



Truro Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 10th, 2019 at 1:00 pm
Council Chambers – Town Hall

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A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, June 10th, 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. Fritz, C. Hinton, 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 J. Dawe, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter, Town Solicitor J. Rafferty and CAO M. Dolter

The Mayor and Millbrook Chief Gloade held a small ceremony to commemorate the addition of Millbrook in its entirety into the Town of Truro boundaries.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and W. Talbot, the Public Council minutes of May 6th, 2019 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Presentation – Heritage Fair Award

Ella Rodgers of Chiganois Elementary School gave a presentation to Council on her research project entitled “Trains, Tracks & Truro”, a history of the railway in Truro. Ms. Rodgers was chosen by the Town’s Heritage Advisory Committee to win the annual Heritage Fair Award from the Town of Truro. The Mayor thanked her for her presentation, research and hard work and presented her with the award.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Strategic Priorities Update

The CAO presented Council with an update on the strategic priorities, including the initiatives being undertaken currently and the next phase of initiatives.

IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT

The CAO advised Council that there were no issues discussed at the incamera meeting for the month of May and there is one issue to be discussed by Council at the incamera meeting today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAO Report

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

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, it was moved that the CAO report for the month of May, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Corporate Services Report

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

On motion of Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm and Councillor C. Fritz, it was moved that the Corporate Services report for the month of May, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Fire Report

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

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and B. Kinsman, it was moved that the Fire Report for the month of May, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Planning and Development Report

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

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and D. Joseph, it was moved that the Planning and Development report for the month of May, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Police Report

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

On motion of Councillor B. Kinsman and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Police Report for the month of May, 2019 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

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

Councillor C. Hinton noted some issues with CN crossings on East Prince Street and the overhead bridge between East Prince Street and Queen Street.

The Director of Public Works advised that he has been in discussion with CN's local maintenance supervisor and the East Prince Street railway crossing is not due to be replaced this year, but CN is going to patch it and the Town will coordinate with CN this week or next week for that work. He stated that the overhead bridge approaches are the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and he has also been in contact with them regarding the condition of the approaches.

Councillor C. Hinton noted that there is no crosswalk at William Barnhill Drive and Young Street and asked if there were plans for a crosswalk at that location in the future.

The Director of Public Works advised that updated paving was scheduled to take place at that intersection, as well as improvements to the sidewalks along the east and north side, but at this time, he did not believe there was enough pedestrian traffic to warrant a crosswalk analysis study.

Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm noted that the deer count was up this spring from the one completed in the fall and he asked if that information would be provided to the Department of Natural Resources.

The Director of Public Works stated that the deer count numbers would be provided to the Department of Natural Resources and they would be able to advise if the spring numbers are typically higher than the fall numbers or if it is indicative that there are twice as many deer.

On motion of Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm and Councillor C. Fritz, it was moved that the Public Works Report for the month of May, 2019 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Report

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

Councillor C. Hinton noted that one of the slides at Victoria Park is blocked off with plywood and asked if the slide would be repaired soon.

The Assistant Recreation Director advised that the department has some difficulty in sourcing a new slide to ensure a good fit with the existing structure, but that one was finally located and will be delivered shortly.

Councillor W. Talbot noted that the Stan Maxwell Park has been approved for a community garden and that the Community Enhancement Association and APEX golf tournament have purchased 20 boxes for the park. He asked when the boxes would be installed and ready for planting.

The Assistant Recreation Director advised that it did take some time to determine if the community was interested in having the boxes installed. Once interest was confirmed, the supplies for the boxes were ordered and they should arrive this week or next and then staff will be assembling the boxes. As they boxes are assembled, they will be installed at the park.

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and D. Joseph, it was moved that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of May, 2019 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor D. Joseph noted that there is a proposed federal initiative to ban single use plastics in a few years, and the Province seems to be reluctant to create any initiatives at this time. He asked if the Town could assist the process in any way prior to federal legislation being passed.

The Mayor advised that the Atlantic Mayors' Congress group seems to be waiting for Halifax Regional Municipality to start the process among the towns and he was expecting some information in the near future on this.

Councillor C. Hinton noted that he had previously brought up the issue of residents putting out their one large item per week too early ahead of their collection day and this was an issue for neighbours and the look of the Town.

The CAO stated that with the Solid Waste Bylaw as it currently is written, it does not include any fines or rules for putting out garbage prior to collection. If complaints are filed through the Planning Department, they can be dealt with in that way until such time as the Bylaw is updated, which is being worked on by staff.

Councillor C. Hinton noted that the IWK clothing donation bins always typically seem to be a collection and drop off for garbage. She stated that she has spoken with a representative from the IWK who has advised that the garbage is a Town bylaw issue and not the responsibility of the IWK although when they do pick ups of the bins they do take all of the garbage left as well.

The Director of Public Works stated that the bins on East Prince Street are likely on CN property and it is not the Town's responsibility to police the garbage being dropped off.

The CAO noted that if the bins are on CN land, then perhaps they should be removed.

Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm noted that all of Millbrook is now within Town boundaries and that the Town has been providing fire service and public works services for a long time, but asked if there was any interest from Millbrook in having the Town provide police services as well.

The CAO advised that Millbrook currently has a year to year contract with the RCMP but if they were interested in having the Truro Police service the area, then the Town is open to that possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Letter from MLA Kevin S. Murphy re: accessibility of Victoria Park Falls

The CAO read a letter received from MLA Kevin S. Murphy, the Speaker of the House of Assembly. The letter advised that he had recently been made aware of the Town of Truro's efforts to improve the accessibility of Victoria Park, including the waterfalls and he wanted to thank the Town for working towards increase accessibility and inclusivity.

The Mayor advised that the Town will send a follow up thank you letter to Mr. Murphy.

b) Honeywell Letter of Intent – Energy Performance Contract

The CAO advised that the Town of Truro and Municipality of the County of Colchester have been working with Honeywell over the past six months to draft an Opportunity Assessment Report (OAR) for Town owned buildings and the Rath Eastlink Centre. The report provides an overview assessment of savings that could be made through building modifications aimed at decreasing the energy consumption of municipally owned buildings. Based on the results of the report, Town and County staff agree that there is value in moving to the next step of the evaluation process with Honeywell, with the OAR being step 1. Step 2 of the process is to enter into a Letter of Intent. This will take the Level 1 analysis of the OAR and process with a Level 3 survey and analysis. With these results, the Town and County will have three possible outcomes: 1) program proceeds – an implementation plan is put in place that meets the Letter of Intent payback criteria and proceed with implementation. In this case, all the costs from the Level 3 survey and analysis are rolled into the implementation and covered by the savings; 2) Level 3 survey and analysis complete, the Town and County do not proceed; in this case, the municipalities exit the program and pays the penalty specified in the Letter of Intent (\$88,840); 3) Level 3 survey and analysis does not meeting Honeywell's Letter of Intent criteria; in this case, Honeywell and the municipalities do not proceed to implementation and the municipalities exit the program with no costs. The CAO noted that the County of Colchester, on May 28th, 2019, agreed to move forward with the Letter of Intent.

On motion of Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm and Councillor C. Fritz, it was agreed that the Town will enter into a Letter of Intent, along with the Municipality of the County of Colchester, with Honeywell to permit a Level 3 assessment to be conducted for Town buildings and the Rath Eastlink Community Centre. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL GRANT REQUESTS

The CAO advised that the MADD Cobequid organization had not received approval for grant funding during the budget process, and that this was due to the understanding that a grant submission had not been made. After correspondence with the organization, it was determined that an application was submitted prior to the due date but was not included in budget deliberations. The CAO stated that if Council chooses to approve the grant request of \$2,000, the funds have been made available to approve this request.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and W. Talbot, the grant request by MADD Cobequid in the amount of \$2,000 was approved as presented. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and D. Joseph, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:15p.m. Motion carried.

W.R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
CAO