



# **Town of Truro**

*Public Council Meeting*

*Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.*

*Council Chambers & Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

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

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

## **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councillor J. Flemming presented an amendment to the Agenda with the removal of item 10 d and proposing it to be tabled and addressed at March's Public Council Meeting.

Councillor J. Barnard also presented an amendment by proposing the removal of item 10 d and addressing it at a Special Public Council Meeting on or before February 17<sup>th</sup> and have staff request an extension of the tender validity period thereby allowing Council to evaluate further.

Both proposed amendments were respectively withdrawn after CAO M. Dolter explained the procedural guidelines of removing an item from the Agenda.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Thomas and by way of a vote of six (6) to one (1) in favor, the Agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **a) Draft Public Council Minutes of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and J. Barnard, the Minutes for the Public Council Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

## **4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – N/A**

## **5. OLD BUSINESS – N/A**

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

CAO M. Dolter reported that one (1) item relating to a land issue was discussed during an in-camera meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and there will be two (2) items of a legal nature to be discussed with Council following today's Public Meeting.

## 7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CAO Report**

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

### **Corporate Services Report**

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

Councillor B. Thomas requested more detail on Parks, Recreation & Culture's revenue and expenses and the effects COVID has played on its recreation programs. Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter indicated she would provide a breakdown of the revenue from services offered and associated expenses relating to Parks, Recreation & Culture programs along with a comparison of budget vs actuals.

### **Fire Report**

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

### **Planning and Development Report**

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

### **Police Report**

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

### **Public Works Report**

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

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

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

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Barnard, it was moved that all reports for the month of January 2021 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

## 8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor C. Hinton presented a motion to Council proposing two (2) Town owned parcels of land (PID 20172425 & PID 20172417), located at Brunswick Street and Young Street, be deemed as green space, and therefore not be sold or developed. CAO M. Dolter indicated that the Parks, Recreation & Culture department have been maintaining these properties and confirmed that no additional costs are incurred. On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Barnard, it was moved that PID 20172425 and PID 20172417 be designated as green space and are not to be sold or developed. Motion carried.

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

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Correspondence from Minister Furey – Accessibility Committee**

For information purposes, Mayor B. Mills presented a letter from Minister Furey regarding the Town's accessibility plan and its corresponding prescription deadline. Minister Furey's letter indicates that a one-year extension to the prescription deadline has been granted given the impacts of COVID. This means that the Town must form an accessibility advisory committee and have an accessibility plan in place by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 as opposed to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

b) **Correspondence from Colchester East Hants Public Library**

CAO M. Dolter presented a memo from the CEO of the Colchester East Hants Public Library. The memo provides an overview of the role the Library plays in fostering a healthy and inclusive community in downtown Truro as well as the fiscal challenges the Library Board faces as it relates to providing security services at the Truro Library. It was agreed that this item will be addressed within the budget deliberation process.

c) **Truro Industrial Development Society (TIDS) – Request for Master Plan**

CAO M. Dolter presented a letter from the Chair of the Truro Industrial Development Society (TIDS). TIDS is requesting and recommending that Truro Town Council consider and approve funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 for a master plan for the Truro Business Park as part of the 2021/2022 operating budget. It was agreed that this item will also be addressed within the budget deliberation process.

d) **Request for Decision – Victoria Park Pool Liner Replacement**

The original motion presented to Council was neither moved nor seconded.

On amended motion of Councillors J. Barnard and A. Graham, it was moved that item 10 d, Request for Decision on the Victoria Park Pool Liner Replacement, be deferred to a Special Public Council meeting to be held on or before February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and that Town of Truro staff be directed by the CAO to request an extension of the tender validity period to allow Council to further evaluate. It was voted five (5) to two (2) in favor of the amended motion. Motion carried.

After significant discussion, it was further agreed that additional information would be provided to Council upon Council identifying the specific information they are seeking.

e) **Request for Decision – Development Agreement, 536 Young St, Establish Public Hearing**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and J. Barnard, it was moved that Council establish a Public Hearing on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to consider an application for Development Agreement to construct three (3), 4-storey, 50-unit residential buildings and 17 townhouse units – a total of 167 proposed units. Motion carried.

f) **Request for Decision – Development Agreement, 245 Robie St, Establish Public Hearing**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that Council establish a Public Hearing on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to consider discharging a portion of the 1998 Development Agreement and enter into a new Development Agreement to demolish the former Sears retail space and permit the development of six (6) mixed residential buildings of varying height for a total of 178 proposed units. Motion carried.

g) **Request for Decision – Establishment of Youth Council**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approves the formation of the Truro Youth Council who will act as an advisory body to Town Council on matters that affect youth. Motion carried.

h) **Request for Decision – Diversity Committee, Budget Expenditure Approval**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor J. Flemming, it was moved that Council approves the Diversity Advisory Committee to use \$1,000.00 of its budget in support of African Heritage Month virtual activities. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillor J. Barnard and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of January 2021. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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W. R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
CAO