



## Committee of the Whole

Town of Truro

Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A Committee of the Whole meeting for the Town of Truro occurred on Thursday September 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor C. Hinton, Councillors A. Graham, D. Pryor, W. Talbot, I. McGrath

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

Regrets: Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, Councillor J. Flemming, Fire Chief B. Currie

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*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*

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### **Approval of the Agenda.**

1. By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor, the minutes of July 17, 2025, were approved. Motion carried.

### **Truro-Assante Community Solar Project – Dr. Ernest Asante**

Dr. Ernest Asante and Howard Lu, presented a proposal to the Council for a Community Solar Project on a property owned by Dr. Asante in Truro. The plan involves harnessing solar energy from the roof of the property, feeding it into the existing power grid, and distributing the energy to subscribers, potentially powering up to 250 homes. Howard Lu highlighted the environmental, economic, and community benefits of Community Solar Projects. It was also suggested that the Town of Truro could become a fourth partner in the initiative.

Councillor A. Graham inquired about how residents could sign up for the service. H. Lu responded that any resident with a Nova Scotia Power account would be eligible to subscribe. CAO M. Dolter emphasized that subscriptions should first be offered to low-income homeowners.



4. **Business Case for District Energy in Downtown Truro - Rochelle Owen**

Rochelle Owen provided Council with an overview of District Energy — a centralized underground system designed for heating and/or cooling buildings. She discussed the possibility of applying to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for funding to conduct a feasibility study in the Town of Truro and requested Council's support for the application.

Councillor I. McGrath inquired whether the project would involve digging up roads and, if so, how extensive the work would be. R. Owen confirmed that road excavation would be necessary. CAO M. Dolter added that the pipes would not need to be buried very deep. Councillor D. Pryor asked who would be responsible for repairing the roads afterward. R. Owen explained that those costs would be included in the overall project budget.

5. **Adjournment**

Mayor C. Hinton adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm.

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Cathy Hinton  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
Chief Administrative Officer