



# **Town of Truro**

*Public Council Meeting*

*Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.*

*Council Chambers & Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with Senior Staff joining via Zoom.

Present: Mayor W.R. (Bill) Mills, Councillors A. Graham, B. Thomas, J. Flemming, C. Hinton and J. Barnard

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

Regrets: Deputy Mayor W. Talbot

## **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **a) Draft Public Council Minutes of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and A. Graham, the Minutes for the Public Council Meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

## **3. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS – N/A**

## **4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

### **a) Youth Presentation by Ecole Acadienne Students**

A presentation was provided to Council by Ecole Acadienne students Liam Holeiter and Averi Winn where they proposed the establishment of a Truro Youth Council who would act as an advisory body to Truro Town Council on matters that affect youth. The Youth Council would bring awareness to youth programs and services within Truro and surrounding communities. The Youth Council would put forth recommendations and opinions on changes to policies, procedures, and legislation to Truro Town Council.

It was suggested to find out more about Amherst's Youth Council to see if it could be helpful in the formation of a Youth Council for Truro. CAO M. Dolter advised he would contact Amherst's CAO for more information and set up a meeting with interested youth in the near future. It was further suggested that MLA Dave Ritcey attend some of the upcoming meetings to provide provincial perspective.

## 5. **OLD BUSINESS**

### a) **Second Reading of Bylaw to Amend the Taxi Bylaw**

Second reading of the Bylaw to amend the Taxi Bylaw took place.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Thomas, it was moved that Truro Town Council approve the second reading and adopt the Bylaw to amend the Taxi Bylaw allowing an appeal to be made to the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

### b) **Request for Decision – Deer Management Committee & Strategy**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and A. Graham, it was moved that Truro Town Council approve the establishment of a Deer Management Strategy Working Group to draft a Deer Management Implementation Plan for Council's further consideration. Motion carried.

## 6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported that one (1) item of a legal nature was discussed during an in-camera meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 December was presented to Council.

CAO M. Dolter will forward the Terms of Reference and meeting minutes of the Affordable Housing Commission's initial meeting to Council as information.

CAO M. Dolter to discuss a bilingual opportunity as it relates to the Mentoring Plus Program with the Executive Director of the program.

### **Corporate Services Report**

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

### **Fire Report**

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

### **Planning and Development Report**

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

### **Police Report**

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

### **Public Works Report**

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

Some discussion took place on the Willow Street intersection as it relates to safety and traffic congestion with the long-term solution being a roundabout with provincial funding.

## **Parks, Recreation and Culture Report**

The Parks, Recreation and Culture report for the month of December was presented to Council.

There was some discussion on the Caldwell Roach Kings Mutual Insurance Ice Surface as numerous complaints were received regarding the use of hockey sticks and pucks. It was indicated that security staff at the Truro Police station have recently begun to monitor the ice surface. There is also a focus on providing public education on the rules to ensure safety to all users. In addition to the signs posted and social media posts, there will also be a recurring message announced over the speakers at Civic Square reinforcing the rules to users.

Mayor B. Mills acknowledged the recent passing of Cathy von Kintzel. Cathy was a former Town employee who held the position of Special Events Coordinator in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. Mayor B. Mills offered condolences on behalf of the Town to the von Kintzel family.

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

### **8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillors C. Hinton and J. Barnard advised that First Baptist Church on Prince Street is seeking daytime volunteers to assist with the operation of the Church's Warming Centre. Those interested are asked to contact Rev. Paul Worden at (902) 893-4241 extension 3.

Councillor J. Barnard asked for an update on a sustainability plan including a sustainable coordinator position and the use of Truro utility for an alternative energy source. CAO M. Dolter indicated that he has started to review this, and the Town's solicitor has done some preliminary research in relation to the MGA. CAO M. Dolter advised he still needs to discuss with the Department of Energy and Mines as well as with the Town of Bridgewater. Regarding a sustainable coordinator position, it was noted that several municipalities who currently have this position are federally funded and not funded solely through the municipality. Further discussion needs to take place on how this relates to the Town's priorities and budget impacts.

Councillor B. Thomas requested the landscaping design plan for the current Queen Street development. It was indicated that a basic plan is available, however, staff would reach out to the Developer for an updated plan.

### **9. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – N/A**

### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a) Request for Decision – Sponsorship Catalog**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and J. Barnard, it was moved that Truro Town Council approves the publication of the Truro Parks, Recreation and Culture sponsorship catalog to solicit sponsorships. Motion carried.

#### **b) Request for Decision – Receivables Write-Off**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and A. Graham, it was moved that Truro Town Council approves the write-off of miscellaneous receivables in the amount of \$3,250.00. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and B. Thomas, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of December 2020. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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W. R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
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