



**Committee of the Whole**  
**Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

A Committee of the Whole meeting for the Town of Truro was held virtually on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 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

**Regrets:** Fire Chief B. Currie

1. **Approval of Agenda**

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- a) Approval of Minutes – November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- b) Approval of Minutes – December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Flemming, the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole meetings of November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. **Property Standards Committee – Terms of Reference**

Director of Planning J. Fox gave a presentation to Council on the suggested guidelines and purpose of the new Property Standards Committee.

It was agreed that this committee would convene just before the Committee of the Whole meeting each month at 4:00 p.m. with the first meeting to be scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

4. **Victoria Park Pool Liner Replacement**

Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter gave a presentation to Council in relation to the liner replacement for Victoria Park Pool. It was recommended that Council consider delaying this project until 2022 due to fiscal prudence and the restrictions COVID will place on its use. A request for decision will be presented to Council at the upcoming Public Meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> as a decision needs to be made whether to award the tender.

5. **Brief Updates**

- a) Green Energy Plan – CAO M. Dolter advised he needs to contact the Town of Bridgewater and the Department of Energy and Mines.
- b) Tree Committee – The Tree Committee is meeting next week and will be looking at updating their Terms of Reference.
- c) Active Transportation/Walkability – There is a 2009 report that was prepared for the Colchester-Truro Active Transportation Steering Committee and will be sent to Council as information.
- d) Accessibility Plan – Director of Planning J. Fox is overseeing this Committee and is looking at a joint committee with neighboring communities.
- e) Willow/McClure’s Mills Roundabout – A detailed cost breakdown and detailed design plan are in progress to be ‘shovel ready’ should a funding opportunity present itself.
- f) Paving of Ford/Cross/West Prince – This will be looked at in conjunction with upcoming capital planning.
- g) Housing Needs/Homelessness – Next week Town staff are meeting with the shelter as well as with the project team for the Truro & Colchester Housing Needs and Demand Study in relation to a proposed engagement plan.
- h) Parking Issues and Winter Parking Ban – Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon is currently working on a policy to address tenant parking on Town property which the intention is for the landlord to administer. In relation to the winter parking ban, Police Chief D. MacNeil advised that the Town follows provincial standards under the Motor Vehicle Act and therefore, the Town does not have the option whether to have the winter parking ban in place.
- i) Deer Management Working Group – Town staff, members of Council, and staff from Lands & Forestry met on January 26<sup>th</sup> to begin to develop the Terms of Reference for the committee. This included proposing additional members for the committee, establishing a meeting schedule and timelines for the committee, as well as beginning to discuss the communications plan and the process for plan development.
- j) Youth Council – An initial meeting took place with students from Ecole Acadienne and Cobequid Education Centre who expressed interest in this initiative. The Terms of Reference are currently being developed.

k) Joint Flood Advisory Committee – Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon advised that the Joint Flood Advisory Committee requires a member of Council be appointed to this Committee in addition to the Mayor. It was determined that Councillor J. Flemming will be appointed to this Committee.

6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

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W.R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
CAO