

Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, May 2nd, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, May 2nd, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall in Council Chambers.

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

In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Sr. Engineer C. Roberts, 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

Regrets: Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon

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.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and J. Barnard, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on April 4th, 2022, and the minutes for the Public Hearing on April 4th, 2022, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Public Hearing – 59 Alice Street, Development Agreement**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, and by way of a vote of 5 to 2 in favor of the motion, it was moved that Council enter into a Development Agreement with Bouzid M barek permitting the development of a 3-storey residential building containing up to six (6) dwelling units on lands including 59 Alice Street, PID No. 20484879. Motion carried.

b) **Public Hearing – 802 Prince Street, Development Agreement**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor B. Thomas, it was moved unanimously that Council enter into a Development Agreement with Denise Burgess and Thomas Thomson permitting the development of eight (8) residential dwelling units within the existing structure on lands at 802 Prince Street, PID No. 20179040. Motion carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Second Reading: Bylaw Amendment Request – Taxi Bylaw (No. B130-007)**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Flemming, it was moved that Council approve and adopt the Bylaw to Amend the Taxi Bylaw reflecting an increase in the maximum fares permitted, as set out in Schedule A attached to the Request for Decision. Motion carried.

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an in-camera session of Council took place on April 28th, 2022, in which two (2) items of a land/legal nature were discussed. Following today's meeting, an in-camera session of Council will take place where two (2) items of a legal nature will be discussed.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

In relation to a recent water main break which occurred on a Sunday, Councillor A. Graham asked about the manner of communicating with residents in this type of situation as there were numerous seniors impacted. CAO M. Dolter indicated that as crews began the work, other issues came about which prolonged the disruption in water service. He further indicated that he would discuss options of communication with the Public Works Department.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning and Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

CAO M. Dolter noted that as the work on the Active Transportation Plan progresses through the committee, Council will be provided with regular updates.

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

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

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

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor J. Barnard, inquired as to the status of the Urban Forestry Committee and the annual tree planting program as an update wasn't provided within the Public Works departmental report. CAO M. Dolter advised that there is no update to provide at this time as the Urban Forest Coordinator has been off work. It was further noted that staff are working on how to proceed with the summer tree planting program in the absence of the coordinator.

There were also a few announcements made by Council members, resulting in no action items.

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Art Acquisition Award Presentation**

Mayor B. Mills presented Keith Cheyne and Sheila Newell with their prizes after being declared the winners of the recent Art Acquisition Show.

b) **Proclamation: Lyme Disease Awareness Month**

Mayor B. Mills proclaimed May 2022 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Town of Truro.

c) **Proclamation: VON Week**

Mayor B. Mills further recited a Proclamation declaring the week of May 22nd, 2022, to May 28th, 2022, as Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Week in the Town of Truro.

d) **Request for Decision: Appointment of Citizen Rep to Active Transportation Committee**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and J. Barnard, it was moved that Council approve the appointment of Shali Manuel to the Active Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: 245 Robie Street, Additional Amendment to Development Agreement**

On motion of Councillor B. Thomas and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved the Council amend the existing Development Agreement in relation to lands at 245 Robie Street, PID No. 20148045, to revise the associated site plan to show the proposed right-turning only driveway. Motion carried.

f) **Request for Decision: 52 Dominion Street, Heritage Designation**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and C. Hinton, it was moved that Council approve the municipal heritage designation of 52 Dominion Street in accordance with the Heritage Property Act. Motion carried.

g) **Request for Decision: Regional Accessibility Plan**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve and adopt the Regional Accessibility Action Plan entitled "Truro-Colchester + You. Moving Accessibility Forward." and request that the Regional Accessibility Committee begin working on a strategy for implementing the recommendations of the plan. Motion carried.

Council will be provided with regular updates as the Regional Accessibility Committee develops a strategy for implementation.

h) **Request for Decision: 74 Lorne Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and C. Hinton, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for June 6th, 2022, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with 3321747 Nova Scotia Limited to permit construction of a multi-unit residential development consisting of one 6-storey building containing 64 dwelling units and 185 m² (1,997 ft²) of commercial space. Motion carried.

i) **Request for Decision: Re-establish Taxi Advisory Committee**

On motion of Councillor J. Barnard and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that Council establish a new Committee to be known as the 'Taxi Advisory Committee' and appoint one (1) representative from each of the taxi companies, the Taxi Authority, and one (1) member of Council to serve on the Committee. Motion carried.

j) **Request for Decision: Order of New Fire Pumper Truck**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve the issuing of a purchase order for one (1) 2023 Pierce Saber FR Custom Pumper Fire Apparatus to be purchased through Canoe Procurement. Motion carried.

k) **Request for Decision: Appointment of Level 2 Building Official/Inspector**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and C. Hinton, it was moved that Council appoint Avery Withrow as a Level 2 Building Official/Inspector of all buildings covered under the Nova Scotia Building Code Act and Regulations. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and J. Barnard, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of April 2022. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer