



# **Town of Truro**

*Special Public Town Council Meeting  
Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – 11:30 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

A Special Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place virtually on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

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

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

Regrets: Councillor C. Fritz

## **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and D. Joseph, the agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried.

## **2. REQUEST FOR DECISION – URBAN DEER MANAGEMENT & PLEBISCITE**

Discussion took place regarding the placement of a plebiscite on the upcoming fall municipal election ballots to evaluate residents' support of a managed deer hunt in the Town to help control the urban deer population.

It was noted that should the managed hunt proceed, it would not be an open hunt. Hunters would be selected and only hunt in selected areas and all meat would go to Feed Nova Scotia.

Council asked for clarification on whether Council was bound by the results of plebiscite. CAO M. Dolter advised this would be a non-binding plebiscite. The results will be an important piece of information for Council in making a final decision.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Kinsman, it was moved that a plebiscite regarding a managed deer hunt in the Town be placed on the Fall 2020 municipal election ballots. Motion carried.

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and D. Joseph, it was moved that the following question be placed on the Fall 2020 municipal election ballots: Do you support a managed urban deer bow/crossbow hunt in the Town of Truro to control and reduce the urban deer population? Motion carried.

3. **REQUEST FOR DECISION – EXTENSION OF LOUISE STREET CLOSURE**

In June 2020, the Town of Truro entered into an Agreement with the Nook and Cranny, to allow for a patio to be installed and operated on a portion of Louise Street. The current Agreement runs until October 1, 2020. The Nook and Cranny has since requested an extension to this Agreement, to run until October 30, 2020.

Much discussion took place in which Council expressed their concerns as ongoing issues have persisted and stated they have been receiving numerous complaints. Police Chief D. MacNeil indicated that Police are not receiving calls in relation to the complaints described by Council.

On motion of Councillor B. Kinsman and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, Truro Town Council voted 3 to 1 against granting an extension to the Agreement with the Nook and Cranny. Motion carried.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

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W. R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
Chief Administrative Officer

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