



Truro Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 13th, 2016 at 1:00 pm
Council Chambers – Town Hall

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A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, June 13th, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Truro Town Hall.

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

Regrets: Mayor W.R. (Bill) Mills and Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture D. MacKenzie

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The CAO requested that “Building Demolition Tender” be added to the agenda under New Business.

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and T. Chisholm, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councillors G. MacArthur and B. Kinsman, the Public Hearing Minutes and Public Council minutes of May 2nd, 2016 and May 18th, 2016 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

MOTION AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a) Public Hearing – 158 Glenwood Drive, Development Agreement Application

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the Town Planning Advisory Committee, recommending that Council establish a public hearing date to consider a development agreement application for 158 Glenwood Drive to permit a three-storey twelve-unit residential building, and that Council consider approving the development.

The Director of Planning reviewed his final report with Council and was recommending that Council approve the development agreement application.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and G. MacArthur, it was agreed that the Town will enter into a development agreement to permit the development of a three-storey twelve-unit residential building at 158 Glenwood Drive. Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Presentation – Art Show Winner

The Deputy Mayor announced that this year’s winner of the Town’s Art Acquisition Program was Ron Hazell. Mr. Hazell presented the Town with their art.

b) Presentation – Heritage Fair Winner

The Deputy Mayor advised that the winner of this year’s Heritage Fair Award was Quinn Hayden, a student from Harmony Height Elementary School and he would be presenting his project on Victoria Park to Council

The Deputy Mayor presented Quinn with the award on behalf of the Town.

c) Presentation – Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition

Amanda Langille and Tanya Colburne, of “Langille and Colburne, More Than Events” gave a presentation to Council regarding the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition. Their company has taken on the marketing and event planning for the Exhibition. They requested that the Town be a sponsor of the Exhibition, perhaps at the \$2,500-\$5,000 level.

The Deputy Mayor thanked them for their presentation and advised that Council would discuss a sponsorship and will advise them when a decision is made.

d) Presentation – Tourism Initiative

Amanda Langille and Tanya Colburne, of “Langille and Colburne, More Than Events” gave a presentation to Council on their Out of Bounds initiative, which involves guided and non-guided tours in the region that they arrange with local businesses.

The Deputy Mayor thanked them for their presentation.

Councillor R. Tynes asked that the presentation be made to the Town’s Branding Committee as well.

e) Presentation – Fundy Connect

Shannon Jarvis and Marianne McGrath gave a presentation to Council on the Fundy Connect project, what it is for and how it works online. They noted that the website is live now for the public to use as an online searchable database of recreational and active living opportunities in Colchester and Cumberland counties.

The Deputy Mayor thanked them for their presentation.

f) Presentation – Terri Bowie re: Deer

Terri Bowie spoke to Council about her concern over deer in her yard, as they are destructive and dangerous.

The Deputy Mayor agreed it was a safety issue and assured Ms. Bowie that the Town is aware of the issue and has had many discussions with the Department of Natural Resources with regards to how to deal with the deer, but nothing has been finalized yet.

Councillor T. Chisholm stated that the deer problem began with residents started feeding the deer.

Councillor G. MacArthur suggested hiring a professional who could round up the deer and move them away into the deep woods.

Councillor R. Tynes stated that the Town would come up with a solution and perhaps a plebiscite would be held to find out how citizens want the deer handled.

Ms. Bowie asked why the deer could not be tranquilized and then relocated.

The CAO advised that the deer are technically not the Town of Truro's responsibility; they are provincial wildlife and therefore the Department of Natural Resources was in charge of a solution. He stated the relocation of the deer would not work, as per the Town's previous discussions with the Department of Natural Resources, as the cost would be in the thousands of dollars, and the mortality rate of the deer due to shock was very high. The CAO advised that the Town is working with the Department of Natural Resources to find a solution that is acceptable to everyone and the Town will keep the public informed.

OLD BUSINESS**a) Dog Bylaw – 2nd Reading**

The CAO advised that staff were recommending a new Dog Bylaw, based on the model Dog Bylaw developed by the Association of Municipal Administrators, to replace the current Town Dog Bylaw. The new Bylaw will reflect recent changes in the administration and enforcement of the existing Dog Bylaw and designate the SPCA as the "Pound Keeper". The CAO noted that Council approved 1st reading of the new Bylaw at the May Council meeting, with 2nd reading to occur at today's meeting.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and B. Kinsman, 2nd reading and approval was given to the new Town Dog Bylaw, and the existing Dog Bylaw is hereby repealed. Motion carried.

b) Amendments to Sewer Bylaw – 2nd Reading

The CAO advised that during the 2016/17 budget process, Council approved changes that require amending the current Sewer Bylaw to bring it in line with the changes. The amendment specifically deals with the newly implemented fee structure in this year's budget.

Councillor B. Kinsman noted that this would increase fees for residents and asked if staff had attempted to cut costs in other areas to help.

The CAO advised that all departments have seen reductions in funds in the new budget.

On motion of Councillors G. MacArthur and B. Kinsman, 2nd reading and approval was given to amendments, as presented, to the Sewer Bylaw. Motion carried.

IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT

The CAO advised Council that there were four issues discussed by Council at the last In-Camera meeting and there is 1 issue to be discussed by Council at the incamera meeting today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CAO Report**

The CAO report for the month of May was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and R. Tynes, it was moved that the CAO Report for the month of May, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Corporate Services Report

The Corporate Services report for the month of May was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Corporate Services report for the month of May, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Fire Report

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

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and D. Joseph, it was moved that the Fire Report for the month of May, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Planning and Development Report

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

On motion of Councillors G. MacArthur and R. Tynes, it was moved that the Planning and Development report for the month of May, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Police Report

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

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and G. MacArthur, it was moved that the Police Report for the month of May, 2016 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

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

Councillor D. Joseph noted that the corner of Melrose and South, the asphalt was cut for a break a few months ago and has not yet been repaved.

