



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, December 4, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, December 4th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall in Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor W. R. (Bill) Mills, Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, Councillors B. Thomas, C. Hinton, I. McGrath

In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, Director of Planning J. Fox, 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 A. Graham, Councillor J. Flemming, Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter

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 traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq People.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CAO M. Dolter advised of an amendment to the agenda with the addition of the following item which will be captured as item 10g: Capital Request for Colchester Legion Stadium.

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton and I. McGrath, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Draft Public Council Minutes of November 6th, 2023**

On motion of Councillor B. Thomas and C. Hinton, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on November 6th, 2023, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

b) **Draft Public Hearing Minutes of November 6th, 2023**

On motion of Councillor B. Thomas and C. Hinton, the minutes for the Public Hearing on November 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) **Briefing Note: Affordable Housing**

Director of Planning J. Fox reviewed the briefing note that was in Council's package. Included within the briefing note was an associated timeline on key deliverables. Upon discussion, members of Council expressed that staff should also assess the role of the Cooperative Council and ways the Town can assist in its projects (donation of land etc.).

On motion of Councillor I. McGrath and C. Hinton, it was moved that staff proceed with the preparation of amendments to the Town's new Community Plan that will implement a policy and regulatory framework for encouraging the creation of new affordable housing units. In preparing these amendments, Council further recommends that staff follow the approach outlined in the briefing note, and report back to Council with an amendment package in May 2024. In addition, staff will also include the assessment of the Cooperative Council's role and ways the Town can assist in its projects as part of the overall scope of this project. Motion carried.

b) **Minister's Letter: Salmon River Truss Bridge**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and I. McGrath, it was moved that staff respond jointly to the Minister's letter dated November 22, 2023, in relation to the Salmon River truss bridge that connects the Town of Truro and the Village of Bible Hill via Walker and Main Street. Motion carried.

6) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised there was no recent in-camera session of Council to report. There are no items to discuss with Council in-camera following today's meeting.

7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

The CAO report for November was presented to Council.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services report was not available but will be provided to Council next month.

c) **Fire Service Report**

The Fire Service report for November was presented to Council.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

The Police Service report for November was presented to Council.

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for November was presented to Council.

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

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

On motion of Councillor B. Thomas and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, it was moved that all reports for November 2023, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

There were a few questions posed by Council members that were addressed by the appropriate staff, as well as some comments or announcements, all resulting in no action items.

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

10) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2024**

Councillor I. McGrath nominated Councillor C. Hinton for the position of Deputy Mayor beginning January 1, 2024. The nomination was accepted. No other nominations were expressed. As a result, Councillor C. Hinton will become the Deputy Mayor beginning January 1, 2024.

b) **Request for Decision: Appointment to Planning Advisory Committee**

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and B. Thomas, it was moved that Chantel Langille be appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee as the rep for Millbrook First Nation. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: 85 Young Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and B. Thomas, it was moved that a Public Hearing date of January 8th, 2024, be set to consider amending the existing Development Agreement with 3335995 Nova Scotia Ltd. to permit a multi-unit residential development consisting of one 6-storey mixed-use building containing 65 dwelling units and approximately 51.7 m² (556 ft²) of office/commercial space. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: 190 Industrial Avenue, Discharge of Existing Development Agreement**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the August 1996 Development Agreement (document #8091) affecting lands at 190 Industrial Avenue be discharged. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: 81 Coburg Crescent, Discharge of Existing Development Agreement**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and B. Thomas, it was moved that the September 1995 Comprehensive Development Agreement (document #7864) affecting lands at 81 Coburg Crescent be discharged. Motion carried.

f) **Request for Decision: Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor C. Hinton, and by way of a vote of four (4) to one (1) in favor of the motion, it was moved that Council approve the amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Regional Accessibility Committee as circulated. Motion carried.

g) **Request for Decision: Capital Request for Colchester Legion Stadium**

On motion of Councillor B. Thomas and Deputy Mayor W. Talbot, approval was granted authorizing a change order with Honeywell to update the ice plant at the stadium at a total cost of \$3,044,421. Motion carried.

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

12) **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and I. McGrath, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for November 2023. Motion carried.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer

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