



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

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

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, November 7th, 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, B. Thomas, J. Flemming, C. Hinton, J. Barnard

In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, Manager of Economic Development A. Grant, 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: Director of Planning J. Fox

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Barnard, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on September 13th, 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 – Natasha Gray**

Natasha Gray, Co-Chair of the African Nova Scotian Community Strategy Committee, provided an update to Council noting the Committee's accomplishments, challenges, and priorities. Council will be provided with further updates as the work progresses.

b) **Managed Deer Hunt: Millbrook Site – Gerald Gloade**

Gerald Gloade was unable to attend the meeting, however CAO M. Dolter informed Council that Chief Gloade has confirmed Millbrook's support of the managed hunt along with approval to utilize a site on Millbrook lands to conduct the hunt, that being on William Barnhill Drive. This site will be exclusively operated by Millbrook, and they will provide resource support to other sites if needed. Millbrook will be using this as a learning opportunity for its youth and community members by hosting workshops to help preserve the knowledge related to the ethical harvesting and processing of deer. Millbrook has also provided the Town with access to a facility for meat processing purposes.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Polling District Review, Submission to NSUARB**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and J. Flemming, it was moved that the Town of Truro approves the submission of Form C and required supporting documents as outlined and drafted, to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB). Motion carried.

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an in-camera session of Council took place on September 15th, 2022, September 29th, 2022, and October 20th, 2022. One (1) item of a land or legal nature was discussed at each session. An in-camera session of Council will take place following today's meeting where two (2) items of a land and/or legal nature will be discussed.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

Councillor A. Graham inquired as to how much money the Town has spent so far on Hurricane Fiona clean up. Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter said she can provide an update on her next report.

CAO M. Dolter advised he would provide Council with an update on the Honeywell project as it's nearing completion.

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning and Development Report**

The Planning & Development report for the month of October was presented to Council.

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

Some members of Council expressed concerns with the large amount of Hurricane Fiona debris that remains roadside and indicated instances of some streets and/or residents being missed by the collection trucks. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon advised he would check with Miller Waste to see if they can do another run through Town for debris pick up.

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

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

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and J. Flemming, it was moved that all reports for the month of October 2022, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and C. Hinton, it was moved that staff draft a letter to the Minister expressing Council's concern in relation to Bill 225. Motion carried.

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

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Proclamation: Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month**

Mayor B. Mills proclaimed the month of November 2022 to be Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month in the Town of Truro.

b) **Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation Signatory Commitment**

Council recently expressed support for the Town's adoption of the Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation. This Charter represents a commitment to the implementation of actions necessary to address and acknowledge the impact of racism in recreation. Mayor B. Mills pledged Council's support by signing the signatory form.

c) **Request for Decision: Taxi Bylaw Amendment**

On motion of Councillor J. Barnard and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that Council approve the first reading of the Bylaw to Amend the Taxi Bylaw as set out in the attached Schedule A. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Approval to Alter 40 Ross Street**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and C. Hinton, it was moved that Council approve the proposed alterations of 40 Ross Street as shown on documents submitted to the Town's Heritage Officer, with the exception that the cladding materials do not match the existing structure; but instead provide for a texture and color distinction between the existing structure and the proposed addition. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of October 2022. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer