



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, December 5th, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, December 5th, 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, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Town Solicitor C. Thompson

Regrets: Fire Chief B. Currie

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on November 7th, 2022, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Proclamation: 30th Anniversary of Canadian Families and Corrections Network**

Mayor B. Mills proclaimed December 16th, 2022, to be the 30th Anniversary of the Canadian Families and Corrections Network in the Town of Truro.


b) **Truro Industrial Development Society (TIDS) Request – Business Park Expansion**

The Truro Industrial Development Society formally requested that Council consider an expansion of the Truro Business Park as part of the capital budget deliberations for the upcoming fiscal year as outlined in the Truro Business Park Master Plan.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 2nd Reading of Taxi Bylaw Amendment**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve and adopt the amendments to the Taxi Bylaw as set out in Schedule A attached to the request. Motion carried.



6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an In-Camera Session of Council took place on November 6th, 2022, where two (2) items of a land and/or legal nature were discussed. There are no items to discuss in-camera following today's meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning and Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for the month of November was presented to Council. Along with the report, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon delivered a presentation to Council in relation to the Tree Inventory Pilot Project.

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

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

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

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

There was a brief discussion on the bylaw relating to the raising of flags on Town property. From this discussion, the following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Barnard, seconded by A. Graham, where Town staff are to work with the individual who was seeking the Town's support for the Iranian community as outlined in Council's package (in advance of item 10 d). Motion carried.

A discussion also took place in relation to the homelessness crisis which is intertwined with the lack of mental health and addiction supports in the health care system. Councillor J. Barnard inquired about the status of the development of the coordinated access model which was led by the United Way. CAO M. Dolter advised he would provide an update to Council in due course.

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) **Request for Decision: Set Public Hearing Date, 5-7 Charles Street**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and C. Hinton, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for January 9th, 2023, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with Troy Chaisson to permit the development of a 4-storey multiple unit residential building containing 27 units at 5-7 Charles Street, subject to the submission and approval of a stormwater management plan and landscaping plan. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Set Public Hearing Date, 1084 Prince Street**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and A. Graham, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for January 9th, 2023, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with Davinderpal Singh to permit the creation of two (2) additional residential units within the existing 2-unit converted dwelling at 1084 Prince Street. Motion carried.

c) **Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2023**

Councillor J. Flemming nominated Councillor A. Graham for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2023. The nomination was accepted.

Councillor C. Hinton nominated the incumbent Deputy Mayor W. Talbot to be reappointed as Deputy Mayor for 2023. The nomination was accepted.

Ballots were prepared and distributed to each Council member. The ballots were collected and counted in a manner that preserved the confidentiality of each Councillor's ballot. The Town's Solicitor C. Thompson was appointed as the scrutineer to verify the vote. The vote resulted in incumbent Deputy Mayor W. Talbot being reappointed as Deputy Mayor for 2023.

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and B. Thomas, it was moved that the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Support for Iranian Community**

Further to the discussion that took place under item # 8, Questions by Members, the original motion was modified slightly to reflect that Town staff are to work with the individual who approached the Town seeking support for the Iranian community as outlined in the proposal within Council's package, with the exclusion of the Town raising the Iranian flag. This modified motion was presented by Councillor J. Barnard and seconded by Councillor J. Flemming. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of November 2022. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer