



## Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, B. Thomas, C. Hinton, J. Barnard

In Attendance: Acting CAO & 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: CAO M. Dolter

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*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.*

*Deputy Mayor W. Talbot acknowledged March 8<sup>th</sup> as International Women's Day where this year's theme is Embracing Equity.*

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### 1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor B. Mills noted an amendment to the agenda with the addition of acknowledging International Women's Day.

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and J. Barnard, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor J. Barnard, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

### 4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

#### a) **Public Hearing – 629-631 Young Street, Development Agreement**

On motion of Deputy Mayor W. Talbot and Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that Council enter into a Development Agreement with Brentwood Developments Limited and Benchmark Developments Limited to permit the construction of three 4-unit, 2-storey residential townhouse buildings each containing 4 units on lands at 629-631 Young Street, PID No's 20496618 and 20173621, subject to the submission of a stormwater management plan and landscaping plan which includes elements requested by the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department. Motion carried.

b) **Public Hearing – 74 Lorne Street, Development Agreement**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and C. Hinton, and by way of a vote of 6 to 1 in favor of the motion, it was moved that Council discharge a 2020 Development Agreement in place for 74 Lorne Street and enter into a new Development Agreement with 3321747 Nova Scotia Limited to permit a 6-storey mixed-use building containing 78 dwelling units and 156.2 sq. metres (1,681.3 sq. feet) of commercial space at 74 Lorne Street, PID No. 20183414, subject to the submission of a landscaping plan. Motion carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS** – N/A

6. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

Acting CAO and Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon advised that an in-camera session of Council took place on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, where one (1) item of a legal nature was 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 February was presented to Council.

The CAO report mentioned a meeting between the Town and the US State Department. Councillor J. Barnard requested information be provided to Council indicating the US State Department's relevance to the Town.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning and Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for the month of February was presented to Council.

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

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

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

8. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

There were several comments and announcements made, all resulting in no action items.

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

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Proclamation: Kidney Awareness Day**

Deputy Mayor W. Talbot proclaimed March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as World Kidney Day in the Town of Truro.

b) **Request for Decision: Active Transportation Plan**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and J. Barnard, it was moved to accept the Active Transportation Plan as presented to Council by TRACE Consulting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. It was further moved by Councillors A. Graham and J. Barnard, that the cost of the Master Plan less the grant received, is approved to be funded in the 2022-2023 capital budget with an amount not to exceed \$35,000 from gas tax reserves. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Financing of New Fire Truck**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve the financing of a new 2023 fire pumper truck from the Department of Finance and Treasury Board (formerly MFC), in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 for an amortization period of 15 years at an interest rate not to exceed 7.5%. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: 125-135 Willow Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and A. Graham, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with 3331111 Nova Scotia Limited to permit the development of two 3-storey multiple unit residential buildings each containing 10 units for a total of 20 units at 135 Willow Street, subject to the submission and approval of a stormwater management plan and landscaping plan. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: 60 Edgewood Drive, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and J. Flemming, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, to consider entering into a Development Agreement with Erik Scott to permit the conversion of the existing former church building into 5 residential units with associated parking on lands including 60 Edgewood Drive. Motion carried.

f) **Request for Decision: 85 Young Street, Extension of Timing Provisions**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and J. Flemming, it was moved that Council amend a 2021 Development Agreement with 3335995 Nova Scotia Ltd. permitting the development of 85 Young Street by extending the deadline to enter into the Agreement from October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried.

g) **Request for Decision: Nova Scotia Highway of Heroes Tribute**

On motion of Councillors C. Hinton and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve the request for military forces to do a low-level fly-past for the Nova Scotia Highway of Heroes event on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried.

h) **Request for Decision: Engaging African Nova Scotian Youth (EANSY) in Agriculture & Community Food Security Project**

On motion of Councillors J. Barnard and B. Thomas, it was moved that Council support the EANSY project and permit Town staff to work out the details and develop a MOU for the project. Motion carried.

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

12. **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton and B. Thomas, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for the month of February 2023. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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W. R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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A. MacKinnon  
Acting Chief Administrative Officer