The Director of Public Works advised that the cut was made for a sewer lateral that needed to be replaced over the winter. During the process of fixing the sewer lateral, crews discovered some issues with the sanitary main and the camera was scheduled for that issue tomorrow. Once the issues are resolved, the area would be repaved.

Councillor G. MacArthur noted that it seems like a lot of homes lately and he asked if that was an issue based on the age of the homes.

The Director of Public Works stated that there is a certain age of pipe, those placed in the 1960s and 1970s, that have been causing issues for the last 20 years.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and D. Joseph, it was moved that the Public Works Report for the month of May, 2016 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Report

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

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and D. Joseph, it was moved that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of May, 2016 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor G. MacArthur noted that there had been some issues on McLean Street last month with regards to cutting of trees, and residents believing it was Town owned property and the Town was cutting the trees. He stated that it was provincially owned land and the Province is dealing with it.

NEW BUSINESS**a) RECC Operating Board – New Members**

The CAO advised that the Town of Truro has two Council members and three citizen appointees that sit on the RECC Operating Board. He noted that two of the citizen appointments are coming up for reappointment, and after advertising for new members, staff is recommending that Wayne Talbot and Amy Atkinson be appointed to the Operating Board for a 3 year term each.

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and G. MacArthur, it was moved that Wayne Talbot and Amy Atkinson be appointed to the RECC Operating Board as Town appointees for a 3 year term. Motion carried.

b) Request for Tax Exemption – Cougar Dome

The CAO advised that in a recent letter to the Town, the Cobequid Society for Athletic Excellence (Cougar Dome) have requested to be granted tax exempt status by the Town given that it is a non-profit society. The land that the Cougar Dome occupies is owned by the Town although up to this point, the Town has been charging property tax based on the assessed value of the building itself. He stated that the Society meets most of the general qualifying criteria outlined in the Town's Tax Exemption Bylaw. The CAO advised that based on review of the request, staff are recommending that tax exemption be granted, effective for the 2014 taxation year and that any outstanding balances be adjusted accordingly.

Councillor T. Chisholm noted that he had questions with regards to the financial statements provided that he would eventually like someone from the Society to answer.

On motion of Councillors G. MacArthur and R. Tynes, it was agreed that Council grant tax exempt status to the Cobequid Society for Athletic Excellence (Cougar Dome) effective the 2014 taxation year and that all outstanding balances owed to the Town be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried.

c) Nova Scotia PCAP Funding Applications

The CAO advised that the Director of Public Works is requesting that Council pass a resolution to allow him to submit an application for PCAP Funding from the Province. He noted that the applications are focused on water and sewer projects of which the Town is budgeting for the following projects for the 2016 construction season: the Alice Street water main replacement project, the Hingley Avenue water main project and the water meter replacement project.

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and G. MacArthur, it was agreed that the Town would approve the projects as prioritized and submit the Nova Scotia PCAP Funding Application. Motion carried.

d) One Horse Town

The Deputy Mayor noted that the Town was one of six finalist in the One Horse Town event and encouraged everyone to vote every day.

e) Civic Square Site Development Tender Award

The CAO advised that the site development work for the Civic Square Project, including electrical, concrete, landscaping work, was tendered in May. The tender closed on June 1st and bidders included Brycon Construction Limited for \$1,052,000, S.W. Weeks Construction Ltd. For \$922,000, Tracey's Landscaping Ltd. For \$746,491 and Dexter Construction Company for \$947,000. He stated that the bids were reviewed by the Town's contract administrator, PDI Engineering Group, and they are recommending that the Town award the tender to Tracey's Landscaping Ltd. It is noted that Tracey's Landscaping Ltd. had the lowest bid and their bid submission is in compliance with the requirements outlined in the tender documents.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and G. MacArthur, it was agreed that the tender for construction work involved in the Truro Library Site Development – New Civic Square project be awarded to Tracey's Landscaping Ltd. Motion carried.

f) Amendments to Local Improvements Bylaw – 1st Reading

The CAO advised that after staff review, it was determined that the Local Improvements Bylaw warranted amendments, primarily to reflect changes to financial payment arrangements for local improvements. He stated that the proposed amendments were being presented today for 1st reading, with second reading to occur at the July Council meeting.

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and T. Chisholm, 1st reading of amendments to the Local Improvements Bylaw was approved as presented, with 2nd reading to take place at the July Public Council meeting. Motion carried.

g) Building Demolition Tender Award

The CAO advised that in order to construct the new Civic Square project, the demolition of the library was tendered out. He stated that in order to seek out best pricing, the demolition of the library was combined with three other buildings: the old Foodbank building, the old CN Pensioners building as well as the old PMR school. Four tenders were submitted, with prices ranging from a low of \$382,235 to a high of \$1,079,000. The CAO advised that staff was recommending the awarding of the tender to Capital Demolition at a cost of \$382,235.

On motion of Councillors G. MacArthur and B. Kinsman, it was agreed that the low bid of \$382,235 by Capital Demolition be accepted as proposed for the demolition of the old library, the old Foodbank building, the old CN Pensioners building, and the old PMR school. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS

It was moved by Councillors G. MacArthur and D. Joseph that Council approve for payment the accounts as presented be approved for the month of May, 2016. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillors R. Tynes and G. MacArthur, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Cheryl Fritz
Deputy Mayor

M.W. Dolter
CAO