated Remuneration and Expenses of Council policy, highlighting that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors shall be paid a salary of \$25,000, \$13,500 & \$12,500 respectively. All salaries will increase by CPI to a maximum of 5% effective April 1 of each fiscal year and subject to budgetary considerations and approval by Council. There will be an honorarium of \$800 annually for Town Council members and members of the public appointed to the Berwick Electric Commission.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the revisions to Remuneration and Expenses of Council, Committees, Boards and Agencies as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. RFD032-2024: Maple Avenue Update

Director Dondale presented a short video of Maple Avenue highlighting the condition and issues on the street. The asphalt surface has shown signs of deterioration since at least 2016, and since that time has only received spot-patching. The existing indication of a sidewalk deviates from the current practices within Nova Scotia for sidewalks. This deviation increases the risk to residents and liability to the Town due to a false sense of protection for pedestrians. Three options for repair were presented.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve to pursue Option 2 for a formal sidewalk and curb as outlined in the report.

MOTION CARRIED.

b. RFD033-2024: Support to Explore Kings Transit Depot in Berwick

CAO Boyd highlighted that part of the strategic plan for Kings Transit requires the evaluation of renovating the current Kings Transit depot in New Minas or constructing a new building. The report recommends locating the new depot in Berwick and accessing Berwick's clean energy. Berwick Electric has confirmed that the power grid could accommodate the increase in load. It is recommended that staff work with the consultants to assess the current Public Works and Berwick Electric worksite to co-locate a new building that would serve both entities for the new depot.

c. Memo Fall Council Dates

Due to the upcoming municipal election, the regular meeting schedule of Council is impacted. CAO Boyd presented proposed meeting dates for the fall of 2024 to accommodate this. There will be no COTW meeting for September; however, a special council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th to approve the audited financial statements.

d. Volunteer Appreciation

The 50th Provincial Volunteer Awards ceremony will be held in Truro on September 18th. Shelley Peach is the Town of Berwick Volunteer of the Year. Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty will attend the awards ceremony on behalf of the Town.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Berwick & District Community Association Funding request

A letter was received from the Berwick & District Community Association for funding support for the purchase of a new ice resurfacing machine for the rink at the Kings Mutual Century Centre. A \$10,000.00 commitment was agreed upon and Town staff will explore grant opportunities to cover the commitment or more; however, if the grant opportunities are not successful, the Town will guarantee \$10,000.00.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve a guarantee of \$10,000.00 to support the purchase of the ice resurfacing machine.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Fireworks Fallout email

An email was received from a community member expressing concerns over the fireworks as part of the Gala Days celebration. A letter will be sent to the Gala Days Committee to express that Council fully supports the Committee's decision on this matter moving forward.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Town Council *October 8, 2024.*

As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant