



**Truro Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00 pm**  
**Council Chambers – Town Hall**

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A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Truro Town Hall.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and W. Talbot, the Public Hearing Minutes and Public Council minutes of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**a) Strategic Review Update**

The CAO advised that he was preparing a report and would be arranging for a meeting with Council in February to review the previous priorities and update the priorities for the Town.

**b) Road Train Update**

The CAO advised that a proposal for the Truro Road Train was originally presented to Council in September 2017. As per Council's direction, since that time, the business community has been contacted and solicited for sponsorship commitments to show their support for this project. To date, a total of \$67,800 has been committed in sponsorships from businesses. This amount is payable as follows: year 1 - \$24,600, year 2 - \$21,600, year 3 - \$21,600. The total annual sponsorship target for the Truro Road Train is \$42,500, leaving \$17,900 to be collected in year 1 for the project to hit that target. Based on sponsorships secured to date, and public interest for the project, it is foreseeable that projected revenues could be met as presented. However, only \$67,800 has been committed through private sources, of which \$24,600 would be payable in year 1. Given this, there is still some financial risk associated with the project. If Council wished to have the train operational for the 2018 Summer tourism season, a decision would need to be made as soon as possible. While the entire train purchase/capital costs would need to be financed upfront (\$128,900 includes all start-up costs), year 1 projected revenues total \$85,000. It is estimated that there would be a year 1 shortfall of \$73,900; however, the train would become financially sustainable in year 3. If Council wished to consider the train as part of the 2018/19 budget deliberations, the train could not be operational until 2019.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and W. Talbot, it was agreed that the start of the Road Train would be delayed until the 2019 Summer season, with a commitment for funding to be made in the upcoming 2018/19 budget. Motion carried.

**IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

The CAO advised Council that there were three issues discussed by Council at the last In-Camera meeting and there are no issues to be discussed by Council at the incamera meeting today.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CAO Report**

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

Deputy Mayor C. Fritz asked if the regional discussions outlined in the CAO report would include municipal councils.

The CAO advised that the Minister has had some presentations on including municipal units in the discussions, including how to improve the funding allocations, how revenue and expenses can be shared amongst the regions and further discussions would be taking place.

Councillor T. Chisholm asked if the Province was looking into the village issue.

The CAO advised that villages have not been discussed directly.

The Mayor noted that he recently spoke with the Bible Hill Commissioner who confirmed that villages will be represented at the discussions.

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Fritz and Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the CAO Report for the month of December, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

### **Corporate Services Report**

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

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Corporate Services report for the month of December, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

### **Fire Report**

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

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Fire Report for the month of December, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

### **Planning and Development Report**

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

Councillor D. Joseph asked if the Town has any regulations with regards to the minimum sizes of homes, as the tiny home trend is becoming more popular.

The Director of Planning stated that the Town itself does not have regulations, but that the National Building Code does stipulate a minimum size.

Councillor C. Hinton asked for confirmation that if someone wished to have a chicken coop that they would be required to obtain a permit from the Town.

The Director of Planning confirmed that a chicken coop does require a permit from the Town.

Councillor C. Hinton wished to remind residents that the Town only allows for the collection of furniture on a biweekly basis, only during the Spring and Fall clean up.

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Fritz and Councillor D. Joseph, it was moved that the Planning and Development report for the month of December, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

### **Police Report**

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

Councillor T. Chisholm noted that he has noticed some vehicles only clearing the bare minimum of snow from their windows and then proceeding to drive. He asked if they can be issued a ticket for this.

The Police Chief confirmed that yes, drivers can be tickets for not clearing enough snow from their vehicles.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Police Report for the month of December, 2017 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### **Public Works Report**

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

Councillor D. Joseph noted that the report states that regarding Waddell Street and Queen Street congestion, a traffic consultant will review the intersection with a holistic approach; he asked what holistic approach means in this situation.

The Director of Public Works advised that it means changes will not be made to the intersection until the traffic consultant reviews the intersection, as well as how any changes to that intersection would affect the overall traffic network within Town.

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Fritz and Councillor T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Public Works Report for the month of December, 2017 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### **Parks, Recreation and Culture Report**

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

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Fritz and Councillor D. Joseph, it was moved that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of December, 2017 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

## **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor C. Hinton asked for an update on the deer situation.

The CAO advised that he has been working with the Director of Planning who is working on a Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist the Town with deer strategies.

Councillor C. Hinton noted that with the upcoming creation of the landlord committee, it may be beneficial to have citizen members on the committee, perhaps one or two from each ward. She asked with the committee was expected to start up.

The CAO stated that the plan was for Council to approve the committee at the February Council meeting. He noted that it is a Council Committee, so the structure of the committee can whatever Council wishes. He stated he will look at the possibilities for structure for next month's meeting.

Councillor C. Hinton expressed her disappointment regarding last month's approval for the development at 118 Lyman Street and wanted to reassure those residents who were upset about it that the Town will closely monitor the development.

Deputy Mayor C. Fritz asked for an update on the hotel levy initiative.

The CAO stated that there have been a number of meetings regarding the hotel levy and a working group has commenced. He stated that there is not yet 100% consensus among the hoteliers, but the group is making headway with regards ensure the proposed levy and what is for is understood amongst all those involved. He noted that with the timing and the requirement for a private members bill, it would likely be the fall session of the legislature before anything is approved.

Deputy Mayor C. Fritz noted that February is African Heritage Month and the Town will be hosting a reception prior to the public Council meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and proclamation will be signed.

Councillor T. Chisholm noted that he read in the Chronicle Herald that the Department of Natural Resources was waiting for the Town to tell them what to do about the deer, which was not his understanding of the Town's dealings with the Department. He stated that he has previously asked for more "teeth" to be added to the Town's fines for feeding the deer, for instance for the fine to be tied to the individual's driver's license and asked for an update.

The CAO stated that there has not been much progress with having the fines attached to a driver's license, as the Province would have to agree to that. He stated he would look into it further.

Councillor B. Kinsman stated that he would agree with Councillor C. Hinton about having citizen representatives on the landlord committee. He also noted that Council has not yet reviewed the terms of reference for this new committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) CUPE Contract Ratification**

The CAO advised that the town and CUPE Local 734 have been in negotiations since the Spring of 2017 on a new collective agreement that will be in effect from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There were numerous changes to the agreement that were mutually agreed to that better defines the language of the contract and therefore should avoid future disagreements over interpretation and implementation. There was also a very important provision over hours of work that we worked with the Union negotiating team to develop language and terms that we could mutually accept. The wage package outlined in the agreement was one that is competitive with other jurisdictions and was only agreed to based on the Union's willingness to make financial compromises in other areas that we jointly viewed as reasonable in contributing to the overall efficiency of our operations. Council has had an opportunity to review the Memorandum of Settlement that outlines the changes that are proposed to the current agreement. This document was approved by Local 734 during a meeting held on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and B. Kinsman, the changes outlined in the Memorandum of Settlement between the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 734 and the Town of Truro were ratified and accepted and it was agreed that the Town would enter into a new collective agreement commencing on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion carried.

### **b) Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councillor D. Joseph nominated Councillor T. Chisholm for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor B. Kinsman. Councillor T. Chisholm accepted the nomination. The Mayor called twice more for nominations for Deputy Mayor. There being no further nominations, Councillor T. Chisholm was approved as Deputy Mayor for the 2018 year.

**ACCOUNTS**

It was moved by Councillors C. Hinton and D. Joseph, that Council approve for payment the accounts as presented be approved for the month of December, 2017. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and D. Joseph, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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W.R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M.W. Dolter  
CAO