



A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, November 3rd, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Truro Civic Building.

Present: Mayor W.R. (Bill) Mills, Deputy Mayor D. Joseph, Councillors B. Kinsman, R. Tynes, C. Fritz, and T. Chisholm

Regrets: Councillor G. MacArthur

In Attendance: Director of Finance A. Currie, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture D. MacKenzie, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Fire Chief B. Currie, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, Town Solicitor J. Rafferty and CAO M. Dolter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and R. Tynes, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and B. Kinsman, the minutes of the Public Council Meeting held October 6th, 2014 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a) Public Hearing – 454 Queen Street, Rezoning

The CAO advised that Council had set a public hearing date today to hear an application by the Dismas Society to rezone lands at 454 Queen Street from the Industrial M1 Zone to the Industrial P3 Zone, to permit the development of a new multi-unit residential care facility to replace the existing facility on the same property. The CAO advised that the hearing had been advertised.

The Director of Planning reviewed his final report for Council. It was staff's recommendation that Council approve the rezoning application for 454 Queen Street. He noted that the Director of Public has reviewed the proposal and has requested that the applicant incorporate a flood water retention into the proposed design, to which the applicant has indicated that they will work with their engineer to accomplish that.

Councillor R. Tynes suggested a motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Planning Advisory Committee to approve the rezoning, subject to consultation with the Public Works Department to address the issues raised by Mr. McCabe.

The Town Solicitor advised that the motion would need to be clarified because Mr. McCabe raised a number of concerns of which flooding was one and the motion was not clear on which conditions would need to be addressed.

On motion of Deputy Mayor D. Joseph and Councillor R. Tynes, the application for rezoning of 454 Queen Street from the Industrial M1 Zone to the Industrial P3 Zone was approved, subject to storm water mitigation procedures to alleviate any potential flooding issues, to be approved by the Public Work's Department. Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Petition re: Kaulback Street Daycare

The CAO reviewed a petition received from Bungalo' Fun and Learning Centre requesting either signage be posted to slow the speed limit down on the lower end of Kaulback Street during the opening hours of 7:30 to 5:30, Monday to Friday and/or a sign that states children playing and/or a painted sidewalk along the daycare side to help children locate the two crosswalks nearby. The petition stated that there was a concern for the safety of the children during walking activities and during drop off and pick up times. It noted that they have requested numerous times to both the Town's Public Works Department and the Police Service and they have not had any results.

Councillor T. Chisholm asked if the Police Service and/or the Public Works Department had any records of previous requests.

The Police Chief advised that the Police Service has no record of any requests.

The Director of Public Works advised that he had requests in the past, but nothing specific as to what they would like to see happen.

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and T. Chisholm, it was agreed that the petition would be referred to the Traffic Authority for a report and recommendation at the December public meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS**a) Amendments to Taxi Bylaw – 2nd Reading Date**

The Town Solicitor advised that Council had previously approved 1st reading of amendments to the Taxi Bylaw, but that Council had agreed to have a meeting of the Town's Taxi Advisory Committee to review the amendments before final approval. He noted that the Taxi Committee had met, and were proposed further amendments to be presented to Council farther down the agenda. The Town Solicitor suggested that Council postpone 2nd reading of the original amendments until the December meeting, and at that meeting, also have 2nd reading for the amendments coming from the Taxi Committee. Council agreed.

IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT

The CAO advised Council that there were three legal issues discussed by Council at the last In-Camera meeting and requested Council meet after this meeting to discuss three legal issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Finance Report**

The Finance report for the month of October was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and C. Fritz, it was moved that the Finance report for the month of October, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Fire Report

The Fire Report for the month of October was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Fire Report for the month of October, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development report for the month of October was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and R. Tynes, it was moved that the Planning and Development report for the month of October, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Bylaw Enforcement Report

The Bylaw Enforcement Report for the month of October was presented to Council.

Councillor R. Tynes asked about the new changes in the Provincial legislation regarding e-cigarettes and who would enforce that law.

The CAO noted that the change is very recent, and staff would be looking into the matter. He stated that no direction has been provided to the Town on who is actually enforcing the regulation currently.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and C. Fritz, it was moved that the Bylaw Enforcement Report for the month of October, 2014 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Police Report

The Police Report for the month of October was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and C. Fritz, it was moved that the Police Report for the month of October, 2014 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

The Public Works report for the month of October was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and C. Fritz, it was moved that the Public Works Report for the month of October, 2014 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Report

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of October was presented to Council.

Councillor R. Tynes asked if the Director of Recreation could meet with the Truro Golf Club to discuss the issue of golf balls flying into the children's park off of West Prince Street.

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of October, 2014 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Safety Coordinators Report

The Safety Coordinators Report for the month of October was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Safety Coordinators Report for the month of October, 2014 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Deputy Mayor D. Joseph noted that on the west side of South Young Street, immediately past the road that goes into the reservoir, there are a number of children that wait for buses there on a daily basis and there is no sidewalk. He asked if perhaps a gravel sidewalk could be put in place.

The Director of Public Works advised that he has concern over a few bus stop locations around Town and was going to request a meeting with School Board staff to determine all of the locations and if they are the safest location.

Deputy Mayor D. Joseph also noted that there used to be a yield sign exiting Munroe Court onto Prince, but it has disappeared.

Councillor R. Tynes advised that he has asked the CAO to begin working on a communications strategy for Council to consider. He also noted that the Town website should be reviewed and possibly revised for ease of use.

Councillor B. Kinsman stated that he has had a number of concerned calls regarding the safety of the intersection of Pleasant and Charles streets.

The Director of Public Works advised that he would review the intersection and sightlines and study the warrants of installing a four way stop.

Councillor B. Kinsman noted that at the October Council meeting, the Senior Engineer had advised that the empty space between the curb and sidewalk for a portion of Prince Street by the First United Church would be filled with gravel and that this had not been completed yet. He asked the Director of Public Works if this would still be done in the near future.

The Director of Public Works advised that it would be completed.

Councillor T. Chisholm asked the Director of Public Works if he had had a chance to review the lighting on the Revere Street parking lot owned by the Town.

The Director of Public Works advised that he did review the lighting at Revere Street. The street is well lit, but the back corners of the parking lot are not as well lit and perhaps lighting should be added, should Council wish to do so. He noted that he would look into placement and cost of additional lighting to report back to Council.

Councillor C. Fritz noted that further to the public meeting a few weeks ago regarding the odours from the Rothsay plant, she would email Mr. Reid and request an update on the work to be carried out to remedy the odour.

The Mayor advised that on Willow Street between Millbrook and the Town Business Park, there are no sidewalks but people walk on the street and there are a number of significant potholes that could perhaps be repaired.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Appeal – Side Yard Variance, 35 Laurie Street

The CAO advised that an appeal for variance had been scheduled for today, but that one of the individuals involved was unable to attend the meeting today. The CAO stated that Council would be advised of a new date, when it has been set.

b) 1st Reading – Amendments to Schedule B of the Taxi Bylaw

The Mayor advised that amendments to Schedule B of the Taxi Bylaw required a 1st reading at today's meeting.

The Town Solicitor stated that the Taxi Advisory Committee had met to consider the proposed amendments to the Taxi Bylaw. The Committee was making an additional recommendation to Council, for approval of 1st reading today with 2nd reading to occur at the December Council meeting. The recommendation included setting maximum rates of \$3.10 drop rate, \$2.50 mileage rate, or \$0.25 per tenth of a mile, \$0.10 for each 16.4 seconds waiting time, or \$22.00 per hour and include a new charge of \$50 for soiling the interior of the taxi with vomit or other bodily fluid to assist with the cost of cleaning.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and B. Kinsman, 1st reading of amendments to Schedule B of the Taxi Bylaw were approved as presented, with 2nd reading to occur at the December Council meeting. Motion carried.

c) Tender Approval re: Heating for old Firehall

The CAO advised that tenders had been received for renovations to the old fire hall to improve the insulation. Four bids were received, with Fowler Construction submitting the lowest bid of \$15,552 plus HST.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and B. Kinsman, the bid for insulation work at the old fire hall of \$15,552 plus HST from Fowler's Construction was approved. Motion carried.

d) Recommendation from Heritage Advisory Committee re: Heritage Designation

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the Heritage Advisory Committee recommending that Council set a hearing date for January to consider an application from the Little White Schoolhouse for heritage designation.

The Mayor noted that the Nova Scotia Community College should be advised in advance of the hearing and the proposed designation.

Councillors R. Tynes and C. Fritz noted that there may be a need to consider the relocation of the building should the Nova Scotia Community College have an issue with the building on their property being given the heritage designation.

It was agreed that the hearing to consider the Little White Schoolhouse's application for heritage designation would be held on January 12th, 2015.

e) Federal Gas Tax Program – Municipal Funding Agreement

The CAO advised that an updated Municipal Funding Agreement for the Federal Gas Tax Program had been received from the Provincial government, for Council approval.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and T. Chisholm, it was agreed that the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Federal Gas Tax Program from the Provincial government would be signed. Motion carried.

f) REMO – Media Centre Agreement

The CAO advised that a draft agreement was being presented for Council approval to use the Village of Bible Hill's office as a media centre in the event of a declared emergency, and that it had been approved by legal with no issues.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and T. Chisholm, it was agreed that the Media Centre Agreement would be signed. Motion carried.

g) Letter from CoRDA Interim Board re: NS Music Week

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the CoRDA Interim Board, requesting that the Town, the County of Colchester and the Town of Stewiacke approve the use of CoRDA funds in the amount of \$3,421 to assist Nova Scotia Music Week with a projected shortfall.

The Mayor advised that for clarification, the request was not from Nova Scotia Music Week itself, but from the local hosting committee.

On motion of Councillor R. Tynes and T. Chisholm, it was agreed that the request from the CoRDA Interim Board for funding in the amount of \$3,421 to come from CoRDA funds be approved. Motion carried.

h) Right of Way – Inglis Street Property

The CAO advised that a Quit Claim Deed was being presented for approval of Council for a property on Inglis Street, an alleyway that the property owners and the Town thought the Town owned, and the Town had been maintaining.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and B. Kinsman, the Quit Claim Deed for the alleyway on Inglis Street was approved. Motion carried.

i) Request for Reallocation of Funds from Police Service

The CAO advised that that Police Service would like to upgrade their radios to a TMR2 set that is being adopted across the province, with a quote of \$23,052.90. Money is currently available in the Police Service's budget, but needs to be formally reallocated from the capital fund.

On motion of Councillor R. Tynes and C. Fritz, it was agreed that capital funds in the amount of \$23,052.90 would be reallocated to allow for the Police Service to purchase TMR2 radios. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS

It was moved by Councillors R. Tynes and C. Fritz, that Council approve for payment the accounts as presented be approved for the month of October, 2014. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.

W.R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M.W. Dolter
CAO