



Town of Truro

Public Council Meeting

Monday, June 1st, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council took place virtually on Monday, June 1st, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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

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

Regrets: Councillor C. Fritz

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councillor B. Kinsman and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, the Agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Draft Public Council Minutes of May 4th, 2020

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and B. Kinsman, the Minutes for the Public Council Meeting on May 4th, 2020 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

b) Draft Public Hearing Minutes of May 4th, 2020

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and B. Kinsman, the Minutes for the Public Hearing on May 4th, 2020 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

a) Public Hearing Date – 225 William Barnhill Drive

On motion of Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm and Councillor D. Joseph, a Public Hearing date of July 6th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. was established in relation to a development agreement for 225 William Barnhill Drive. Motion carried.

b) Public Hearing Date – 140 Dominion Street

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and C. Hinton, a Public Hearing date of July 6th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. was established in relation to a development agreement for 140 Dominion Street. Motion carried.

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** – N/A
5. **OLD BUSINESS** – N/A
6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported that there were no items discussed in-camera at May's Council Meeting and there is one (1) item to be discussed with Council following today's Public Meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CAO Report

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

Corporate Services Report

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

Fire Report

The Fire report for the month of May was presented to Council.

Planning and Development Report

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

Police Report

The Police report for the month of May was presented to Council.

Public Works Report

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

Parks, Recreation and Culture Report

The Parks, Recreation and Culture report for the month of May was presented to Council.

Due to the pandemic, seasonal staff with Parks, Recreation and Culture were not recalled. The Town's cash flow will be reassessed in early July, after property taxes become due, to determine if seasonal staff can be recalled.

As of today, Victoria Park and the Skate Park will be patrolled by a police officer and will assist in dealing with some issues in these locations.

An assessment of the leak of the pool at Victoria Park is to take place this week with a repair schedule to then be developed.

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and D. Joseph, it was moved that all reports for the month of May 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

There was lots of discussion about a rat infestation at a local residence. The subject property has been abandoned for approximately ten (10) years. It was suggested the dangerous and unsightly premise bylaw be reviewed and strengthened to provide the Town with the ability to take immediate action in these situations.

9. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** – N/A

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **RFD – Approval of COVID-19 Tax Installment Payment Program Policy**

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and D. Joseph, it was moved that the COVID-19 tax installment program be implemented immediately. Motion carried.

b) **RFD – Approval of Plaza Style Dining at Civic Square**

On motion of Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm and Councillor D. Joseph, it was moved that Council supported the plaza style dining concept at Civic Square, including the private rental of a beer garden type area, subject to a final detailed plan regarding operations and logistics. Motion carried.

c) **RFD – Louise Street Temporary Reconfiguration**

On motion of Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm and Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that Council supported the temporary closure of the south end of Louise Street for social distance seating of the Nook and Cranny. Motion carried.

11. **MUNICIPAL GRANT REQUESTS** – N/A

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton and Deputy Mayor T. Chisholm, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of May 2020. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:25 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
CAO