



Public Council Meeting
Town of Truro
Monday, July 4th, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
Town Hall – Council Chambers/Virtual

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, July 4th, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall, with Councillor J. Barnard joining virtually via Zoom.

Present: Mayor W.R. (Bill) Mills, Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, Councillors B. Thomas, J. Flemming, C. Hinton, 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, Town Solicitor K. Mittelstadt

Regrets: Councillor A. Graham

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 Councillors J. Flemming and C. Hinton, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Thomas, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on June 8th, 2022, and the minutes for the Public Hearing on June 8th, 2022, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **African Nova Scotian Community Strategy Committee Update**

Deputy Mayor W. Talbot provided a brief update on the progress of the African Nova Scotian Community Strategy Committee. The committee's focus has primarily been on its communication strategy as well as liaising with the Community Enhancement Association (CEA). In the fall, the committee will begin to provide regular updates to Council.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Update on Muir Street Traffic Configuration – A. MacKinnon**

Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon provided Council with an update in relation to the traffic configuration on Muir and Faulkner Streets.

The overall recommendation of our traffic consultant, Harbourside Engineering, is that the Faulkner Street one-way direction be reversed to South bound direction and re-establish Muir Street to two-way traffic. This may result in higher traffic volumes on Faulkner Street but much less chance of any confusion or inconveniences for traffic on Muir Street.

Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, who also serves as the Town's Traffic Authority, concurs with Harbourside Engineering in which the changes are to come into effect on Wednesday, July 7th, 2022. Appropriate signage will be in place notifying motorists of the change in traffic configuration.

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that the following in-camera sessions of Council took place in June; June 8th, 2022, six (6) issues were discussed; June 10th, 2022, one (1) item was discussed; and on June 23rd, 2022, seven (7) items were discussed. All items comprised of a land, legal, or labour nature. Following today's meeting, Council will meet in-camera to discuss two (2) items also of a land and/or legal nature.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning and Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

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

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

Councillor C. Hinton inquired as to whether additional 'share the trails' signage could be placed in Victoria Park and in the Railyard. Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms indicated that the department could look at placing additional signage.

Councillor C. Hinton raised the matter of the removal of the equipment at the Jamie Shephard Playground at the TAAC Grounds. Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, along with CAO M. Dolter, indicated that the playground did not pass a recent inspection and therefore the equipment had to be removed immediately due to safety concerns, hence the short notice. The department will communicate the information to the family of Jamie Shephard, as it looks at replacement options for the short and long term.

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

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor C. Hinton inquired as to whether a legacy fund could be set up for anyone wishing to contribute funds to the Town. CAO M. Dolter indicated that the Corporate Services Department would review but did not foresee any issues with doing so.

There was a brief discussion in relation to the webcam that was installed at Civic Square in which a few Council members expressed privacy concerns. CAO M. Dolter and Town Solicitor K. Mittelstadt explained that there should be no reasonable expectation of privacy given that Civic Square is a public space.

There were a few other questions posed by members of Council that were addressed by the appropriate staff, as well as a few announcements made, all resulting in no action items.

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 363 Brunswick Street, Set Public Hearing**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and C. Hinton, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for September 12th, 2022, to consider entering into a Development Agreement to permit the construction of a multi-unit residential building containing three (3) dwelling units at 363 Brunswick Street (PID No. 20191078). Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Community Contribution Commitment to TAAC Revitalization Project**

On motion Councillor B. Thomas and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that the Chief Administrative Officer sign a commitment letter and federal agreement for the ICIP application to guarantee the municipal portion of the project funding in the amount of \$2,819,061, subject to receipt of documentation supporting the funding shortfall. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Flemming, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of June 2022. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer

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