



Public Hearing Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Town Hall

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A Public Hearing of Truro Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Truro Town Hall.

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

Regrets: Fire Chief B. Currie

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

a) Public Hearing – 12 Mill Street, Sale of Land

The CAO advised that Council had previously expressed an interest in providing some level of assistance to the Truro Homeless Outreach Society in reaching their goal of constructing a Crisis Care Facility that can better serve the needs of their clients. With the success they have had in their fundraising campaign, the final piece that they require is a suitable location on which to locate the new structure. The Town has reviewed its current land holdings and has identified the property located at 12 Mill Street, the former location of the Town's Public Works Depot, as a potential site. In discussion with the Society's Executive director, they have agreed that this location would meet their needs. Based on this, staff is recommending that 12 Mill Street be granted to the Truro Homeless Outreach Society as the future site of their Crisis Care Facility. Should the project not commence within two years, the land is to be returned to the Town if an extension has not been otherwise granted.

Dan Clark spoke to Council on behalf of the Stanfield's who own and operate a business around the corner from the Mill Street property. He asked for information on what exactly the Crisis Care Facility would do and what it would bring to the neighbourhood.

The Mayor stated that it would be a homeless shelter that provides individuals with a place to stay overnight, with operating hours of 7:00pm to 7:00am, and provides them with resources to seek help for any issues should they wish.

Mr. Clark stated that Mr. Stanfield had asked him to bring up the location of that parcel and could subsequent development be done behind it, or would this development affect future development of the surrounding properties. The other concern was the possibility of spill over activities as the business runs 24/7, with people coming and going at different hours of the day and night.

The Mayor stated that the entrance and exit of the facility will be on Mill Street, so it should not affect the traffic flow.

The CAO stated the land at the rear of the property is currently under a development agreement, with construction expected to begin in the next few weeks.

Mr. Clark asked if there were similar facilities in other municipalities that could demonstrate the impact on the local area.

Phillip Quigley, the Chair of the Truro Homeless Outreach Society stated that normally emergency shelters have the occasional police call, but typically the guests have spent the day on the street and are exhausted by the time they check in. He stated that the Society would be more concerned about violence to their guests than violence from their guests. Mr. Quigley thanked the Town for the assistance in finding a location for their building. He stated that the shelter will help navigate people through the system in getting them the assist they need.

Betty Darby addressed Council and stated that she was one of the original members of the Board of Directors when the Society was founded. She believes that Truro needs a shelter, and has needed it for a while. Ms. Darby did not believe the shelter would be a detriment to the area.

Adjournment

There being no further questions, the Public Hearing was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M.W. Dolter
CAO