



Public Council Meeting

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

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, January 8th, 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, J. Flemming, 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

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 noted an amendment to the agenda with the addition of the following item: Capital Request for Colchester Legion Stadium. This will be captured as item number 10 f. As well, revised requests for decision were provided to Council in relation to items 10 d and 10 e.

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Draft Public Council Minutes of December 4th, 2023**

On motion of Councillor I. McGrath and Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on December 4th, 2023, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Public Hearing: 85 Young Street, Development Agreement**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve the application by 3335995 Nova Scotia Ltd. to permit the development of a 6-storey mixed use building containing up to 65 dwelling units and up to 60 sq. metres (648 sq. feet) of commercial space at 85 Young Street, subject to the submission and approval of a storm water management plan. Motion carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

b) **Request for Decision: McClure's Mills Roundabout – Land Expropriation**

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming, it was moved that the Town of Truro expropriate the fee simple interest in the parcel of land identified as parcel 07A-GX on the Plan of Survey prepared by Stevan J. Forbes dated October 10, 2023, from PID #20446662, subject to an existing easement to Nova Scotia Power affecting part of the parcel. Motion carried.

6) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an In-Camera Session of Council took place on December 19th, 2023, where three (3) items of a land/legal nature were discussed. There are three (3) items to discuss in-camera with Council following today's meeting.

7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

The CAO report for December was presented to Council.

In response to Councillor I. McGrath's inquiry relating to the inland port container terminal in Onslow and potential impact on train traffic, CAO M. Dolter indicated that he intends to reach out to Millbrook First Nation seeking more information. Council to be provided with additional information as it becomes available.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services report was presented to Council.

c) **Fire Service Report**

The Fire Service report for December was presented to Council.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

The Police Service report for December was presented to Council.

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for December was presented to Council.

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

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

Staff will update Council accordingly as the TAAC Grounds project proceeds as some Council members indicated they are receiving questions from residents.

On motion of Councillor I. McGrath and B. Thomas, it was moved that all reports for December 2023, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

There were some announcements made by a few Council members that resulted in no action items.

Councillor I. McGrath brought up drive thru safety, in particular drive thrus relating to Dairy Queen, Scotiabank, and J & L Convenience Store. Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon indicated he would review the Scotiabank drive thru (signage, etc.).

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

10) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Truro Forest School**

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and A. Graham, it was moved that the Town's agreement with Ms. Jess-Fiene be extended allowing the Truro Forest School to operate in Victoria Park between April – December 2024. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath, it was moved that Jane Gourley-Davis be appointed to the Truro Planning Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Climate Sustainability Committee**

On motion of Councillor I. McGrath and J. Flemming, it was moved that a Climate Sustainability Committee be established to provide oversight and guidance through the creation of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan, with membership outlined in the draft Terms of Reference. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: 24 Victoria Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for March 4th, 2024, to consider deregistration of 24 Victoria Street as a municipally designated heritage property. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: 29 Victoria Street, Application to Amend Schedule C of the Heritage Conservation District Plan and Bylaw**

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor J. Flemming, it was moved that Council approve first reading to the proposed amendment to the boundaries of Heritage District 3 as described in Schedule C of the Town's Heritage Conservation District Plan and Bylaw and proceed to second reading and a Public Hearing on February 5th, 2024, to consider the proposed amendment. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and I. McGrath, it was moved that Council authorize a maximum of \$500,000 be spent on structural and accessibility improvements to the Colchester Legion Stadium. Motion carried.

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

12) **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and I. McGrath, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for December 2023. Motion carried.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer