



Truro Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 7th, 2019 at 1:00 pm
Council Chambers – Town Hall

A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, October 7th, 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 new business item F the “African Nova Scotian Strategy” be moved to the next item on the Agenda after approval of the agenda. On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Kinsman, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried.

AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN STRATEGY

Mayor W.R. (Bill) Mills explained that a meeting was held on Monday September 23rd, 2019 at the Truro Fire Hall, to address the issues that faces the African Nova Scotian Community of Truro. The meeting was held after the publication of an article by Dr. Lynn Jones “Watching Deer while Black”.

CAO M. Dolter presented a Resolution to Council.

On Motion of C. Hinton and W. Talbot it was resolved that the Town of Truro will work collaboratively with the African Nova Scotian Community of Truro to enhance the relationship through historical recognition of their contribution to the community, improve communication, to open dialogue on other community concerns and to support the community as it seeks justice and development through the province and federal government. Motion Carried.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Presentation – Downtown Truro Partnership

Downtown Truro Partnership Jenn Mantin addressed Council on the street closures in the Downtown Truro for various events. She mentioned that the board of the Downtown Truro Partnership has met following a few complaints on the issue and came up with a few conclusions. She explained that for the summer of 2019 the partnership decided to close the streets for two separate events. However, one of the events happened to be the Buskers Festival which lasted 3 days and that’s when a few complaints were received from downtown business owners. She suggested taking some of the events off the street during the buskers and host them either in Civic Square or different location. Mayor Mills also recommended looking at hosting some of the events on Forester Street to alleviate Inglis Street.

b) Presentation- Honeywell

Mayor Mills welcomes council members of the County of Colchester as both municipal units are part of a research for energy consumption efficiency.

Louis Rodrigez addressed both councils to provide an overview of the project and the next steps of the Honeywell project. He explained how Honeywell can guarantee savings on energy consumption. He noted that the project cost would be approximately 1.5 million dollars and the pay back would be 11.5 years. By joining the program, he noted that the County and the Town of Truro would reduce their carbon dioxide emission by 600 tones.

IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAO Report

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

Corporate Services Report

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

Fire Report

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

Planning and Development Report

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

Police Report

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

Public Works Report

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

Parks, Recreation and Culture Report

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

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and D. Joseph, it was moved that all reports for the month of September 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

CAO M. Dolter noted two retirements during the month of September; Mr. Paul Bigelow after 21 years of service with the Public Works Department and Deputy Chief Jim Flemming after 38 years of service with Truro Police.

Councillor C. Fritz expressed her concerns over the Stan Maxwell Memorial Park, in particular the location of the sheds. Director of Parks and Recreation A. Simms explained that the concerns were regarding the locations of the community gardens and the two sheds located in the park. She explained that a decision was made to keep the sheds in their locations and add a third one near the Stan Maxwell Memorial Park for the tools and seeds that they need for the community gardens.

Councillor C. Hinton noted that she attended a community night at Truro Elementary School along with Mayor Mills and Councillor C. Fritz.

Councillor D. Joseph questioned Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon on the condition of the sidewalks in Town. A. MacKinnon confirmed that the department would do its best to attend and fix all the sidewalk that need work before winter.

Councillor B. Kinsman questioned Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon on the conditions of Park St area and Dominion St area. He expressed that both areas have been needed work done for a long time.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Accounts Receivable Policy

CAO M. Dolter advised Council that a few changes were made to the Accounts Receivable Policy that was presented to Council last month by the Town Solicitor J. Rafferty.

On motion of Councillor W. Talbot and D. Joseph it was moved that the Accounts Receivable Policy is to be approved as attached. Motion Carried.

b) Solid Waste By-Law Second Reading

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

On motion B. Kinsman and W. Talbot it was resolved that Council gives a second reading to the attached By-Law to amend the Solid Waste By-Law. Motion Carried.

c) Dog By-Law Second Reading

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 B. Kinsman and C. Fritz and it was resolved that council give second reading to the attached By-Law and approve the amendments to the Dog By-Law. Motion carried.

d) RECC Board Recommendation Letter

CAO M. Dolter advised Council that a letter was receive from the Chair of the RECC Board Mr. Wayne Boudreau.

On motion of Deputy Mayor T. Chisolm and Councillor W. Talbot it was moved that the Town of Truro approves the reappointment of Mr. Steve Johnston to represent the Town of Truro on the Rath East Link Centre for another 4-year term. Motion Carried.

f) Reduce Single Use October Proclamation

CAO M. Dolter presented to Council the Proclamation on Reduce Single Use Month.

Mayor Mills proclaimed October as the Reduce Single Use Month for the Town of Truro.

ACCOUNTS

It was moved by Councillors C. Hinton and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, that Council approve for payment the accounts as presented for the month of September 2019. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
CAO