



## Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro  
Monday, May 6, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.  
Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall in Council Chambers.

Present: Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, Councillors 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, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Communications A. Grant, Development Officer C. Connolly, Town Solicitor C. Thompson

Regrets: Mayor W. R. (Bill) Mills, Councillor W. Talbot

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*Deputy Mayor C. Hinton 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.*

*Deputy Mayor C. Hinton presented Sarah Sehl and Donna Vigliucci with awards for their winning entries in the 2024 Art Acquisition Show. Sara Sehl came first in the 'painting' category with her piece "Low Tide". Donna Vigliucci came first in the 'other' category for her pyrography on burnt birch "Entwined".*

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1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and I. MacGrath, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**


On motion of Councillors I. MacGrath and B. Thomas, the minutes for the Public Council Meeting on April 8, 2024, were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Public Hearing: 24 Louise Street**

On motion of I. MacGrath and J. Flemming it was moved that Council approve the Development Agreement Application by 4327240 Nova Scotia Limited permitting a 3-storey, 16-unit residential building at 24 Louise Street. Motion Carried.



b) **Public Hearing: 125-135 Willow Street**

On motion of J. Flemming and seconded by I. MacGrath, it was moved that Council approve the Development Agreement Application put forward by 3331111 Nova Scotia Limited to permit the construction of a 4-storey, 50-unit residential building at 125-135 Willow Street. Motion Carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

On motion of Councillors A. Graham and I. MacGrath it was moved to amend the Minimum Building and Housing Maintenance Standards Bylaw. Motion carried.

6) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised that an in-camera session of Council took place on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, where one (1) item of a legal nature, and one (1) item regarding labour were discussed. There are two items to discuss in-camera following today's meeting.

7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

The CAO report for May was presented to Council.

Councillor A. Graham requested ideas to provide accessible seating for members of the public in Council Chambers. An impromptu discussion commenced with member of the public bringing forth issues they have with accessibility for wheelchairs and scooters in town. CAO M. Dolter reminded Council and attendees that the Accessibility Advisory Committee continues to work to improve accessibility locally.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services report was presented to Council.

c) **Fire Service Report**

CAO M. Dolter presented May's Fire Service report to Council.

Councillor A. Graham raised concerns over the threat of wildfires and asked how the Fire Department could be supported. CAO M. Dolter explained that social media campaigns are planned to address the hazards of smoking in wooded area. Other measures include significant work with DNR on wildfire preparation and procuring equipment to deal with a wildfire.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

The Police Service report for May was presented to Council.

Councillor A. Graham commented that the number of police calls for mental health concerns was high and asked for an update on the hiring of a Community Navigator as well as where that posting would be located. Councillor J. Flemming informed Council that the position has been posted and would soon be filled. He and Chief MacNeil will meet with the new hire to strategize.

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for May was presented to Council.

Deputy Mayor C. Hinton requested an update on the status of Laurie Street which she says is in bad repair. CAO M. Dolter commented that the street will be evaluated, and that the priority ranking could change based on the new evaluation program.

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

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

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

8) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

- a) Councillor B. Thomas asked Director of Public Works A. McKinnon if the Street Rating guide on the Town's website would be updated. A. MacKinnon replied that the construction schedule will be updated after the budget was approved.
- b) Councillor B. Thomas raised concerns that silt from the construction site at 125 Willow Street will contaminate the adjacent brook. A. MacKinnon replied that the developer would be responsible for following proper erosion and sedimentation controls for construction sites.
- c) Deputy Mayor C. Hinton made the following announcements:
  - The Bowls for Balance event is taking place at CMHA on Wednesday May 8
  - Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> a tree will be planted in front of the Truro Police Department by TREY for National Victims and Survivors of Crime week.
  - Thursday evening, she and Councillor I. MacGrath will be hosting a Ward 3 community meeting.

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

10) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Approval of 2024/2025 Operating and Capital Budget and Tax Resolution**

Director of Corporate Services B. Coulter reviewed the 2024/2025 operating and capital budget and presented Council with the tax resolution for approval and adoption. On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and Ian MacGrath, it was moved that Council approve the budget. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Discharge of Development Agreement for 64 Queen Street**

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor I. McGrath, it was moved that Council discharge the Development agreement dated May 31, 2001, regarding 64 Queen Street. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Set Public Hearing Date for 22, 30 Duke Street and 29, 31 Victoria Street.**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for June 3, 2024 at 1 pm to consider amending the existing development agreements for 22-30 Duke Street and 29-31 Victoria Street. Motion carried.

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

12) **ACCOUNTS**

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

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor B. Thomas, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:06 p.m. Motion carried.

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C. Hinton  
Deputy Mayor

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M. Dolter  
Chief Administrative Officer