



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, September 11th, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, September 11th, 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, B. Thomas, J. Flemming

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, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Communications A. Grant, Town Solicitor C. Thompson

Regrets: Councillor C. Hinton

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 further acknowledged September 30th as the National Day for Truro and Reconciliation.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Draft Public Council Minutes of July 10th, 2023**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on July 10th, 2023, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

b) **Draft Public Hearing Minutes of July 10th, 2023**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor B. Thomas, the minutes for the Public Hearing on July 10th, 2023, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

c) **Draft Special Public Council Minutes of September 6th, 2023**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, the minutes for the Special Public Council meeting on September 6th, 2023, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

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

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Marketing Levy – Memorandum of Understanding**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve the circulated Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an in-camera session of Council took place on July 27th, 2023, where four (4) items of a land, legal, or personnel nature were discussed. Council is asked to meet following today's meeting where there is one (1) item of a legal nature to discuss.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

The CAO report for July and August was presented to Council.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services report for July and August was presented to Council.

c) **Fire Service Report**

The Fire Service report for July and August was presented to Council.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

The Planning & Development report for July and August was presented to Council.

e) **Police Service Report**

The Police Service report for July and August was presented to Council.

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for July and August was presented to Council.

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

The Parks, Recreation & Culture report for July and August was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and B. Thomas, it was moved that all reports for July/August 2023, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

There were a few questions asked by members of Council and answered accordingly by the appropriate staff resulting in no action items.

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Memorial Bench and Tree Policy Name Change**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor B. Thomas, it was moved that Council approve the name change and edits of the current "Memorial Bench and Tree Policy" to the "Adopt A Bench/Tree Policy". Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Unbudgeted Transfer to Capital Reserve**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that Council approve an unbudgeted transfer to the capital reserve of \$1,553,670 for the year ended March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Audited Consolidated Financial Statements**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: 54-58 Walker Street, Timing Extension**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and B. Thomas, it was agreed that Council table the motion until the next Public Meeting in October 2023. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: 557-573 Prince Street, Timing Extension**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and J. Flemming, and by way of a vote of 4 to 1 in favor of the motion, it was moved that Council grant a 3-year extension to Part 7.1 of the approved Development Agreement, approved by Council on December 6, 2021, for the development proposal including lands at 557-573 Prince Street. Motion carried.

f) **Request for Decision: Appointment of Heritage Officer**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and A. Graham, it was moved that Council appoint Director of Planning J. Fox as the Town's Heritage Officer. Motion carried.

g) **Request for Decision: October Public Council Meeting, Date Change**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor B. Thomas, it was moved that Council approve October's Public Council Meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday, October 10th, 2023. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and B. Thoams, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for July and August 2023. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer