



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Tuesday, October 10th, 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, C. Hinton

In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, 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, Planner & Development Officer C. Connolly, 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.

Mayor B. Mills further presented the Highway of Heroes certificate awards.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CAO M. Dolter advised of an amendment to the agenda by addressing item 9a (Request for Decision: 54-58 Walker Street, Timing Extension) as item 5a under Old Business, thereby shifting item 5a (Request for Decision: First Reading of the New Community Plan) to item 5b.

On motion of J. Flemming and B. Thomas, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Draft Public Council Minutes of September 11th, 2023**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor B. Thomas, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on September 11th, 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: 54-58 Walker Street, Timing Extension**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and A. Graham, it was moved that Council grant a 3-year extension to the timing provision noted in Part 6.2 of the registered Development Agreement #121353180, and a 5-year extension to the timing provision noted in Part 6.3. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: First Reading of the New Community Plan & Set Public Hearing Date**

Council was asked to consider approval of First Reading of the Community Plan and advance to Second Reading on Monday, November 6th, 2023, along with setting a Public Hearing date for Monday, November 6th, 2023.

Upon reading of the above noted motion, Councillor C. Hinton introduced the following amendments to the original motion:

- 1) Establish a policy on affordable housing where it would be a requirement for all developers to allot a percentage of its units as affordable.
- 2) Specify no development in Victoria Park.
- 3) Require all developments have a hydrological study completed.
- 4) Require all developers pay for additional infrastructure capital costs.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Thomas, and by way of a vote of 1 to 5, the motion to amend was defeated.

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, and by way of a vote of 5 to 1 in favor of the original motion, it was moved that Council approve First Reading of the Community Plan with Second Reading scheduled for Monday, November 6th, 2023. It was further moved that Council set the Public Hearing for Monday, November 6th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an in-camera session of Council took place on September 11th, 2023, where one (1) item of a land/legal nature was discussed, and on September 28th, 2023, where one (1) item of a personnel nature was discussed. There is no in-camera session of Council scheduled following today's meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

The CAO report for September was presented to Council.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services report for September was presented to Council.

c) **Fire Service Report**

The Fire Service report for September was presented to Council.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

The Planning & Development report for September was presented to Council.

- e) **Police Service Report**
The Police Service report for September was presented to Council.
- f) **Public Works Report**
The Public Works report for September was presented to Council.
- g) **Parks, Recreation & Culture Report**
The Parks, Recreation & Culture report for September was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and C. Hinton, it was moved that all reports for September 2023, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

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

9. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION**

- a) **Request for Decision: 54-58 Walker Street, Timing Extension**
As per amended agenda, this item was addressed as item number 5a.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Request for Decision: Ride Share Bylaw**
On motion of Councillor B. Thomas and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that Council direct staff to consult with the Truro Taxi Committee regarding a ride-share bylaw for the Town of Truro and that staff consider that feedback when drafting a ride-share bylaw for the Town of Truro, to be presented at a future meeting for First Reading. Motion carried.
- b) **Request for Decision: Appointments to the Accessibility Committee**
On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and B. Thomas, it was moved that Michelle Wood and Melissa Higgins be appointed as citizen representatives on the Regional Accessibility Committee as per the Terms of Reference. It was further moved that Councillor Graham is reappointed as the Town's elected official for an additional two (2) year term. Motion carried.
- c) **Request for Decision: 34-38 Curtis Drive, Timing Extension**
On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and C. Hinton, it was moved that Council grant a 2.5-year extension to the timing provision noted in Part 7.2 of the registered Development Agreement #119080837 and a 3.5-year extension to the timing provision noted in Part 7.3. Motion carried.
- d) **Request for Decision: Capital Request**
On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve the additional capital purchases of a loader and sidewalk plow in fiscal 2023-2024. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and A. Graham, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for September 2023. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer

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