



**Truro Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Town Hall**

A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Truro Town Hall.

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

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

Regrets: Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Kinsman, the Agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and C. Hinton, the Minutes for the Public Council Meeting on February 3rd, 2020 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS – N/A

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – N/A

5. OLD BUSINESS

a) The second reading of Bylaw B100-002, Tax Exemption for Non-Profit & Charitable Organizations took place. It was noted that, should this be repealed, it would not take effect until 2021/2022 fiscal year and the affected properties, that being seven (7) or eight (8), would be notified and informed of the grant process.

Unanimously, Council approved the Bylaw to repeal Bylaw B100-002, Tax Exemption for Non-Profit & Charitable Organizations. Motion carried.

6. IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT

CAO M. Dolter reported two (2) items of a legal nature were discussed on February 27th, 2020 and there is one (1) item to be discussed with Council following today's Public Meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CAO Report

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

Corporate Services Report

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

Fire Report

The Fire report for the month of February was presented to Council.

Planning and Development Report

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

Police Report

The Police report for the month of February was presented to Council.

Public Works Report

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

Regarding the water meter replacement program, residents are not able to opt-out from having a new meter installed.

Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon confirmed the cleanup of Lepper Brook and would take place this year, from the mouth of the Salmon River up to the Adam Street bridge. The cleanup will consist of the collection of garbage and cutting of brush that is impeding water flow.

Councillor W. Talbot inquired about alternate strategies for Willow Street & McClure's Mills Road and whether there was a timeline to proceed with one of these strategies in lieu of a roundabout. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon advised we could get updated advice from the new Traffic Engineer Consultant to find a viable solution.

In response to an anonymous letter received regarding the paving of Robie Street, the street also requires the water main be repaired, therefore, paving has been waylaid pending this repair. The Town has applied for funding to the Province for the last three (3) years to fix the water main.

Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon informed Council that Nova Scotia Power placed poles along Marshland Drive to re-route the power lines as it relates to the Salt Marsh Project where the levees are being removed on the North side of the river.

Councillor D. Joseph noted the condition of Mill Street and inquired as to when something would be done about it. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon agreed that the condition rating of that street is poor, however, he indicated that other options were currently being investigated.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Report

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

The Town was recently recognized by the Truro Sport Heritage Society at the 36th Awards Dinner by receiving a merit award for the Caldwell Roach Kings Mutual ice surface as part of the Civic Square project. Councillor C. Hinton accepted the award on behalf of Mayor Mills.

Councillor W. Talbot inquired about asset management and how it was considered in the budget process. CAO M. Dolter advised that Manager of Facilities & Safety S. Creelman has looked at the overall maintenance program and is keeping an up to date list and identifying items that will require replacement and their corresponding life expectancy. This will allow us to be proactive in replacing equipment before problems arise.

Councillor D. Joseph asked if there was a synchronized protocol as it relates to public health, specifically the COVID-19 virus. CAO M. Dolter indicated that we have reached out to EMO Nova Scotia and at this point, we are following the lead of the province.

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and C. Fritz, it was moved that all reports for the month of February 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor C. Hinton mentioned the various events that recently took place in the community; events involving the Diversity Committee during African Heritage Month, the Coldest Night of the Year, Soup Fest and 2020 A Day of Impact, to name a few. Mayor B. Mills advised that during the African Heritage Month kickoff, Minister Ince suggested the Town involve youth in its celebrations next year.

Councillor W. Talbot noted the Truro Police Board met recently and looked at public oversight and governance. The role of the Board is clear and laid out in the Police Act. In addition, Councillor W. Talbot also attended the Caucus of Black Parliamentarians which focused on education, youth engagement and access to justice. Councillor W. Talbot made reference to the street checks of black people which continues to happen.

9. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – N/A

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Accessibility Advisory Committee

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and W. Talbot, it was moved that the Town of Truro proceeds with establishing an Accessibility Advisory Committee under the parameters determined by the Accessibility Directorate. Motion carried.

b) Bicycle Bylaw B180-001 Repeal

Bicycle Bylaw B180-001 dated February 6, 1957, is no longer relevant and therefore, has no reason to exist.

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and D. Joseph, it was moved that the second reading of the Bylaw to repeal Bylaw B180-001 take place at the Public Council Meeting on April 6th, 2020. Motion carried.

c) **Licenses, Photographers Bylaw B110-001 Repeal**

Licenses, Photographers Bylaw B110-001 dated September 14, 1916, is no longer relevant and therefore, has no reason to exist. Councillor C. Fritz suggested Bicycle Bylaw B180-001 and Licenses, Photographers Bylaw B110-001 be placed in the Colchester Historeum.

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and B. Kinsman, it was moved that the second reading of the Bylaw to repeal Bylaw B110-001 take place at the Public Council Meeting on April 6th, 2020. Motion carried.

d) **Petition to the Governor in Council: Telecom Order CRTC 2019-288**

The drafted letter was presented to Council by CAO M. Dolter. The established internet wholesale rates are not practical and unfairly penalizing the larger telecom companies which the is overall objective of the letter. Discussion took place which resulted in Councillors W. Talbot and C. Hinton opposing the petition.

Council voted 4 – 2 in favor of the petition. Motion carried.

e) **IAFF Negotiations – Collective Agreement Ratified**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and C. Fritz, it was moved to approve the new IAFF Collective Agreement for a 6-year term, from November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2024 which was recently ratified by Union membership. Motion carried.

11. **MUNICIPAL GRANT REQUESTS** – N/A

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of February 2020. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:05 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
CAO