



Public Council Meeting
Town of Truro
Monday, May 4, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.
Town Hall – Council Chambers

AGENDA

1) Approval of Agenda
2) Approval of Minutes a) Public Council Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026
3) Petitions, Delegations, and Correspondence a) Letter From MLA Ritcey re: Provincial Funding for Colchester- East Hants Public Library b) Letter From Rotary Club of Truro
4) Old Business a) Request for Decision: 219 Queen Street b) Request for Decision: Appointment of Members to the Heritage Advisory Committee c) Request for Decision: Rock the Hub Noise Bylaw Exemption Request d) Request for Decision: 60 Golf Street Development Agreement Timing Extension
5) In-Camera Summary Report
6) Department Reports a) CAO Report b) Corporate Services Report c) Fire Service Report d) Planning and Development Report e) Police Service Report f) Public Works Report g) Parks, Recreation & Culture Report
7) Questions by Members
8) New Business a) Request for Decision: Community Recognition Policy b) Briefing Note: Farmers Market Tower Visual Condition c) Request for Decision: Repairs and Reinstatements of Burnyeat Street d) Request for Decision: 2025-26 Capital Budget Carry Over
9) Adjournment

Mayor C. Hinton will begin the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement

Briefing Note

To: Truro Town Council
From: Oliver Browning, FEC, P.Eng., Director of Engineering & Public Works
Date: April 27, 2026
Re: Farmers Market Tower Visual Condition

Introduction

On April 10, 2026, the Town's Facilities Manager visited the site of the Farmers Market to conduct a visual review of the condition of the exterior brickwork of the existing tower structure of the Farmers Market. Access was gained to the roof of the building for this review. A subsequent review of the tower was conducted by the Town's Facilities Manager from within the tower structure on the ground floor on April 24, 2026.

Observations

It was observed that there is missing brick in areas of the exterior of the tower structure above roof level. The structural system of the tower structure is that of multi-wythe brick (i.e. the brick is the tower's structural system). There was also vertical cracking observed on the exterior face of the tower. It was also observed that parts of the exterior brick of the tower structure had been parged previously suggesting that this issue has existed for years prior.

The building's janitor's room is located on the ground floor of the tower structure within the building. Water infiltration was also observed within this room on the ground floor, originating from the ceiling above. This space is located directly beneath the tower structure suggesting that the source of the leak is likely associated with the tower structure and/or the adjacent roof assembly.

Initial Assessment

The extent of missing brick observed is concerning and can pose a hazard to the public below and the adjacent roof should loose brick become dislodged. Repairing the brickwork could prove to be costly as it is likely that the extent of disrepair may span further than what has been observed to date. Conversely, removal of the tower structure down to roof level would likely have to be completed manually.

Next Steps

A request will be made to Truro Police to fly their drone over the Farmers Market to obtain more detailed video inspection of the tower structure as well as the roof to further confirm physical condition and formulate recommendations to remediate the situation. This additional information can also be used to determine opinion of costs for such remediation to bring forward to Council during a future Council Meeting.