



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, February 6th, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, February 6th, 2023, 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, 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, Fire Chief B. Currie, Town Solicitor C. Thompson

Regrets: Councillor B. Thomas

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. Barnard, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting and the Public Hearing on January 9th, 2023, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** – N/A

5. **OLD BUSINESS** – N/A

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised there are no recent in-camera sessions to report and 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 January was presented to Council.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

- c) **Fire Service Report**
The Fire Service report for the month of January was presented to Council.
- d) **Planning and Development Report**
The Planning & Development report for the month of January was presented to Council.
- e) **Police Service Report**
The Police Service report for the month of January was presented to Council.
- f) **Public Works Report**
The Public Works report for the month of January was presented to Council.
- g) **Parks, Recreation & Culture Report**
The Parks, Recreation & Culture report for the month of January was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and J. Barnard, it was moved that all reports for the month of January 2023, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

A few members of Council expressed interest exploring options in relation to vacant buildings that may assist with the housing crisis. Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter indicated that staff would investigate and report back to Council.

There were also some comments and announcements made, resulting in no action items.

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **African Heritage Month Proclamation**

Mayor B. Mills presented a proclamation declaring the month of February as African Heritage Month in the Town of Truro.

b) **Request for Decision: Refinancing of Two MFC Debentures**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and C. Hinton, it was moved that Council approve the refinancing of MFC debenture 33-A-1 balloon payment totaling \$500,000 for a term not to exceed 10 years, at an interest rate not to exceed 7.5%. Motion carried.

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor J. Flemming, it was moved that Council approve the refinancing of MFC debenture 33-B-1 balloon payment totaling \$800,000 for a term not to exceed 10 years, at an interest rate not to exceed 7.5%. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Diversity Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and J. Barnard, it was moved that Council approve the proposed amendments to the Term of Reference of the Diversity Advisory Committee as presented. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Truro Forest School**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that Council approve Ms. Jess-Fiene's request to operate the Truro Forest School in Victoria Park on a trial basis between April 2023-December 2023, with the understanding that an Agreement will be signed prior to the opening of the school. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: 629-631 Young 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 March 6th, 2023, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with Brentwood Developments Limited and Benchmark Developments Limited to permit the development of three 2-storey, 3 bedroom residential townhouse buildings each containing 4 residential dwelling units for a total of 12 units at 629-631 Young Street, subject to the submission and approval of a stormwater management plan and a landscaping plan. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for March 6th, 2023, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with 3321747 Nova Scotia Limited to permit a multi-unit residential/mixed use development consisting of one 6-storey building with 78 dwelling units and 156.2 sq. m. (1681.3 sq. ft.) of commercial space, subject to the submission and approval of a stormwater management plan. Motion carried.

g) **Request for Decision: Appointment of Citizen Volunteers to Committees**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Barnard, it was moved that Council approve the appointment of Don Taylor to the Planning Advisory Committee for a 3-year term and the appointment of Andrew Paris to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee for a 3-year term. 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 January 2023. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer