



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro
Monday, March 1st, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers & via Zoom

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, March 1st, 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

Mayor Mills acknowledged March as Francophonie Month and International Francophonie Day on March 20th. The Town of Truro will raise the Acadian flag and the Library will be lit up in Acadian colors for the month in recognition.

Mayor Mills also acknowledged International Women's Day on March 8th. A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. Let's Choose to Challenge which is this year's theme.

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**

Draft Public Council Minutes of February 1st, 2021

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and J. Barnard, the Minutes for the Public Council Meeting on February 1st, 2021 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. **MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

a) **Public Hearing – 245 Robie Street, Development Agreement**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor B. Thomas, approval was granted for the request made by Strathallen to amend their 1998 Development Agreement by reconfiguring the boundary to which the agreement applies to lands at 245 Robie Street, PID No. 20148045, and amend associated schedules and associated text. Motion carried.

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and J. Flemming, it was moved that Council approves the Development Agreement application by Strathallen permitting the development of six (6) multiple unit residential structures for a total of 178 proposed units at 245 Robie Street, subject to a traffic impact study being submitted and approved by the Town's Traffic Authority, a storm water management plan being submitted and approved by the Town's Engineer, as well as the submission and approval of a landscaping plan. Motion carried.

b) **Public Hearing – 536 Young Street, Development Agreement**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor A. Graham, it was moved that Council approves the Development Agreement application by Marchand Developments Limited permitting the construction of three 4-storey, 50-unit residential buildings and 17 townhouse units – a total of 167 proposed units at 536 Young Street, subject to a traffic impact study being submitted and approved by the Town's Traffic Authority, a storm water management plan being submitted and approved by the Town's Engineer as well as the submission and approval of a landscaping plan. Motion carried.

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

5. **OLD BUSINESS** – N/A

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported that two (2) items of a legal nature were discussed during an in-camera meeting on February 1st, 2021 and one (1) item also of a legal nature was discussed during an in-camera meeting on February 11th, 2021. Following today's Public Meeting, an in-camera meeting will take place where four (4) items of either a land or legal nature will be discussed.

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 Service 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.

Councillor Barnard asked what role the Town plays in relation to the housing study that is underway. Director of Planning J. Fox indicated that Planner C. Connolly sits on this committee and would get an update and report back to Council.

Police Report

The Police Service 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.

Deputy Mayor W. Talbot asked what the Town was doing in response to the numerous complaints of speeding on Smith Ave. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon indicated that the Town is having an independent traffic engineer complete a traffic speed camera study on Smith Ave. as well as on a few other collector streets in Town. Results of this survey will be provided to Council.

Councillor B. Thomas advised of a perceived increase in truck traffic on Glenwood Drive. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon indicated that Glenwood Drive is within the daytime truck route bylaw. He further indicated that he would ensure proper signage for all truck routes around Town are in place.

Councillor J. Flemming inquired about property damage from plows and who is responsible for the repairs. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon noted that typically the Town will make any repairs to damage resulting from its work. Should a resident have damage to report, they can contact Public Works at (902) 895-4243 and the repair will be addressed in the Spring.

Parks, Recreation & Culture Report

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

Councillor A. Graham requested an update on the status of Victoria Park Pool. Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms advised that grant applications are in progress. Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter indicated that the tenders have been evaluated with the Town seeking additional information from the bidders. Once this information is received, it is expected for the tender to be awarded within the next week.

Councillor B. Thomas requested Council be provided with trending data in relation to the usage of Victoria Park.

Councillor Barnard inquired whether there were family activities planned for March Break. Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms indicated that the department would continue to promote how to get out and be active as it is hard to plan events due to fluctuating Public Health restrictions.

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

8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor J. Barnard inquired about an Active Transportation Plan and how this will move forward. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon indicated that a small working group will be formed which will comprise of staff from multiple departments. This group will develop a recommendation which would be brought forward to Council.

Deputy Mayor W. Talbot asked for an update on the citizen complaint form. CAO M. Dolter advised that we have encountered technical issues with the software when customizing. We are still working with the company to resolve these issues and will report back to Council in due course.

9. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – N/A

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Request for Decision: Establish Public Hearing Date – 34-38 Curtis Dr.**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and C. Hinton, it was moved that a Public Hearing is to take place on April 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to consider a Development Agreement application by 34-38 Curtis Drive Inc. to permit multi-unit residential development consisting of one 3-storey building containing 18 dwelling units together with a surface parking area for 23-25 vehicles subject to the submission of a landscaping plan, storm water management plan, and the inclusion of a 3.0 metre buffer between the parking area and Curtis Drive. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Development Agreement Extension – 5-7 Charles St.**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot it was moved that Council agrees to grant an extension to the timing provisions in the September 2012 Development Agreement with Troy Chaisson and require necessary building and development permits be applied for by March 1, 2022 and construction be substantially complete by December 31, 2023. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Proposed Amendment to MPS and LUB – 125-135 Willow St.**

The initial motion which was moved by Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, was withdrawn by Mayor B. Mills as other members of Council indicated they did not vote in favor of the motion. A lengthy discussion followed.

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that staff hold a public information session to present proposed amendments to the Town's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw that will rezone 125-135 Willow Street to Mixed Use Residential (R6) Zone. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Proposed Amendment to MPS and LUB – Limited Residential (R2A) Zone**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and B. Thomas and by way of a vote of six (6) to one (1) in favor of the motion, it was moved that staff hold a public information session to discuss the creation of the proposed Limited Residential (R2A) Zone. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: Approval of 2021/2022 TCPEP Funding**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and A. Graham, it was moved that the Town of Truro continues its commitment to the Truro Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity (TCPEP) for 2021/2022 in the amount of \$60,450. Motion carried.

CAO M. Dolter advised he would send TCPEP's strategic plan to Council as information.

f) **Request for Decision: Approval of Strategic Priorities**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and A. Graham, the Strategic Priorities Chart for 2021/2022 has been approved as presented. Amendments can be made, as necessary. Motion carried.

In addition, Councillor J. Barnard offered a new motion which was seconded by J. Flemming, whereby a strategic planning session for Council take place by the end of May 2021. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor C. Hinton, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of February 2021. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
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