



**Committee of the Whole**  
**Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Town of Truro was held virtually on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. 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 Corporate Services B. Coulter, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Police Chief D. MacNeil, and Fire Chief B. Currie

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and J. Flemming, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **Downtown Truro Partnership (DTP)**

Executive Director Jenn Mantin provided an overview of the DTP.

3. **Railyard**

A presentation on the Railyard was given by the Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms.

4. **Review of Proposed Agenda for Deer Management Briefing**

A proposed agenda was presented to Council in preparation for an upcoming briefing with the Department of Lands and Forestry regarding deer management. CAO M. Dolter indicated that the intent is to invite staff of Lands and Forestry to a special Committee of the Whole meeting in December. This meeting is to provide Council the opportunity to ask questions directly to Lands and Forestry to ensure they have all the information which will assist them in making a final decision on a managed deer hunt.

Some Councillors would like action to be taken sooner than later and would like Council to make a final decision in January on whether to move ahead with the managed deer hunt. It was expressed that public communication is vital; it was suggested that the Town put out an announcement to residents indicating where we are in the process. As well, residents will need to understand what a cull looks like and what to expect.

Councillor B. Thomas suggested a follow up study be done by a Dal student so we can track results of the program. Council agreed for Councillor Thomas to proceed with exploring this as an option.

5. **Strategic Priorities**

CAO M. Dolter reviewed the Town's list of priorities and will forward to Council.

6. **Discussion – Social/Affordable Housing**

Council wanted to know what role the Town plays regarding social and affordable housing and how can the Town contribute. It was noted that an amendment to the MGA may be required to give municipalities the tools to work with Developers in addressing the shortage of affordable units. This amendment would give municipalities the authority to regulate affordable housing units through their land use bylaw or in conjunction with a development application approval process. Council agreed for CAO M. Dolter to proceed with drafting correspondence to NSFAM in relation to amending the MGA.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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W.R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
CAO