



Committee of the Whole

Town of Truro
Thursday, June 24th, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers & via Zoom

A Committee of the Whole meeting for the Town of Truro took place in Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom on Thursday, June 24th, 2021, at 4:00 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, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Police Chief D. MacNeil, and Fire Chief B. Currie

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

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Councillor J. Barnard and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, the Agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, the Minutes for May 27th, 2021, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. **NOVA SCOTIA NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (NSNWA) – RESILIENCY CENTRE PROJECT**

Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association (NSNWA), Karen Pictou, presented to Council regarding the development of a Women's Resiliency Centre in Millbrook. Ms. Pictou indicated that a letter of support from the Town would be appreciated to accompany NSNWA's application for federal funding of this project. CAO M. Dolter advised a letter of support would be provided.

The following motion was offered by Councillor A. Graham and seconded by Councillor J. Barnard: In supporting reconciliation and furthering the treaty 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.

Noting that a Committee of the Whole meeting is not a decision-making meeting; the above motion will be presented to Council at the next Public Meeting on July 5th, 2021, for ratification.

4. **MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY (MPS) REVIEW**

Director of Planning & Development J. Fox provided an update to Council in relation to the Municipal Planning Strategy review. A working group was established consisting of Alison Grant, Amanda Bent, Carla Connolly and Josee Gallant. This group will be working on branding and a community engagement strategy. The timeline for the review process was presented to Council.

Mark Austin was introduced to Council as he was recently hired under contract by the Town to oversee the community engagement and the Community Sustainability Plan aspects of the review.

5. **CAPITAL SCHEDULE**

Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon presented the capital schedule. It was suggested that a communications strategy be provided to the public in advance.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:25 p.m.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer