



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday March 2, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

Present: Mayor C. Hinton, Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, Councillors J. Flemming, W. Talbot, I. McGrath, D. Pryor, A. Graham

In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Public Works O. Browning, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Fire Chief B. Currie, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Manager of Strategic Services A. Grant, Director of Corporate Services T. Russell, Town Solicitor C. Thompson

Mayor C. Hinton called the meeting to order, beginning with a Land Acknowledgement. She recognised that we are gathered on Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq People, and acknowledged the significant contributions of the African Nova Scotia Community to our province over the past 400 years, despite enduring generations of inequality due to systemic racism.

1) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor C. Hinton advised Council of a revision to the agenda, permitting the Truro Police Service Report (Item 6e) to be presented first under Department Reports to accommodate Chief MacNeil's schedule. The amended agenda for the March 2, 2026, Public Council Meeting was subsequently approved.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 29, 2026, Special Public Council Meeting and the February 2, 2026, Public Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

3) **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

4) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 46/48 Ford St and 22/38 Rexdale Dr, Development**

An application was submitted by Wallace Retirement Living Ltd. to develop 4 multi-unit residential buildings containing up to 200 dwelling units at 46/48 Ford Street and 22/38 Rexdale Drive

Wallace Retirement Living Ltd., submitted a flood mitigation/stormwater management plan, servicing plan, and traffic impact study, as requested by the Town of Truro's Planning Advisory Committee. These plans have reviewed by the Town Engineer's Office.

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath it was moved that Council approve the request to enter into a development agreement with Wallace Retirement Living Ltd. to permit two 6-storey 50-55 unit buildings and two 4-storey 35-40 unit buildings on lands off Marshland Drive 46/48 Ford Street (PID No.20303103) and 22/38 Rexdale Drive (PID No. 20143459). Motion Carried

b) **Request for Decision: East Hants REMO Request**

By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham it was moved that Council approves the addition of East Hants to the Colchester Region REMO. Motion Carried.

5) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported that an in-camera meeting was held on February 2, 2026, on two legal matters. A joint in-camera session was held with the County of Colchester on February 25, 2026, on a legal matter. There are no items to discuss with Council in-camera following today's meeting.

6) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Police Service Report**

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

b) **CAO Report**

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

c) **Corporate Services Report**

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

d) **Fire Service Report**

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

e) **Planning & Development Report**

The Planning & Development report for the month of February was presented to Council.

f) **Public Works Report**

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

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

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

By motion of Councillors W. Talbot and D. Pryor it was moved to approve the department reports. Motion carried.

7) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas inquired about the issuing of fines to residents for feeding deer in the Town of Truro, noting that it remains a persistent issue and suggesting that increased fines may help deter the practice.

CAO M. Dolter advised that residents who witness individuals feeding deer should report the matter directly to the Town. He added that individuals are often reluctant to file complaints against their neighbours.

Town Solicitor C. Thompson further noted that complaints must be supported by sufficient evidence to proceed in court, and that enforcing and collecting fines can present significant challenges. However, he indicated that Council could revisit the fine amounts if it wished to do so.

8) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Project Charters – M. Dolter**

CAO M. Dolter reviewed the new Project Charter process that Town staff are using to ensure consistent governance, accountability, and transparency for municipal projects exceeding \$100,000 in cost, or involving multiple departments.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:03 pm.

Cathy Hinton
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer