



**Truro Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 6th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council took place virtually on Monday, April 6th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Present: Mayor W.R. (Bill) Mills, Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, 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

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and C. Hinton, the Minutes for the Public Council Meeting on March 2nd, 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 Bicycle Bylaw B180-001 took place.
On motion of Councillor D. Joseph and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, it was moved to adopt the Bylaw to repeal Bicycle Bylaw B180-001. Motion carried.

b) The second reading of Licenses, Photographers Bylaw B110-001 took place.
On motion of Councillor C. Fritz and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, it was moved to adopt the Bylaw to repeal Licenses, Photographers Bylaw B110-001. Motion carried.

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported one (1) item of a legal nature was discussed on March 2nd, 2020 and there are no items to be discussed with Council following today's Public Meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CAO Report

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

Corporate Services Report

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

Fire Report

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

Planning and Development Report

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

Police Report

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

Public Works Report

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

Councillor C. Fritz noted a concern of the proper disposal of gloves. CAO M. Dolter and Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon reiterated the importance of disposing of gloves and wipes in regular garbage. The only thing that should be flushed is toilet paper.

Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm inquired if the Police and Fire Services have an adequate supply of personal protective equipment (PPE). Police Chief D. MacNeil and Fire Chief B. Currie indicated currently their supply is fine, however, that could change in the coming weeks.

Councillor W. Talbot asked what residents are to do with their recyclables since pick-up is not being done at this time. CAO M. Dolter advised that the County is awaiting an answer from the Minister of Environment to temporarily landfill recyclables while the recycling facility is closed.

Councillor W. Talbot also asked about assistance for the homeless shelter. Mayor B. Mills advised a letter from the Town has been submitted in support of the shelter's application to the federal government for assistance during the pandemic.

In relation to the Emergency Measures Act, Councillor Talbot asked the Police Chief about enforcement, in which Police Chief D. MacNeil indicated so far, seven (7) SOT's have been issued.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Report

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

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

8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor W. Talbot noted that Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity is offering services to small businesses during this uncertain time and suggested this information be posted on the Town's social media platforms.

9. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – N/A

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **RFD – Appointment of Returning Officer**

It was asked whether paper ballots would be available for the election. CAO M. Dolter advised that electronic voting is preferred, however, the Returning Officer would arrange for polling stations for individuals not able to vote electronically.

Councillor W. Talbot questioned why an election would be considered under the COVID-19 pandemic circumstances. CAO M. Dolter indicated that discussions are currently taking place on this issue with the decision to be made by Dr. Strang.

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and C. Hinton, it was moved to appoint Ken Henderson as the electoral Returning Officer for the October 2020 municipal elections.

b) **RFD – Approval to Delay Spring Clean-Up**

Due to the pandemic, approval to delay spring clean-up is being asked of Council. As the pandemic situation is fluid, there is still a possibility that spring clean-up could potentially be cancelled. Alternatively, residents may be able to place two (2) large items at the curb during their regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day, contingent upon the decision of the County of Colchester Council. It was suggested that residents place large items at curbside the day before or the day of pickup.

On motion of Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm and Councillor B. Kinsman, it was moved that spring clean-up be delayed until further notice.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and C. Fritz, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of March 2020. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
CAO