



**Truro Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 pm**  
**Council Chambers – Town Hall**

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A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Truro Town Hall.

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

**In Attendance:** Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, Director of Planning J. Fox, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture J. Dawe, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Fire Chief B. Currie, Deputy Town Solicitor C. Thompson and CAO M. Dolter

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and W. Talbot, the Public Council minutes of January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**a) Presentation – Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation**

David McCulloch, Affordable Housing Specialist with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation gave a presentation to Council on how the organization is supporting affordable housing through Canada's first ever National Housing Strategy and how that strategy can help the Town of Truro.

**b) Presentation – Marigold Cultural Centre Annual Report**

Farida Gabbani, Executive Director of the Marigold Cultural Centre, and Vern Hearn, Chair of the Board, gave a presentation to Council thanking the Town for its support and advising of how the funds provided were used. They also gave a preview on the plans for the 2019/20 year.

The Mayor thanked them for their presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**a) Strategic Review Update**

The CAO advised that as part of the overall review of the strategic priorities, Council met on January 14<sup>th</sup> and reviewed some of the priorities that were created in 2017. He stated that from February 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, Council will be meeting again to review the priorities to determine what has been completed, what is still outstanding and what new priorities will be set moving forward.

**IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

The CAO advised Council that there were three issues discussed at the incamera meeting for the month of January 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 January was presented to Council.

On motion of Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm and Councillor W. Talbot, it was moved that the CAO Report for the month of January, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Corporate Services Report**

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

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and C. Fritz, it was moved that the Corporate Services report for the month of January, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Fire Report**

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

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and D. Joseph, it was moved that the Fire Report for the month of January, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Planning and Development Report**

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

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and C. Hinton, it was moved that the Planning and Development report for the month of January, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Police Report**

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

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and C. Fritz, it was moved that the Police Report for the month of January, 2019 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Public Works Report**

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

Councillor B. Kinsman noted that the walkway on Upham Drive to allow students to get to the elementary and junior high has been in the works for a few years, and he asked if the project would be completed this year.

The Director of Public Works advised that it was not until last summer that the Town obtained permission from the landowners to continue construction near their landscaped area. Once permission was granted, the trees were cleared in the fall. The path will require graveling work and he advised Council that this work would be carried out this summer.

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and W. Talbot, it was moved that the Public Works Report for the month of January, 2019 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Parks, Recreation and Culture Report**

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

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and W. Talbot, it was moved that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of January, 2019 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor C. Hinton suggested that a system be established, perhaps with a Committee member reporting during a Council meeting, so that Town committees know what the other Town committees are working on.

Councillor B. Kinsman noted that at the previous Council meeting, a discussion took place regarding recent narrowing of Young Street and some issues with motorists going up over the curb. He asked if the Director of Public Works had reviewed the area and determined whether additional signage is required.

The Director of Public Works advised that hazard markets will be installed soon and that in the spring, the areas will be landscaped with fairly large trees.

Councillor W. Talbot asked what the process would be to introduce a discussion regarding whether new bylaws are required, specifically regarding the affordable housing plans and inclusive zoning.

The CAO advised that a bylaw would not be required, and those issues would be addressed through the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Councillor W. Talbot asked that Planning staff conduct research into what other municipalities have in place regarding affordable housing and inclusive zoning.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a) African Heritage Month Proclamation**

The Mayor thanked everyone who attended the African Heritage Month launch and reception prior to the Council meeting and he read the proclamation declaring February as African Heritage Month in Truro.

##### **b) Douglas Street Rentals Write Offs**

The CAO advised that staff reviewed miscellaneous accounts receivable for the Town and have deemed the attached list of accounts for the rental of rooms at the Douglas Street Rec Centre as uncollectable. Staff is recommending that Council write off these amounts, for a total of \$5,158.75. The balances are prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and staff have since readjusted the invoicing system to ensure better payment.

On motion of Councillor D. Joseph and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, the presented list of outstanding amounts for rentals at the Douglas Street Rec Centre in the amount totalling \$5,158.75 be written off. Motion carried.

##### **c) Letter from Minister of Health & Wellness**

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the Minister of Health & Wellness regarding the implementation of a S.A.N.E program for the Truro hospital. This letter was in response to a letter the Mayor had sent to the Minister.

**d) Committee Dissolution – Branding Committee**

The CAO advised that following the annual review of Town Committees, staff in discussion with current committee members, have deemed the Branding Committee as no longer required. The Committee was originally established to oversee the launch of the Town of Truro’s rebrand and to oversee the development of a Brand Development Marketing and Action Plan, which was accepted by Council in September 2017. The Committee has not met since early 2018 and it was agreed by committee members at that time that the committee had fulfilled its mandate. Staff is recommending the dissolution of this Committee.

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and D. Joseph, it was agreed that the Brand Leadership Committee be dissolved. Motion carried.

**e) Herb Peppard Park and Community Garden Reserve**

The CAO advised that a request has been made for the Town to create a trust for the Herb Peppard Park and future community garden in Ward 3. This would allow individuals or groups to make donations towards the maintenance of the Herb Peppard Park and the creation and maintenance of a community garden, and allow the Town to issue tax receipts to donors.

A discussion took place regarding the name of the reserve and whether East End or East End Association should be included. Some members of Council would also like the rules or terms of reference for the reserve to be clearly defined.

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and C. Hinton, it was agreed that the Herb Peppard Park and East End Community Garden Reserve would be established. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS**

It was moved by Councillors W. Talbot and C. Hinton, that Council approve for payment the accounts as presented for the month of January, 2019. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and D. Joseph, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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W.R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
CAO