



**Truro Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Truro Town Hall.

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

Regrets: Deputy Mayor C. Fritz

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, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture D. MacKenzie, Town Solicitor J. Rafferty and CAO M. Dolter

**SWEARING IN**

The CAO opened the meeting and stated the first order of business would be the swearing in of the new Council. Judge Warren Zimmer was present to swear in Mayor Mills, who then carried out the swearing in of the other Council members.

The Mayor welcomed the new Council members and the returning Council members.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and B. Kinsman, the Public Hearing minutes and the Public Council minutes of October 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**a) Public Hearing – 65 Walker Street, Development Agreement**

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the Town Planning Advisory Committee, recommending that Council establish a public hearing date to consider an application to permit a multiple unit residential development consisting of a three storey building containing six dwelling units at 65 Walker Street. He also reviewed a letter received from the Town Heritage Advisory Committee recommending that Council approve the proposed development.

The Director of Planning presented his final staff report to Council. Staff was recommending that Council approve the development of a multiple unit residential development at 65 Walker Street.

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and T. Chisholm, it was agreed that the Town of Truro would enter into a development agreement with Wolfville Court Holdings Ltd. to permit the development of a three-storey six-unit residential building at 65 Walker Street. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**a) Presentation – Highland Games**

James and Linda Finnie representing the Highland Games made a presentation to Council regarding the intention of the Scot Society of Colchester to bring a Highland Games and gathering to Truro on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They were requesting assistance from the Town for the event, including financial assistance.

The Mayor thanked them for their presentation.

The CAO informed them of the Town's Municipal Grants Policy and application form that they should fill out and return to the Town office by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Councillor T. Chisholm asked if the Society was planning on presenting to the County of Colchester as well.

Mr. Finnie advised that they were going to present to the County too.

**b) Presentation – MADD**

Kathleen Foster-Alfred, Joy Defrense-Fitzgerald and Shirley Christensen made a presentation to Council on behalf of MADD regarding the impending decriminalization of marijuana and the impact this will have on the roads.

The Mayor thanked her for her presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS****a) Public Works Report re: October Council Meeting Items**

The Director of Public Works presented a report to follow up on matters discussed at the October Council meeting, including sight lines at Rosewyn and Lansdoon, patching on West Prince Street and Cobequid Drive and stormwater issues on Aster and Purdy.

**IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

The CAO advised Council that there had not been an incamera meeting since the Public Council meeting and there are seven issues to be discussed by Council at the incamera meeting today.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****CAO Report**

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

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

**Corporate Services Report**

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

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and W. Talbot, it was moved that the Corporate Services report for the month of October, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Fire Report**

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

Councillor C. Hinton asked if the Fire Chief could provide her with information regarding a recent incident at 66 Lyman Street.

The Fire Chief advised that he would contact her by email with the information.

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

**Planning and Development Report**

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

Councillor B. Kinsman asked if there was a demolition date for the Young Street property.

The Director of Planning advised that he would provide Councillor B. Kinsman with that information.

Councillor T. Chisholm asked when construction was starting at the old jail site on Queen Street.

The Director of Planning advised that construction would be starting in the New Year.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and C. Hinton, it was moved that the Planning and Development report for the month of October, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Police Report**

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

Councillor D. Joseph asked if the Police Service had the capabilities currently to detect impaired driving caused by substances other than alcohol.

The Police Chief advised that the Police Service has two trained drug recognition officers that can detect impaired driving caused by drugs.

Councillor W. Talbot noted that during the MADD presentation, the presenter made reference to drug recognition officers' evidence not being accepted in court and asked if the Police Chief has experienced that issue.

The Police Chief stated that he did not know where the presenter received her facts from, but that each case is handled on an individual basis. He was not aware of any cases from his department going to court and evidence being thrown out.

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and C. Hinton, it was moved that the Police Report for the month of October, 2016 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### **Public Works Report**

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

Councillor W. Talbot asked about the report earlier regarding October follow up items, if the issue of storm water on Aster and Purdy had been resolved.

The Director of Public Works advised that this has been an ongoing issue back to when the house was built over 10 years ago, as it was built below grade, which then causes issues with storm water.

Councillor W. Talbot asked if the liability rested with the builder and/or homeowner and if the Town had any further responsibility.

The Director of Public Works stated that the liability is with the homeowner and the building. The Town does not set grades for the foundations of buildings; his department will lend a guiding hand and assistance, but there is no authority to enforce.

The CAO advised that some municipalities do have site grading requirements, usually in communities that have challenging topography and a lot of hills and a concern regarding drainage.

Councillor C. Hinton noted that the dead end of Alice Street was in pretty bad shape and asked how that plays out regarding the list of streets for repair or reconstruction.

The Director of Public Works advised that that street has rated high in recent years and will be reassessed again next budget year.

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and B. Kinsman, it was moved that the Public Works Report for the month of October, 2016 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.

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

### **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor C. Hinton asked if an unsightly premises committee could be created and asked about the process.

The CAO advised that he and the Director of Planning had discussed that possibility and the Director is aware of other similar committees in other municipalities. He has asked the Director to conduct research on such committees and that information will be brought back to Council.

Councillor W. Talbot noted that on the campaign trail, the deer issue was raised often and he asked if a public meeting would be set up soon.

The CAO agreed that a preliminary public meeting should take place. He noted that the Town needs to develop a comprehensive strategy and conduct the appropriate research. The CAO noted that the deer are actually a provincial responsibility and in other provinces, the Province provides an annual amount to municipalities to assist them in dealing with the deer.

Councillor T. Chisholm also noted that the deer issue was brought up while he was campaigning. He stated he would like a public meeting soon.

Councillor T. Chisholm stated that a rumour was circulating that the Town was broke and he asked the Director of Corporate Services to address that rumour.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that in her opinion, the Town was in good financial standing. She noted that the Town has put some strong emphasis on assets over the last few years, and that moving forward the focus would shift to improving current infrastructure and rebuilding reserves.

Councillor T. Chisholm advised there was also a rumour that the roundabout on Willow Street and McClure's Mills was not constructed because the Town did not have money for it.

The CAO advised that the roundabout was not constructed this year because the Town would like to use federal money where and when it is available. There is also a land issue that is still being dealt with before construction could begin. The CAO stated that the Town has the money for the project, which is estimated to cost more than \$2 million, but the Town would rather cover a third of that and have the Federal and Provincial governments cover the rest.

Councillor T. Chisholm noted that previously, the Town Mayor and former County Mayor met regularly and he requested that moving forward if those meetings continue, that the Mayor advise Council as to what is discussed during those meetings.

The Mayor stated that the meetings with the former County Mayor were regarding ongoing issues.

Councillor B. Kinsman asked if there was an update on the private lanes initiative.

The CAO advised that staff would be investigating how other municipalities are handling private lanes and would hopefully have a report or policy to Council in February.

Councillor B. Kinsman noted that a few months ago, there was a discussion regarding a proposed Bill 177 which has since been passed. He asked for an update regarding how that bill will affect the Town.

The CAO advised that a guide book regarding Bill 177 was provided to municipalities at the last AMA Conference and Town staff is currently reviewing that information. He stated that the requirement of Bill 177 is that the Town establish a Bylaw that puts the parameters forward on how this would be administered by Council and puts the rules in place. The CAO noted that the Bylaw would apply mainly to downtown areas and built up areas, where the Town would want to offer some incentive for people to consider locating there. He stated that staff will be coming back to Council with a report and recommendation

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Revisions to Emergency Management Plan**

The CAO advised that the Emergency Management Coordinator was proposing a few small changes to the current Emergency Management Plan. He noted that the amendments are for housekeeping items, with a further review of the Plan to take place over the next year.

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and W. Talbot, it was agreed that the proposed amendments to the Emergency Management Plan be approved as presented, subject to similar agreement from the other municipal units. Motion carried.

**b) Appointment to Branding Committee**

The CAO advised that the Town Branding Committee had a vacancy that needed to be filled, and an application from Ryan Blaikie has been received. Staff is seeking Council approval to appoint Mr. Blaikie to the Committee.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and D. Joseph, Ryan Blaikie’s application to join the Town Branding Committee was approved. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS**

It was moved by Councillors T. Chisholm and B. Kinsman, that Council approve for payment the accounts as presented be approved for the month of October, 2016. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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W.R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M.W. Dolter  
CAO