



Committee of the Whole

Town of Truro

Thursday, October 16, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A Committee of the Whole meeting for the Town of Truro occurred on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

In Attendance: Acting CAO J. Fox, Director of Corporate Services T. Russell, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms

Regrets: Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, Councillor W. Talbot

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. The agenda of the October 16, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 16, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting were approved as circulated.

TCPEP – David Phillips

David Phillips, CEO of the Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity (TCPEP), appeared before Truro Town Council to provide an update on the organization's accomplishments in 2025 and outline future plans.

D. Phillips highlighted several key achievements, including strong support for small businesses and local enterprises, the successful launch of the Truro Colchester Welcome Network, and efforts to attract new businesses to the region. Notably, TCPEP also played a role in recruiting five new doctors to the area—a significant contribution to addressing local healthcare needs.

Looking ahead, D. Phillips shared plans for the third and fourth quarters, signaling continued momentum and strategic growth. He also made a formal request for the Town of Truro to consider a deeper partnership with TCPEP, aiming to strengthen collaboration on economic development initiatives moving forward.



4. **Transit Study – Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Communication, Alison Grant**

Alison Grant, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Communications, presented an update to Council on the ongoing Regional Public Transit Feasibility Study. Her presentation included findings from recent public engagement efforts and outlined two proposed transit service concepts.

The first, a Frequency-Based network, would focus on quick and frequent service within urban areas, while the second, a Coverage-Based network, would prioritize accessibility across a broader, more rural area. A. Grant also reviewed cost considerations, feasibility assessments, and potential next steps for the project.

During the discussion, Councillor A. Graham asked about the process used to identify high-demand routes. Grant responded that further work is still needed, but that a final report will provide one optimal recommendation.

Councillor I. McGrath questioned the impact of potential non-participation by the County. A. Grant noted that the final report would address that scenario, though the model is currently intended as a joint partnership. I. McGrath also asked for clarification on the meaning of “financially feasible.” Grant explained that transit fares are expected to cover only 20–30% of operating costs, and that while public feedback showed limited support for tax increases, final decisions around funding will rest with Operations and Council.

5. **Adjournment**

Mayor C. Hinton adjourned the meeting at 4:52 pm.

Cathy Hinton
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer