



Public Hearing Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 7th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Town Hall

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A Public Hearing of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, December 7th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Truro Town Hall.

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

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

a) Public Hearing – 199 Willow Street, Development Agreement Amendment

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the Town Planning Advisory Committee, recommending that Council establish a public hearing date to consider an application by Meech Holdings Limited to amend a 2008 Development Agreement to permit two new 6 unit residential buildings at 199 Willow Street.

The Director of Planning reviewed his staff report with Council. Planning staff is recommending that Council accept the amendment to the development agreement.

Deputy Mayor R. Tynes asked if the recreation space was still being negotiated.

The Director of Planning advised that the draft amending agreement requires that the developer provide 4800 square feet of outdoor amenity space for use by the residents and visitors of the development.

Deputy Mayor R. Tynes stated that sometimes the Town allows a cash payment in lieu of recreation space and asked if that might be the case with this development.

The Director of Planning stated that this particular development is not eligible for the cash in lieu payment, as that option is usually reserved for residential subdivisions. He noted that this amendment to the development agreement was sent to the Director of Recreation and the Recreation Committee for review and they did request recreational space as part of the development, as there is not a lot of recreational space in that area.

Councillor T. Chisholm asked the developer what the plans were for the recreational space.

The developer, Mr. Ron Meech, advised that he was still deciding on options, but he could cut some of the alders in the area, leaving the larger trees, and create a green space, or make a walking trail area.

b) Public Hearing - Amendments to Land Use Bylaw re: Commercial Vehicles

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the Town Planning Advisory Committee, recommending that Council establish a public hearing date to consider proposed amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to define a commercial motor vehicle based on the number of axles and length rather than tare weight.

Deputy Mayor R. Tynes asked if school buses were considered commercial vehicles under the proposed amendments.

The Town Solicitor stated that as the amendments read, school buses could be caught by this bylaw but as this was first reading of the proposed amendments, it could be changed for the second reading at the January meeting.

Councillor G. MacArthur asked, if the amendments are approved, who would a citizen call to state a complaint about a truck parked in their neighbourhood.

The CAO advised that the department to contact would be the Planning Department, for the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Adjournment

There being no further questions, the Public Hearing was adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M.W. Dolter
CAO