



# **Town of Truro**

*Public Council Meeting*

*Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.*

*Council Chambers & Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Regrets: Director of Planning J. Fox

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and C. Fritz, the Agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Draft Public Council Minutes of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

On motion of Councillor B. Kinsman and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. **MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS** – N/A

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** – N/A

5. **OLD BUSINESS** – N/A

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported that three (3) items of a legal nature were discussed during an in-camera meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and there are no items to be discussed with Council following today's Public Meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CAO Report**

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

**Corporate Services Report**

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

**Fire Report**

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

**Planning and Development Report**

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

### **Police Report**

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

### **Public Works Report**

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

Deputy Mayor W. Talbot expressed the need to improve the method and process of street paving by better aligning the milling and paving components, so the streets are not left torn up for extended periods of time. Further, Councillor D. Joseph asked if there have been many complaints of damage due to the raised manholes. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon advised there has been a few complaints of tire damage from the raised manholes. Crews try as best they can to mark them with paint and signage. Going forward, extra criteria will be added to the milling and paving tenders in hopes of making improvements.

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

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

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and C. Hinton, it was moved that all reports for the month of September 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

## **8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor B. Kinsman inquired about the enforcement of the bylaw relating to curbside placement of garbage bins. CAO M. Dolter advised that the Bylaw Officer is actively enforcing but will follow up with him regarding the streets suggested by Councillor B. Kinsman.

Councillor C. Fritz asked when streets will be re-assessed for paving for the next fiscal. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon advised that streets are rated block by block as opposed to the entire street and come budget time, the assessments will be reviewed. Council will then decide what streets are to be paved next fiscal.

Councillor D. Joseph inquired as to when the railroad crossing at Prince & Cottage would be fixed. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon acknowledged the poor state of this particular crossing, in which we keep asking CN when this crossing will be addressed. CN has indicated they will be patching it at some point but do not yet know when it will be re-built.

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

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Mi'kmaq History Month**

Mayor B. Mills acknowledged October as Mi'kmaq History Month and spoke of the significance of the 2020 poster.

### **b) Retirement of Councillor B. Kinsman**

The retirement of Councillor B. Kinsman was acknowledged in which Mayor B. Mills presented a picture of Victoria Park as a token of the Town's appreciation for his 26-year contribution serving as a Councillor in Ward 2.

c) **Request for Decision – Renewal of Terms for RECC Board Members**

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and B. Kinsman, it was moved that Council renew the terms of Ellen Marshall and Amy Atkinson permitting them to serve a second consecutive term on the RECC Board, subject to the Board's recommendation on the length of the term as terms are to be staggered. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision – Liner Replacement for Victoria Park Pool**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that the Town issue a detailed RFP for the Victoria Park Pool liner replacement with the work to be completed in the Spring of 2021 in which the 2021-2022 capital budget will include the project cost. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision – Additional Fencing at Herb Peppard Park**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor D. Joseph, it was moved that the Town approves the removal of the existing wooden fence at Herb Peppard Park and replace it with the same commercial grade ornamental fencing that was approved on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion carried.

f) **Request for Decision – Municipal Grant Policy Amendment**

On motion of Councillors D. Joseph and C. Hinton, it was moved that the Town approve an amendment to the Municipal Grant Policy to change the application deadline from December 31<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

g) **Request for Decision – Transfer of Funds to Capital Reserve**

On motion of Councillor B. Kinsman and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that the Town approve an unbudgeted transfer to the capital reserve in the amount of \$578,807 for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Motion carried.

h) **Appeal of Decision for Tax Driver License and Owner License**

On motion of Councillors B. Kinsman and D. Joseph and by way of a 5-1 vote, it was moved that Council upholds the decision of the Taxi Authority to refuse the renewal of the taxi driver's licenses and taxi owner's licenses of Dawn and Glen Rossiter. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors C. Fritz and D. Joseph, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of September 2020. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Kinsman, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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W. R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
CAO