Town of Berwick

Council

Minutes of the Meeting

April 8, 2008

Attendance

In attendance	Mayor	John Prall	Chair
	Deputy Mayor	Don Clarke	
	Councillors	Richard Horsburgh Anna Ashford-Morton Beth Easson Gary Whittier Councillor Mike Trinacty	
	CAO	Bob Ashley	
Absent with Regrets		Jim Retallack Catherine Retallack Don Regan	
	Media	Sarah Keddy	Kings County Register

1. Call to Order

Mayor Prall called the meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following additions/alterations:

In Camera Session - Contractual

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the March 11, 2008 Council were approved as circulated.

4. Presentations:

(a) Berwick Energy Future ~ AMG, Jim Retallack

Council received a presentation on the Berwick Energy Future by Jim Retallack. Topics were discussed on Green Municipal Fund, Digestion, Thermal Utility and the Town Hall. Mr. Retallack was looking for guidance on the Town Hall and where Council wanted to go with the project. Mr. Retallack reviewed the project structure, ground rules, current

situation (heating, electrical savings,CBCL analysis). He highlighted three different Plans (A, B and C). Plan A being a one year payback (shading of south walls,etc.). Plan B was a 2-5 year project (landscaping, solar walls, replace heating system). Plan C was a 2-5 year project as well which offered an internal restructuring.

Discussion ensued about the different options. Mr. Ashley noted that if Council decided that one of these projects were added to the list of Priorities, Council would have to cut in other places.

5. ***Correspondence: International H.O.M.E. Reserve Incorporated***

Mr. Ashley reviewed this correspondence.

6. ***Committee Updates and Recommendations***

(a) COTW Recommendations – Report

Kings Transit 2008-09 Proposed Operating Budget

Mr. Ashley reviewed this recommendation. He noted that this is a 30% increase from last year. Discussion ensued about feeder buses, bus runs and different avenues to save costs.

Councillor Trinacty noted that it proves difficult to make any budget decisions such as this as we have not passed our own budget yet.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve the Kings Transit 2008-09 proposed operating budget of $1,488,482.00 and capital budget of $748,968.00 with the Town of Berwick's contribution being $27,247.00

MOTION DEFEATED

Valley Waste Resource Management 2008-09 Operating Budget

Mr. Ashley reviewed this recommendation. He noted that this is up approximately 1.5% since last year. Mr. Ashley added that the CAO's will be meeting with regard to the surpluses, and tightening up on capital.

Council finds it difficult to comprehend an increase in the budget when there is a huge surplus.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council aprove the Valley Waste Resource Management's 2008-09 Operating Budget of $8,945,172.00 and 2008-09 Capital Budget of $575,000.00.

MOTION DEFEATED

(b) PAC Update – Report

Councillor Easson reviewed the PAC Report. There were no questions of same.

(c) Police Advisory Committee – Report and Recommendation

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Town Council approve in principle the temporary closure of a downtown section of Commercial Street to accommodate the Michelin Junior Bike Race, May 25, 2008, with the provision that directly affected local businesses are first consulted and that adequate notice along with all necessary traffic precautions have been undertaken by the RCMP.

MOTION CARRIED

7. *New Business:*

(a) Voters List Preparation

Bob reviewed the report (addition to the agenda). He put forth the following Recommendation:

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Berwick's Town Council approve the use of the permanent list of electors as established and maintained by Elections Nova Scotia.

MOTION CARRIED

8. *Adjournment:*

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm

9. *In Camera:*

The Council Meeting entered into an In Camera Session on Recreation Director's position.

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John Prall, Chair

Chantal L. Pineo-Atwood
Recording Secretary