



## Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro  
Monday, April 8, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.  
Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall in Council Chambers.

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

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 J. Flemming

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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 traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq People.*

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

CAO M. Dolter advised of the following amendment to the agenda:

- Change Agenda item 10b Downtown Turo Partnership Budget Presentation to Agenda item 4a

On motion of Councillor B. Thomas and Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried.

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

#### a) **Draft Public Council Minutes of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Councillor I. McGrath noted a correction was to be made to item 10 b; 536 James Street should have been listed as 536 Young Street. On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and B. Thomas, the amended minutes of the Public Council Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved. Motion carried.

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

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

#### a) **World Autism Acceptance Month**

Mayor B. Mills announced that a flag raising took place in support of World Autism Acceptance Month and signed the World Autism Acceptance Month Proclamation.

b) **Downtown Truro Partnership Budget Presentation**

S. Deslauriers presented the DTP budget for 2024-25 highlighting activities from the previous year and plans for the upcoming year.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 536 Young Street Development Agreement Application**

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor McGrath, it was moved that Council Discharge the Development Agreement registered February 7, 2022 and approve the application by Marchand Developments to enter into a new development agreement. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: 306 James Street Development Agreement Application**

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and I. McGrath, it was moved that Council discharge the existing Development Agreement and approve the application for a new development agreement submitted by Piecel Holdings and Stone Rose Developments. Motion Carried.

6) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT** – N/A

CAO M. Dolter advised that was no in-camera meeting at that March 4<sup>th</sup> public Council Meeting but that there was one item to discuss with Council in-camera following today's meeting.

7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

The CAO report for April was presented to Council.

Councillor I. McGrath inquired if it would be possible for the town to purchase two buses to provide citizens with public transportation. CAO M. Dolter explained that a feasibility study would be required and that the issue would need to go before council for discussion.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services report was presented to Council.

c) **Fire Service Report**

The Fire Service report for April was presented to Council.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

Deputy Mayor C. Hinton asked if council should refrain from approving further development until council has affordable allocation put into place. CAO M. Dolter noted that development should continue, and that the availability of more housing options would result in lower pricing.

e) **Police Service Report**

The Police Service report for April was presented to Council.

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for April was presented to Council.

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

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

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and A. Graham, it was moved that all reports for April 2024, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS** – N/A

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

10) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Highway of Heroes Tribute Flyby**

On motion of Councillor B. Thomas and Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, it was moved that Council permit the Royal Canadian Air Force to fly over the Town of Truro on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor I. McGrath, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for May 6, 2024, at 1pm. By way of a vote of five (5) in favour and one (1) against, the motion was carried.

c) **Request for Decision: 24 Louise Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor Thomas it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for May 6, 2024 at 1 pm. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Victoria Park User Group Policy**

By motion of Councillors B. Thomas and I. McGrath it was moved to accept the Victoria Park User Group Policy. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: Amendments to Minimum Building and Housing Maintenance Bylaw**

On motion of Councillor I. McGrath and Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, it was moved that the first reading of the Bylaw to amend the Minimum Building and Housing Maintenance Bylaw be approved. Motion carried.

f) **Request for Decision: Discharge of Development Agreement for 322 Willow Street**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and I. McGrath it was moved that the Development Agreement dated February 20, 1990, regarding 322 Willow Street be discharged. Motion carried.

g) **Request for Decision: Land Sales Strategy – South William Barnhill Drive and Young Street**

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councilor A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve the recommended land sale strategy for Areas 1, 2 and 3 in the vicinity of south Young Street and south of William Barnhill Drive. Motion carried.

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

12) **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and A. Graham, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for April 2024. Motion carried.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:57 p.m.

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W. R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
Chief Administrative Officer

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