



Committee of the Whole

Town of Truro

Thursday, July 17, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A Committee of the Whole meeting for the Town of Truro occurred on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Public Works A. McKinnon, Director of Corporate Services T. Russell, Fire Chief B. Currie, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms

Regrets: Councillors I. McGrath, J. Flemming

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

Approval of the Agenda

1. By motion of Councillor A. Graham and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

By motion of Councillors W. Talbot and D. Pryor, the minutes of May 22, 2025, were approved. Motion carried.

Pickleball Association – Don Johnston

Don Johnston, representing the Pickleball Association, addressed Council to highlight the many benefits of pickleball — the fastest growing sport in North America. He emphasized the sport's positive impact on health and social well-being, as well as the economic advantages for communities that provide pickleball facilities and host tournaments. The Association is currently seeking land suitable for the development of eight outdoor courts. Mr. Johnston noted that several potential locations within the town would be ideal and requested that Council consider donating land for this purpose.

Mayor C. Hinton asked what the status was with the Cougar Dome where the sport is currently played. D. Johnston explained that the Pickleball Association had approached them with the idea of a partnership but were rejected. He also mentioned that it was too humid in the summer, and the fees were high. It was noted that to secure funding the Pickleball Association must have land secured for a facility.

Councillor W. Talbot asked if they had approached the County and if so, where the County stood on the issue. D. Johnston replied that there was an offer of some property in Salmon River, but the location was not ideal. A request was also made of Bible Hill but there was currently no response.

4. **Colchester Regional EMO – David Westlake**

David Westlake of the Colchester Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) addressed Council to provide an overview of the organization's role during emergencies, such as floods, wildfires, severe weather events, and manmade disasters. He explained that Colchester REMO is composed of municipal staff and Mayors, and its primary function is to support emergency operations and coordinate communications.

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas asked who ensures that businesses in town storing dangerous goods were meeting safety standards. D. Westlake explained that it was up to the individual business. He noted that the province runs a Hazmat team.

Councillor W. Talbot asked if there was a Vulnerable Persons list available to ensure those requiring assistance in an emergency were addressed. D. Westlake explained that a registry is under development but should be available soon.

Adjournment

Mayor C. Hinton adjourned the meeting at 4:59 pm.

Cathy Hinton
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer