



Committee of the Whole

Town of Truro

Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A Committee of the Whole meeting for the Town of Truro occurred on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

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

Regrets: Councillors W. Talbot and J. Flemming, Fire Chief B. Currie

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

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda of the May 21, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting was approved as circulated.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

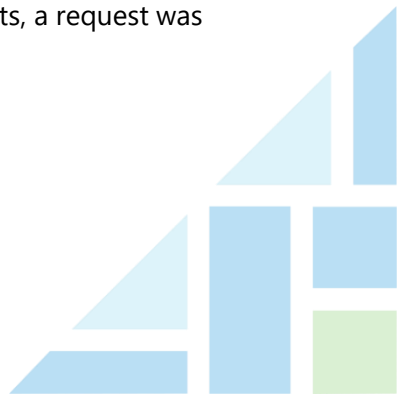
The minutes of the April 16, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting were approved as circulated.

3. **Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre – Tim Bernard**

Tim Bernard of the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre presented to Council on the progress of the future Centre.

The presentation highlighted the ongoing development of the project, which is focused on preserving and sharing Mi'kmaw culture, history, and connection to the land. The Centre will also support regional tourism and economic development. Groundbreaking is scheduled for July 2026, with the Centre expected to open in the Fall of 2028.

The total project cost is estimated at \$48.7 million, with \$38.6 million secured to date, leaving a funding gap of approximately \$10.1 million. As part of ongoing fundraising efforts, a request was made to the Town of Truro for a contribution of \$100,000 over five years.



Public Transit Report – Alison Grant

Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Communication A. Grant presented the Regional Transit Study completed in conjunction with the Municipality of Colchester, reviewing transit need, service options, and financial considerations.

The presentation shared key findings and outlined implications for the Town. Public engagement highlighted priorities including access to employment, healthcare, and groceries, along with affordability, reliability, and equity with key destinations identified as the hospital, postsecondary institutions, shopping areas, and employment hubs in Truro and Debert.

The proposed network is based on policy, demographic data, travel patterns, and public engagement, with a balanced approach to service frequency and coverage. The recommended model is a conventional transit system supported by CTCL on-demand service, including five core routes and potential rural expansion.

4. Adjournment

Mayor C. Hinton adjourned the meeting at 5:02 pm.

Cathy Hinton
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer