



## Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, February 12<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, 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

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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 amendments to the agenda:

- Switch the order of items 4a and 4b, thereby making the update of the African Nova Scotian Community Strategy Committee first, followed by the Downtown Truro Partnership's presentation.
- The request for decision for the second reading of the bylaw amendment, in relation to the Public Hearing for 29 Victoria Street, will be captured as item # 5a.

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

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

#### a) **Draft Public Council Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and I. McGrath, the minutes of the Public Council Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

#### b) **Draft Public Hearing Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath, the minutes of the Public Hearing on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

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

a) **Update: African Nova Scotian Community Strategy Committee**

N. Gray presented the committee's progress to date along with its strategic framework and detailed strategic plan.

b) **Presentation: Downtown Truro Partnership (DTP)**

S. Deslauriers presented the DTP's proposal of a rate increase of .04/\$100 and an increased cap of \$2,000,000 for 2024/2025.

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor A. Graham, it was moved that Council support the approval of the DTP's proposed rate increase of .04/\$100 and an increased cap of \$2,000,000 for 2024/2025 pending approval by its members at the DTP's AGM in June 2024. Motion carried.

#### 5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 29 Victoria St, Amend Schedule C of Heritage Conservation Plan & Bylaw**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath, it was moved that Council give second reading to and approve amendment to Schedule C of the Town's Heritage Conservation District Plan and Bylaw that will alter the boundaries of Heritage District 3 as described in a December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, report from the Heritage Officer. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Amendment of Non-Union Personnel Policy**

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming, it was moved that Council approve the circulated revised non-unionized personnel policy and thereby approve the deletion of the Council Expense Allowance Policy and the Early Retirement Policy. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: 85 Young Street, Development Agreement Discharge**

On motion of Councillor I. McGrath and Councillor C. Hinton, it was moved that Council discharge a Development Agreement with 3335995 Nova Scotia Ltd. dated April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, affecting lands at 85 Young Street, Truro, NS, also identified as PID 20482741. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: 5-7 Charles Street, Development Agreement Discharge**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham, it was moved that Council discharge the September 2011 Development Agreement registered at the Land Registry on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012, as Document #101793645, affecting lands at 5-7 Charles Street, PID #20178901. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: 306 James Street, Development Agreement Timing Extension**

On motion of Councillor A. Graham and Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, it was moved that Council grant a 1-year extension to the timing provision noted in Parts 6.2 and 6.3 of the March 2023 Development Agreement between the Town and Piecel Holdings Ltd. and Stone Rose Developments Ltd. thereby allowing extra time for the Developer to obtain necessary permits and for completion of construction. Motion carried.

6) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an In-Camera Session of Council took place on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, where two (2) items of a personnel/legal nature were discussed. There are two (2) items to discuss in-camera with Council following today's meeting.

7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

The CAO report for January was presented to Council.

CAO M. Dolter to follow up with CN to get a better sense of a timeline for the work to commence on the Salmon River bridge.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services report was presented to Council.

c) **Fire Service Report**

The Fire Service report for January was presented to Council.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

The Police Service report for January was presented to Council.

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for January was presented to Council.

Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon to evaluate the ramp at Town Hall for accessibility.

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

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

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor J. Flemming, it was moved that all reports for January 2024, 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.

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

10) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Financing of New 2023 Fire Pumper Truck**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, Council hereby approves the financing of the 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.

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

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and I. McGrath, it was moved that Council approve the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

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

12) **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Councillors B. Thomas and W. Talbot, approval was granted for payment of the accounts for January 2024. Motion carried.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m.

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W. R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
Chief Administrative Officer