



Truro Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 4th, 2017 at 1:00 pm
Council Chambers – Town Hall

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A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, December 4th, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Truro Town Hall.

Present: Mayor W.R. (Bill) Mills, Councillors D. Joseph, B. Kinsman, T. Chisholm, and W. Talbot

Regrets: Deputy Mayor C. Fritz and Councillor C. Hinton

In Attendance: Director of Corporate Services A. Currie, Director of Planning J. Fox, Fire Chief B. Currie, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Deputy Police Chief J. Flemming, Deputy Town Solicitor C. Thompson and CAO M. Dolter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and B. Kinsman, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and T. Chisholm, the Public Hearing Minutes and Public Council minutes of November 6th, 2017 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Strategic Review Update

The CAO advised that there were no major updates on the Strategic Review. He noted that a meeting would be set in January with Council and Senior Staff to update the Strategic Review for the 2018/19 fiscal year.

IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT

The CAO advised Council that there were three issues discussed by Council at the last In-Camera meeting and there are no issues to be discussed by Council at the incamera meeting today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAO Report

The CAO report for the month of November was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the CAO Report for the month of November, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Corporate Services Report

The Corporate Services report for the month of November was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and W. Talbot, it was moved that the Corporate Services report for the month of November, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Fire Report

The Fire Report for the month of November was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and B. Kinsman, it was moved that the Fire Report for the month of November, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development report for the month of November was presented to Council.

Councillor T. Chisholm asked when the Development Agreement Application for 140 Dominion Street would be sent to the Town Planning Advisory Committee for review.

The Director of Planning advised that the development was currently on hold at the request of the developer, and the department is waiting on word from the developer before moving forward.

Councillor W. Talbot asked who is responsible for establishing the new committee to work with landlords.

The CAO advised that the committee would be established through Council and that the landlords who were present at the recent meeting would be contacted to see who would be interested in sitting on the committee with Council.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and W. Talbot, it was moved that the Planning and Development report for the month of November, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Police Report

The Police Report for the month of November was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and T. Chisholm, it was moved that the Police Report for the month of November, 2017 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

The Public Works report for the month of November was presented to Council.

Councillor D. Joseph asked if CN staff have been accommodating with respect to Munroe Court and the issues discussed at a previous meeting regarding the CN yard and truck traffic.

The Director of Public Works stated that CN is usually accommodating about meeting with the Town, but he has not made arrangements yet for a meeting regarding the Munroe Court issues.

Councillor T. Chisholm asked if the Public Works Department would be conducting a cost estimate for bringing the lane between Willow Street and Kaulback Street up to municipal standards.

The CAO advised that staff had not planned on recommending that the lane be brought up to municipal standards and had planned on maintaining the lane only.

The Director of Public Works stated that if Council wished for a cost estimate, he could prepare that for them.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and W. Talbot, it was moved that the Public Works Report for the month of November, 2017 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Report

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of November was presented to Council.

Councillor W. Talbot noted that over the summer, the department had arranged from some structured programming at a few of the Town parks and asked if that would be planned again for next summer. He also asked if the department would be seeking any public input on the activities planned.

The Recreation Director stated that staff would be arranging for structured programming again next year in some of the Town parks and if any citizens had input, they are welcome to call the department anytime.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and B. Kinsman, it was moved that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of November, 2017 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor D. Joseph asked if the sidewalks are rated separately from the streets with respect to maintenance, repair and replacement.

The Director of Public Works stated that sidewalks are rated separately from the streets. He noted that the department has a small grinding machine for dealing with sidewalk trip hazards and if any residents notice an issue, they are encouraged to advise the department.

Councillor B. Kinsman noted that he is the Town representative on the Colchester East Hants Library Board and stated that at a recent meeting, the Board was advised that there were 2700 new members of the library, and 2400 renewed their membership, in addition to all the current members. It was noted that circulation of books and materials is up 30% and overall traffic is up 24% with the new library. Councillor B. Kinsman also noted that the architects for the new library recently received a design award for architecture from the Lieutenant Governor's office.

The Mayor advised that staff is preparing a press release regarding the recent architecture award for the new library.

NEW BUSINESS**a) Workplace Health and Wellness Policy**

The CAO advised that the Association of Municipal Administrators has a strong focus on Workplace Health and Wellness and has developed a policy that encourages municipal units to support their workforce in creating and sustaining a healthy future. The policy does require an allocation of Town funds to support the policy initiatives, which currently exists within the Town's operational budget. The adoption of this policy will formalize health and wellness initiatives that the Town currently supports.

On motion of Councillors T. Chisholm and D. Joseph, the new Workplace Health and Wellness Policy was approved as presented. Motion carried.

b) Operating Agreement – Rath Eastlink Community Centre

The CAO advised that the original operating agreement between the County of Colchester, the Town of Truro and the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society (the Operating Organization), was signed on March 26th, 2013. Since the original agreement was signed, the operation of the RECC has evolved, the Board matured in its role, along with the Town and County gaining a better appreciation for the requirements of the Centre and the value it brings to the community. He stated that the previous operating agreement, while providing a good governance structure for the operation of the Centre, fell short in delineating responsibility for operation and maintenance and capital items between the Operating Organization and the municipal units. This new agreement clearly outlines responsibility for these expenditures and allows for a better management approach with the Operating Organization and the municipal units working together for the overall operation of the facility. The agreement has been reviewed through several iterations by the RECC Board of Directors and was approved during the November 2nd, 2017 Board meeting to be forwarded to the Town and County Councils for their approval.

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and W. Talbot, the amended and restated Operating Agreement between the Municipality of the County of Colchester, the Town of Truro and the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society was approved as presented, subject to the County Council providing the same approval. Motion carried.

c) Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor advised that with two Council members absent at today’s meeting, the appointment of Deputy Mayor would be moved to the agenda for the January 2018 Council meeting.

ACCOUNTS

It was moved by Councillors T. Chisholm and W. Talbot, that Council approve for payment the accounts as presented be approved for the month of November, 2017. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and D. Joseph, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m. Motion carried.

W.R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M.W. Dolter
CAO