



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro
Monday, July 5th, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers & via Zoom

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place in Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom on Monday, July 5th, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

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, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture J. Dawe, Deputy Chief of Police R. Hearn, Fire Chief B. Currie, and Town Solicitor C. Thompson

Regrets: Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Police Chief D. MacNeil

Mayor B. Mills called the meeting to order and began with a Land Acknowledgement recognizing that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw People.

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 Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor C. Hinton, the Minutes for the Public Council Meeting on June 7th, 2021, and the Minutes for the Public Hearing on June 7th, 2021, were approved as amended. The amendment relates to the Minutes for the Public Council Meeting on June 7th, 2021, item 4a, second paragraph, and is to read "In making its decision, members of Council identified several issues in relation to the Municipal Planning Strategy." Motion carried.

3. **MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Bicycle Nova Scotia Presentation**

Alison Carlyle from Bicycle Nova Scotia provided a presentation to Council which focused on promoting, supporting, and improving opportunities for cycling in the region.

b) **Mass Casualty Commission Presentation**

Jennifer Cox, QC, Sidney Patton, and Nichole Elizabeth from the Mass Casualty Commission joined the meeting virtually and discussed the Commission's work and mandate.

The Town was contacted by a family member of one of the victims requesting the Town's support in advocating for the inquiry to be held in Truro as opposed to Halifax. The Commission was aware of the family member's request and advised that the Commission is taking this into consideration.

5. **OLD BUSINESS** – N/A

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an in-camera session of Council took place on June 24th, 2021, in which one (1) item of a legal nature was discussed. There are no issues to discuss with Council in-camera following today's meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

CAO M. Dolter advised that he plans to arrange a joint Council meeting with Millbrook in due course to give the Councils a change to meet and collaborate.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning and Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

g) **Parks, Recreation & Culture Report**

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

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that all reports for the month of June 2021 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor J. Barnard presented a motion in relation to an Active Transportation Plan. Discussion took place which resulted in the motion being amended as follows:

Be it resolved that staff prepare a draft report regarding the creation and implementation of an Active Transportation Plan in Truro which will be presented to Council during the Public Council Meeting on September 13th, 2021. Staff are to explore partnerships with Bicycle Nova Scotia, Millbrook, and the County of Colchester.

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and C. Hinton, the above noted resolution was approved as amended. Motion carried.

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Capital Project – Victoria Park Splashpad**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that Council approve the additional funding required to complete the splashpad project estimated to be between \$15,000 - \$20,000. The project is to be funded from the gas tax reserve. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Nova Scotia Native Women's Association**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and J. Barnard, the following motion was presented and approved: In supporting reconciliation and furthering the treaty relationship that our ancestors established in the 1700's, the Town of Truro supports the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association and the creation of the Resiliency Centre in Millbrook, Nova Scotia. The Town of Truro recognizes this Centre as being a vital space to address the Calls to Justice from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry, and the important role holistic programming has in healing Indigenous communities and ensuring success and wellbeing. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: 74 Lorne Street, Development Agreement Extension**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and J. Barnard, and by way of a vote of six (6) to one (1) in favour of the motion, it was moved that Council approve the amendment of a May 2020 Development Agreement with 3326158 Nova Scotia Limited permitting a multiple unit residential development at 74 Lorne Street by extending the deadline to enter into the Agreement from May 4th, 2021, to November 4th, 2021. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: 880 Prince Street, Development Agreement Extension**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and J. Barnard, it was moved that Council approve the amendment of a 2019 Development Agreement with Walker Lofts Inc. permitting the redevelopment of 880 Prince Street by extending the deadline to enter into the Agreement from September 9th, 2019, to September 9th, 2021. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: 54-58 Walker Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Councillor A. Graham and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, and by way of a vote of five (5) to two (2) in favour of the motion, it was moved that Council approve the request to set a Public Hearing for September 13th, 2021, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with LMH Properties to permit the development of an 8-storey, 55-unit residential building at 54-58 Walker Street. Motion carried.

- f) **Request for Decision: Appointment of New Tree Committee Member**
On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor A. Graham, it was moved that Council appoint Keith Works to the Truro Tree Committee for a three (3) year term. Motion carried.
- g) **Request for Decision: Royal Canadian Legion – Colchester Branch, Donation Request**
On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, it was moved to approve a donation of \$500.00 to the Colchester Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Motion carried.
- h) **Regional Emergency Management Plan Overview**
CAO M. Dolter provided an overview to Council on the Regional Emergency Management Plan. The draft copy of the full Plan has been circulated to Council for information purposes.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and J. Barnard, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of June 2021. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
CAO