



Committee of the Whole

Town of Truro

Thursday, March 20, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A Committee of the Whole meeting for the Town of Truro occurred on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Corporate Services T. Russell, Fire Chief B. Currie

Regrets: Police Chief D. MacNeil, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Communications A. Grant

Prior to the meeting, Mayor C. Hinton commemorated the fifth anniversary of the tragic events in our community and surrounding areas. A moment of silence was held.

Mayor C. Hinton called the meeting to order and began with a Land Acknowledgment

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Councillor I. McGrath announced that a typo was present in the minutes. By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor, the corrected minutes of February 27, 2025, were approved. Motion carried.

3. **Election 2024 – Ken Henderson**

Elections Officer Ken Henderson gave a presentation on the October 2024 Municipal Election. He reviewed voter turnout and made recommendations for future elections. Some of his recommendations included separating the CSAP election from the municipal responsibility, establishing a Campaign Finance Bylaw, moving to an "at-large" Council, and including candidate information on the town's website.

4. **Colchester-East Hants Public Library**

Jeff Mercer of the Colchester-East Hants Public Library spoke to Council about the operations, programming, and usage of the library. He also spoke about the increasing demand for library services and funding concerns, as support from the province has not increased despite rising costs.



5. **Colchester Historeum – Ryan McLellan & Doreen LeBlanc-Walker**

Ryan McLellan and Doreen LeBlanc-Walker presented to Council an update on the Colchester Historeum. They highlighted some of the features and events of the Historeum and archives, including lectures, group tours, and community challenges. They explained to Council that their annual grant request had increased 25% to accommodate increasing costs.

6. **Harbourside Transportation - Michael MacDonald & Florence Attaire**

Michael MacDonald and Florence Attaire of Harbourside Transportation presented an Active Transportation Implementation Plan to Council. The plan is based on the Active Transportation Plan created by Trace Planning in 2023. The implementation plan outlines a proposed network that encompasses regional and neighborhood routes.

Councillor I. McGrath asked if there were lower-cost solutions. M. MacDonald replied that they focused on building recommended facilities that people will use, and that engineering judgment and standards are considered. That said, costs are kept in mind.

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas asked if the age of the infrastructure had been considered when designing the network. Director of Public Works, A. McKinnon, explained that that would be the responsibility of his department, and that they would utilize Asset Management.

7. **Adjournment**

Mayor C. Hinton adjourned the meeting at 5:57pm.

Cathy Hinton
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer