



Truro Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 9th, 2019 at 1:00 pm
Council Chambers – Town Hall

A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, September 9th, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Truro Town Hall.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor W.R. (Bill) Mills invites CAO M. Dolter to present the changes to the agenda. CAO M. Dolter suggested that under committee reports item B the “corporate services report” and under new business items listed as F and H should be combined as one item under item F. On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and T. Chisholm, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and C. Fritz, the Public Council minutes of July 8th, 2019 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a) 25 Dominion St- Development Agreement

The CAO advised that the Town Planning Advisory Committee is recommending that Council permits the development of two additional dwelling units in an existing multiple unit dwelling at 25 Dominion Street. The proposed development does not include any modifications to the exterior of the building nor any changes to the square footage of the building.

On motion of D. Joseph and B. Kinsman Council approved a development agreement application by Olfi Properties Incorporated to permit two additional dwelling units in an existing multiple unit dwelling at 25 Dominion Street. Motion Carried.

b) 880 Prince Street/11 Havelock Street- Development Agreement

The CAO advised that the Town Planning Advisory Committee is recommending that Council permit the development of 6-9 dwelling units in an existing mixed-use building located at 880 Prince Street and 11 Havelock Street.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Kinsman, a public hearing date of September 9th, 2019 at 1pm was established for Council to consider a development agreement application by Walker Lofts Inc. to permit the development of 6-9 dwelling units in an existing mixed-use building located at 880 Prince Street and 11 Havelock Street. Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Presentation – Colchester Community Workshops

Maura Hunter, Susan McCallum and Larry from the Colchester Community Workshop gave a presentation to Council on the different programs offered by the Foundation. They explained that the programs are currently at max capacities and expressed a need for expansion. They suggested that the Town could provide support as they are looking for a new building to be able to provide the services required by the community. M. Hunter mentioned that the Colchester Community Workshop is interested in the Halliday Building, 184 Arthur St. She explained how they are planning on developing the building.

Maura Hunter requested a verbal commitment of support from Council. She also suggested the Town of Truro’s input on the development of the project as well as a monetary donation of \$100, 000.00 over a 5-year period. Mayor Mills suggested that a formal letter with the request should be presented to Council before the end of the year so it can be discussed at the next budget negotiations.

IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT

The CAO advised Council that there were four issues discussed at the in-camera meeting for the month of July and there are two issues to be discussed by Council at the in-camera meeting today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAO Report

The CAO report for the month of July and August was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and C. Hinton, it was moved that the CAO report for the months of July and August 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Corporate Services Report

The Corporate Services report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Corporate Services report for the months of June 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Fire Report

The Fire Report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and W. Talbot, it was moved that the Fire Report for the months of July and August 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and W. Talbot, it was moved that the Planning and Development report for the months of July and August 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Police Report

The Police Report for the months of July and Augusts was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and B. Kinsman, it was moved that the Police Report for the months of July and August 2019 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

The Public Works report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Public Works Report for the months of July and August 2019 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Report

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and C. Fritz, it was moved that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the months of July and August 2019 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor D. Joseph expressed his concerns with the condition of the parking lot in Victoria Park. He noted substantial potholes. A. Simms explained that the holes will be repaired before the end of the week.

Councillor D. Joseph also brought to attention to the Chief of Police D. McNeil that when driving south on King Street, during big soccer tournaments, cars were park very closely to the train track which made them impossible to see until the last second. Chief McNeil suggested to be on the look out for next season as he does not anticipate any big tournaments for the rest of this year.

Councillor C. Hinton reminded Council that the Embrace Festival is taking place on Saturday September 14, 2019. She also mentioned herself and other members from council will be participating in a community night at the Truro Elementary School on Thursday Evening, September 12, 2019. She expressed her wishes to raise some funds for a fence to provide safety to the park on Laurie and Alice Street.

She noted that John Ross and Son is using some of Town land to conduct their operation. CAO M. Dolter explained that the By-Law Officer did ask the company to remove their equipment from Town land and followed-up since to make sure that they have complied. She also expressed the discontent of a few business owners in the downtown area on the street closures. Mayor Mills also noted that he was contacted by a few of the business owners on the closing of Inglis street earlier this summer and how doing so affects their business. He mentioned that most of them are pleased with the development of the Downtown Truro Partnership and their events however the last time Inglis street was closed they kept it closed for a total of 3 days and that had a serious impact on their revenues. Mayor Mills suggested that more events take part in the square instead of in the street. He asked Council to consider a discussion between now and next spring to find a solution for the next festival season. CAO M. Dolter also expressed that this has been an ongoing issue for some time. He noted that we have refused the closing on Prince St. on multiple occasion for that reason. He did mention that the event does create some exposure to Inglis St to have the events take place in the street. By having the events take place in the square, it would limit the exposure to the businesses in the downtown

Councillor C. Fritz questioned the bow hunting in Victoria Park and its permanency. CAO M. Dolter explained that the bow hunting has been approved for this year, but it was agreed by council that it would be subject to review every year. She also questioned the status on the Commercial street angled parking. Director of Public Works A.

McKinnon explained that the width of the street is not enough to allow angled parking. CAO M. Dolter explained the possibility to develop Victoria Square and offer more parking space there.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Audited Financial Statements March 31, 2019

CAO M. Dolter advised Council that the Audit Committee met on August 29, 2019 to review the nonconsolidated financial statements and the Audited Consolidated statements for the year ending on March 31st, 2019.

On motion of C. Fritz and D. Joseph it was resolved that the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2019 be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

b) Diversity Management Policy

CAO M. Dolter advised that the Committee has been developing a policy that reflects the purpose of the Committee. He proposed a motion to approve the new policy brought forward by the Diversity Committee.

B. Kinsman questioned the policy and expressed his concerns on the depth of the policy. He suggested that the purpose of the policy was left unclear. Council agreed to revise the policy once it is reviewed by the Committee and by the Human Rights Society.

On motion of B. Kinsman and W. Talbot it was agreed that the policy would be tabled until Council receives more information. Motion Carried.

c) Accounts Receivable Policy

CAO M. Dolter asked Council to table this matter until it was reviewed by the Town Solicitor J. Rafferty.

It was agreed by Council to table the policy until further review.

d) Solid Waste By-Law

CAO M. Dolter advised Council that the proposed amendment was to prohibit curb-side placement of bins intended to store solid waste.

On motion of C. Hinton and B. Kinsman it was resolved that the 1st reading of the attached By-law to amend the Solid Waste By-law is approved and 2nd reading is scheduled for October 7th, 2019. Motion Carried.

e) Dog By-Law

CAO M. Dolter proposed amendments to the Dog By-Law to reflect current administrative procedures and to give dog control staff the discretion to release fierce or dangerous dogs to their owners on conditions.

On motion of W. Talbot and C. Hinton it was resolved that the 1st reading of the By-Law to amend the Dog By-Law attached schedule "A" to this RFD is approved and a 2nd reading is scheduled for October 7th, 2019. Motion carried.

f) Senior Loneliness/ Boomer Haven Co-op Ltd.- 210 Lyman St

Mayor Mills shared a letter from Mr. Shan requesting the Town's assistance on finding a place to operate a facility helping seniors that no longer have access to workshops or tools. This membership base facility would allow renting to seniors of everything they require for their personal projects all while creating a bond with other senior citizens of the community.

Mayor Mills asked Council to review the material provided on this subject and try to come up with a solution or resources to help with this initiative.

Mr. Shan addressed Council and asked for start up costs. Mayor Mills agreed to discuss this with the principal of the NSCC and investigate on funding sources to help with the initiative.

g) Resolution in Support of Rail Safety Week

CAO M. Dolter advised Council that he received a letter from Mr. Colbie, Chief of Police and Security and Chief of Security Officer for CN. It explained the CN Safety Week will be held from September 23rd to September 29th. It was agreed by Council that the resolution would be signed to support Rail Safety Week.

h) Minerals Play Fairway Proposals

CAO M. Dolter explained to Council that he received a proposal from the Executive Director, Shawn Kirby. The proposal is asking for Councils to write the Nova Scotian Government in support of the Minerals Play Fairway. On motion of C. Fritz and C. Hinton it was agreed that Council would write a letter in support of the Mineral Play Fairway. Motion Carried.

i) Nova Scotia International Student Program

CAO M. Dolter advised Council that a letter was brought forward to advise Council on the Nova Scotia International Student Program. A request for support to help promote the program and find more families to host international students in the community. He explained that they are also offering to come to a public meeting and offer council

a detailed presentation on the program and the benefits that it brings to the community. Mayor Mills agreed to communicate with the program and invite them to a Council Meeting in January 2020.

ACCOUNTS

It was moved by Councillors C. Hinton and W. Talbot, that Council approve for payment the accounts as presented for the month of August 2019. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
CAO