



## Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro  
Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers & via Zoom

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with Senior Staff joining virtually 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, Deputy Chief of Police R. Hearn, Fire Chief B. Currie, and Town Solicitor C. Thompson

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*As we observe the upcoming one-year mark of the tragic events of April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Mills offered condolences to the families.*

*Mayor Mills also acknowledged the death of Prince Philip and expressed condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the royal family.*

*Mayor Mills further acknowledged the recent passing of William W. "Bill" Blair and conveyed sympathies to Mayor Blair for the loss of her husband.*

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1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and A. Graham, the Agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Flemming, the Minutes for the Public Council Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, the Minutes for the Public Hearing on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and the Minutes for the Special Public Council Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Public Hearing – 34-38 Curtis Drive**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and B. Thomas, it was moved to approve the request by 34-38 Curtis Drive Inc. and enter into a Development Agreement to permit a multi-unit residential development consisting of one 3-storey building containing 18 dwelling units at 34-38 Curtis Drive. Motion carried.

b) **Nook & Cranny, Derek Forsyth – Louise Street Patio Extension**

The owner of the Nook & Cranny, Derek Forsyth, requested Council consider the extended closure of Louise Street this Summer/Fall season to expand his outside patio. Council will be supplied with additional information and a formal request for decision will be presented to Council in due course.

c) **Hub Connect – Alison Grant**

Manager of Economic Development, Alison Grant, provided Council with a demonstration of Hub Connect. Hub Connect was developed to allow for better engagement and a better flow and exchange of information with the public.

d) **Physical Activity Strategy – Shannon Jarvis**

Activity Community Coordinator, Shannon Jarvis, presented the proposed 2020-2025 Physical Activity Strategic Plan to Council. The request for decision for acceptance of the Plan is noted below under 'New Business', #10, item I.

5. **OLD BUSINESS** – N/A

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter confirmed there have been no recent in-camera sessions. The last in-camera session took place on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 in which four (4) items of a land/legal nature were discussed.

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 Service Report**

The Fire Service 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 Service Report**

The Police Service 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.

**Parks, Recreation & Culture Report**

The Parks, Recreation & Culture report for the month of March was presented to Council.

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

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor J. Barnard requested the Town explore additional public spaces and/or options that can be utilized to support local businesses, i.e., space for extended patios, etc. CAO M. Dolter indicated he would ask Manager of Economic Development A. Grant to consult with the Downtown Truro Partnership and, in turn, consult with local businesses.

Councillor C. Hinton inquired about leaf pickup and if it was possible to do so outside of the typical Fall pickup. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon indicated that residents could contact the Public Works Department at (902) 895-4243 and pickup can be arranged.

Discussion took place around public consultation in relation to a recent re-zoning request as it pertains to the 125 Willow Street property. It was determined to follow the existing process.

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Rotary Week Proclamation**

Mayor B. Mills read a Proclamation declaring April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as Rotary Week in the Town of Truro. The Rotary flag was also raised at Town Hall in recognition.

b) **Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation**

Mayor B. Mills read a Proclamation declaring the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Town of Truro.

c) **Acknowledgement of Community Spirit Plaque**

The Town received a Community Spirit Award from the Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC, in recognition of the Town's spirit and resiliency in adapting to the significant challenges it faced in 2020. Mayor B. Mills read the letter from His Honour and displayed the plaque. A location in the community will be selected to display the plaque.

d) **Correspondence from Minister Maguire**

Mayor B. Mills read a letter received from the new Minister of Municipal Affairs, Brendan Maguire. The purpose of Minister Maguire's correspondence was to introduce himself and to solidify his commitment to work closely with municipalities.

e) **Review & Approval of 2021/2022 Operating & Capital Budget and Tax Resolution**

Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter reviewed the 2021/2022 operating and capital budget and presented Council with the tax resolution for approval and adoption.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Flemming, it was moved to approve the proposed general operating budget for 2021/2022 in the amount of \$29,692,484; the proposed general capital budget for 2021/2022 in the amount of \$3,898,525; the proposed water utility operating budget for 2021/2022 in the amount of \$4,313,804; the proposed water utility capital budget for 2021/2022 in the amount of \$1,868,000; as well as the proposed resolution establishing the 2021/2022 tax and sewer rates. Motion carried.

f) **Request for Decision: Deer Management Strategy – Terms of Reference**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved to approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Deer Management Working Group as presented. Motion carried.

- g) **Request for Decision: Truro Youth Council – Terms of Reference**  
On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and A. Graham, it was moved to approve the Terms of Reference for the Truro Youth Council as presented. Motion carried.
- h) **Request for Decision: African Nova Scotian Community Strategy – Terms of Reference**  
On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and A. Graham, it was moved to approve the Terms of Reference for the African Nova Scotian Community Strategy as presented. Motion carried.
- i) **Request for Decision: Amendment to Accounts Receivable Policy**  
On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor J. Barnard, it was moved to approve the proposed amendments to the Accounts Receivable Policy whereby the due dates for property taxes be changed from July 4<sup>th</sup> for the interim bill to June 30<sup>th</sup> and from November 4<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> for the final tax bill. Motion carried.
- j) **Request for Decision: 64 Ford Street – Set Public Hearing Date**  
On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and A. Graham, Council established a Public Hearing for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 in consideration of entering into a Development Agreement with Wendell Thomas to permit the development of a 3-storey, 17-unit residential building at 64 Ford Street. Motion carried.
- k) **Request for Decision: 209/215/219 Queen Street – Set Public Hearing Date**  
On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Flemming, Council established a Public Hearing for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 in consideration of approving an amendment to a 2016 Development Agreement with Arkham Developments Limited to permit one (1) additional dwelling unit, add additional lands, revise timing provisions, and update plans. Motion carried.
- l) **Request for Decision: Physical Activity Strategy**  
On motion of Councillor B. Thomas and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved to accept and approve the proposed Physical Activity Strategic Plan as presented. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Flemming, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of March 2021. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m. Motion carried.

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W. R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
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