



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, March 4, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, March 4th, 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**

On motion of Councillor A. Graham and J. Flemming, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Draft Public Council Minutes of February 12, 2024**

On motion of Councillor I. McGrath and Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on February 12, 2024, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

b) **Draft Public Hearing Minutes of February 12, 2024**

On motion of Councillor I. McGrath and Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, the minutes for the Public Hearing Meeting on February 12, 2024, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Public Hearing: 24 Victoria Street, Heritage Deregistration**

On motion of Councillor J. Flemming and A. Graham, it was moved that Council approve an application by Craig Wright & Shauna Harrison to deregister their municipally designated heritage property at 24 Victoria Street.

In Favour: 2

Not in favour: 5

5. **OLD BUSINESS** – N/A

6) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT** – N/A

7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

The CAO report for February was presented to Council.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services report for February was presented to Council.

c) **Fire Service Report**

The Fire Service report for February was presented to Council.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

The Police Service report for February was presented to Council.

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for February was presented to Council.

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

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

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and W. Talbot, it was moved that all reports for February 2024 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

On motion of Councillor A. Graham and I. McGrath, it was moved that Mayor Mills write a letter encouraging our Federal Counterparts to engage with the provinces and territories to create a National Basic Income Guarantee. The motion further requests that Mayor Mills write a letter to our local MLA and Premier to form an all-party committee to study the idea of a Basic Income Guarantee and how it might be implemented in NS. Finally, the motion would request that my fellow colleagues encourage other municipalities to do the same through NSFM and FCM. Motion carried.

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

10) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 306 James Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Deputy Mayor Hinton and Councillor B. Thomas, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing on April 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to consider a development agreement application by Piecel Holdings Limited and Stone Rose Developments Limited to amend their Development Agreement at 306 James Street (PID 20406526) to permit a multi-unit residential development consisting of one 6-storey building containing 78-79 dwelling units. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: 536 James Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

On motion of Deputy Mayor Hinton and Councillor B. Thomas, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing on April 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to consider a development agreement application by

Marchand Developments Limited to permit a residential development consisting of two 6-storey multi-unit buildings each containing 71 units, and two 2-storey townhouse structures. Motion carried.

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

12) **ACCOUNTS**

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor W. Talbot, it was moved that approval be granted for payment of the accounts for February 2024. Motion carried.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer