



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, February 7th, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place virtually on Monday, February 7th, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Present: Mayor W.R. (Bill) Mills, Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, Councillors A. Graham, J. Flemming, B. Thomas, C. Hinton, and J. Barnard

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

Mayor B. Mills called the meeting to order and began with a Land Acknowledgement recognizing that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw People.

Mayor B. Mills acknowledged the recent passing of Wayne McCormick who served on the Bible Hill Village Commission for 20 years, 11 of those years as Village Chairman. Mayor B. Mills expressed condolences to the family and the Village of Bible Hill.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and A. Graham, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor A. Graham, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on January 10th, 2022, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Presentation – No. 2 Construction Battalion**

Russell Grosse, Executive Director of the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, along with LCol Barry Pitcher of the Canadian Armed Forces gave a presentation to Council in relation to the No. 2 Construction Battalion. Support of Council was being requested for a proposed event to take place on the TAAC Grounds in Truro on July 9th, 2022. This event will coincide with a national apology to the No. 2 Construction Battalion.

Council unanimously expressed their support for this initiative.

- b) **Presentation – Nevin Jackson on behalf of the African Nova Scotian Strategy Committee**
Nevin Jackson addressed Council on behalf of the African Nova Scotian Strategy Committee and provided an update of the committee's work. An in-person meeting to follow upon lifting of Public Health restrictions.
- c) **Petition to Designate Muir Street as a One-Way Street**
CAO M. Dolter noted that residents of Muir, Arlington, and Faulkner Streets submitted a petition to consider designating Muir Street as one-way traffic flow. CAO M. Dolter indicated that the Town's Engineering Office will investigate the situation further to determine what makes sense for the neighborhood. The decision ultimately resides with the Town's Traffic Authority, that being the Director of Public Works and Engineering, A. MacKinnon.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Request for Decision: Appointment of New Member to Police Board**
On motion of Councillors A. Graham and J. Flemming, it was moved that Council appoint Amber Ball-Ritcey to serve on the Truro Police Board. Motion carried.
- b) **Request for Decision: Appointment of New Member to Planning Advisory Committee**
On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and J. Flemming, and by way of a vote of 4 to 3 in favor of the motion, Sylvia Estey was appointed to serve on the Truro Planning Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an in-camera session of Council took place on January 10th, 2022, in which one (1) item of a legal nature was discussed. An in-camera session of Council also took place on January 27th, 2022, in which two (2) items of a legal nature were discussed. There are no items to discuss following today's Public Meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) **CAO Report**
The CAO report for the month of January was presented to Council.
- b) **Corporate Services Report**
The Corporate Services report for the month of January was presented to Council.
- c) **Fire Service Report**
The Fire Service report for the month of January was presented to Council.
- d) **Planning and Development Report**
The Planning and Development report for the month of January was presented to Council.

A Council member inquired about the status of the old hospital as residents had concerns with the conditions of the property. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon reached out to the contractor and the province for an update in which it was noted that the province is in the process of awarding the next stages of the work to be completed. It is anticipated that contractors will start to remobilize to the site in the next week or so.

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

Councillor A. Graham inquired as to whether street parking on Prince Street can be converted to one-sided parking during the winter. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon advised this could be examined and would have to be done so in consultation with the Downtown Truro Partnership.

g) **Parks, Recreation & Culture Report**

The Parks, Recreation & Culture report for the month of January was presented to Council.

Councillor A. Graham inquired as to how the Town will be acknowledging upcoming International Women's Day. Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms advised she would check with staff members from the Diversity Committee as she believed the committee was planning something.

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that all reports for the month of January 2022 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Several questions were asked by members of Council and answered accordingly by the appropriate staff, as well, various announcements were made by members of Council, all resulting in no action items.

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **African Heritage Month**

Mayor B. Mills presented a proclamation declaring the month of February as African Heritage Month in the Town of Truro. The poster for this year's African Heritage Month was also presented, 'Through Our Eyes: The Voices of African Nova Scotians.' Lift Every Voice and Sing is often referred to as the "Black National Anthem." A link to CEC's rendition of this hymn has been posted to the Town's Facebook page as we were unable to play it during the meeting due to technical difficulties.

b) **Request for Decision: 13 Walker Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and A. Graham, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for March 7th, 2022, to consider entering into a development agreement with 34-38 Curtis Drive Inc to permit construction of two 4-unit, single storey buildings, each with two (2) bedrooms and an attached single car garage. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Refinancing of Two MFC Debenture Balloon Payments**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and J. Barnard, it was moved that Council approve the refinancing of MFC debenture 32-A-1 balloon payment totaling \$1,750,000 for a term not to exceed 10 years at an interest rate not to exceed 5.5%. Motion carried.

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve the refinancing of MFC debenture 32-B-1 balloon payment totaling \$1,100,000 for a term not to exceed 10 years at an interest rate not to exceed 5.5%. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Honeywell Energy Project, Temporary Borrowing Resolution**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor J. Flemming, it was moved that Council approve MFC borrowing in relation to the Honeywell energy project, not to exceed an amount of \$1,800,000 for a term not to exceed 20 years at an interest rate not to exceed 5.5%. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: Parkland Trail Maintenance, 118 Lyman Street**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, it was moved that Council assume future care and maintenance costs associated with the proposed parkland trail to be built as part of the approved 60-unit development at 118 Lyman Street, subject to the awarding of affordable housing funds through CMHC. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of January 2022. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:55 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
CAO