

ATTENDING

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

f. NSFM Spring Conference

MOTION CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. RFD007-2025 TBR Fire Water Storage Tanks

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, two hundred and twenty thousand (\$220,000) to finance the building of a Fire Services Water Storage Tank.

MOTION CARRIED

b. RFD008-2025 TBR BEC Factorydale Hydro Project

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the Town of Berwick Electric Commission's temporary borrowing resolution in the amount up to, but not exceeding, six million (\$6,000,000) to finance the Factorydale Hydro Plant Refurbishment.

MOTION CARRIED

c. RFD009-2025 TBR WWTP Aeration of Lagoons and Blowers

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the Town of Berwick temporary borrowing resolution in the amount up to, but not exceeding, one million, five hundred thousand (\$1,500,000) to finance the Tertiary Treatment Design, Lagoon Two Upgrades & Blower Replacement Construction.

MOTION CARRIED

d. RFD010-2025 2025-26 Operating & Capital Budget Approval

Director Buchan reviewed the adjustments directed by Council for V3 of the draft operating budget. The draft tax rate resolution proposes a 5-cent increase in both the residential and commercial tax rates. Additionally, V3 of the operating budget includes a transfer of \$75,000 to operating reserves. Buchan noted that if the 2025-26 operating budget is not approved this evening, staff will prepare the interim tax bills based on the current tax rate, with adjustments made to the final tax bills in the fall.

Councillor Jamieson asked staff to explore the possibility of only increasing the Deed Transfer Tax by \$0.25 instead of the proposed \$0.50. This will come back to Council when the bylaw is considered for amendment.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the 2025/26 Draft Operating Budget V3 and authorize the 2025/26 Tax Rate Resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the 2025/26 5-Year Capital Investment Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

e. RFD011-2025 Solar Garden Mowing Contract

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approve the work scope as outlined in BER2025-001 Town of Berwick Centennial Community Solar Garden Mowing to Lunn's Lawncare for the anticipated contract amount of \$102,200.00.

MOTION CARRIED

f. NSFM Spring Conference

Mayor Trinacty asked Council if anyone was interested/available to attend the NSFM Spring Conference on April 29-May 1 in Truro.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Stand For Canada

Council members felt no action was necessary, as the Town of Berwick is already supporting local (Canadian) in the procurement of products and services where possible.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
BE ADJOURNED AT 9:49 PM**

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Town Council, April 8, 2025
As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant