



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, March 7th, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place virtually on Monday, March 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 also acknowledged March 8th as International Women's Day.

Mayor B. Mills further cited the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. As a symbol of solidarity with Ukrainians, the library has been lit in blue and yellow, representing the country's flag.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and C. Hinton, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on February 7th, 2022, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Public Hearing – 13 Walker Street, Development Agreement**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Barnard, it was moved that Council approve the application by 34-38 Curtis Drive Inc. to permit the development of two (2), 4-unit buildings containing a total of eight (8) dwelling units on lands including 13 Walker Street (PID no. 20194312, 20194338, and 20194346). Motion carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Letter from FCM: Women in Local Leadership Project**

CAO M. Dolter read a letter received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) congratulating the Town on its successful application to join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partnership for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project. The Town has been selected to work with the Cambodia project team and partners.

Participation in this project will provide the opportunity to share experiences and best practices with international counterparts to advance gender equality and inclusive development at the local level.

b) **Request for Decision: Approval of Truro Business Park Master Plan**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and J. Flemming, it was moved to accept the Truro Business Park Master Plan as presented. Motion carried.

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an in-camera session of Council took place on January 27th, 2022, in which one (1) item of a legal nature was discussed. An in-camera session of Council will also take place following today's meeting, where two (2) items of a legal nature will be discussed.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

CAO M. Dolter to provide Council with the results of the testing performed on the deer harvested through the managed deer hunt by Dalhousie Agricultural Campus as it becomes available.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning and Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

Councillor J. Barnard asked for an update on the active transportation plan and inquired about a previously discussed committee consisting of council members and citizens as it relates to the plan. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon advised he would get an update from the consultant and report back to Council.

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

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

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

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

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

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 306 James Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and J. Flemming, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for April 4th, 2022, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with Peter Ghosn and Mark Yazbek to permit a multi-unit residential development consisting of one (1), 8-storey building containing 79 dwelling units at 306 James Street (PID No. 20406526). Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: 60 Golf Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and J. Flemming, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for April 4th, 2022, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with Walton Residential Communities Limited to permit a multi-unit residential development consisting of one (1), 5-storey building containing 68 dwelling units at 60 Golf Street (PID No. 20452892). Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: 245 Robie Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor A. Graham, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for April 4th, 2022, to consider amending the Development Agreement permitting the construction of a 2-storey professional centre with a 743 m² (8,000 ft²) footprint on a pad site at 245 Robie Street (PID No. 20148045). Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Library Spire, Heritage Advisory Committee**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and C. Hinton, it was moved that Council permit the Heritage Advisory Committee to fundraise for the library spire project. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and C. Hinton, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of February 2022. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer