



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday, June 3, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

A regular Public Meeting of Truro Town Council took place on Monday, June 3rd, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall in Council Chambers.

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

In Attendance: Acting CAO 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, Town Solicitor C. Thompson

Regrets: CAO M. Dolter

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 Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor A. Graham, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councillor I. McGrath noted that his name was misspelled on the May minutes. On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming, the amended minutes for the Public Council Meeting on May 6, 2024, were approved. Motion carried.

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

4) **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a) **Public Hearing: 22 Duke Street, 30 Duke Street, 29 & 31 Victoria Street**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath it was moved that Council approve the amendment to the two existing development agreements with Calder H. Creelman and his associated company (Truro Building Supplies & Leasing Ltd.) to permit the construction of a 2-storey, residential building containing 5 dwelling units; permit the creation of another dwelling unit within an existing building (31 Victoria St); and, reduce the required overall site parking from 75 spaces (68 required) to 47 on lands including 22 & 30 Duke Street, and 29, 31 Victoria Street. By a vote of 6 to 1 in favour the motion was carried.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Approval of Capital- Colchester Legion Stadium**

Acting CAO A. MacKinnon advised that Council met in an emergency meeting to discuss the approval of up to \$500,000 in capital for the electrical and mechanical updates to the Colchester Legion Stadium in order that other work required can proceed and keep the construction schedule on track. On motion of Councillors W. Talbot and I. McGrath the expenditure was approved. Motion carried.

b) **Housing Strategy**

Council received a report from Director of Planning J. Fox on Housing Strategies for information ahead of discussing the report at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

6) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

Acting CAO A. MacKinnon advised that in In-Camera session of Council took place on May 30, 2024, where two (2) items of a legal/land nature were discussed. There are no items to discuss in-camera after this meeting.

7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

Acting CAO A. MacKinnon presented the CAO report for May to Council.

Council A. Graham requested an update on the Land Sale Strategy for William Barnhill and Young Street. A. Grant replied that an RFP closed on the 10 acre property on May 29 and they received an a Request for Expression of Offer of the 14 acre plot. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services for May report was presented to Council.

Deputy Mayor C. Hinton asked for an update on the Town's Tax Sale. B. Coulter replied that there were two properties for sale, and both were sold.

c) **Fire Service Report**

The Fire Service report for the month of May was presented to Council

Councillor I. McGrath asked how many burning complaints resulted in fines. Fire Chief B. Currie explained that no fines were issued in these incidents.

Deputy Mayor C. Hinton asked when the brush in Victoria park would be cleared as it is a fire safety hazard. Fire Chief B. Currie explained that the Parks and Recreation crew had been working on removal since the hurricane and it will take years. The biggest issue is people being careful while in the park. He noted that the TFD website has information about fire safety as well as the province's website "Fire Smart". People are also able to call the fire department to have someone come and check out their property if necessary.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

Councillor B. Thomas noted that construction has begun at 72 Lorne Street and asked how people could find out about the development. J. Fox replied that all developments with active applications are on the Town's website.

e) **Police Service Report**

The Police Service report for May was presented to Council.

Councillor A. Graham requested an update on the hiring of an Outreach Navigator. Councillor J. Flemming offered that the position has been filled, and the new hire started Monday. He and Chief MacNeil will meet with them in the next week.

Councillor I. McGrath asked for clarification on the data provided in the Police reports and what dates does the report cover. Chief MacNeil explained that it was the month up to the date the report is requested.

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for May was presented to Council.

Councillor B. Thomas expressed concern that the storm water management system was overwhelmed last year with so much rain and one area of concern is Crowell Street. A. MacKinnon replied that one of the capital projects approved in the budget was the Crowell Drive Storm Sewer project which is expected to solve this issue.

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

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

Councillor I. McGrath inquired what the age group was for the upcoming Bike Rodeo. A. Simms informed him that it is intended for elementary school aged children but that volunteers are welcome.

Councillor W. Talbot asked when the Legion Stadium would be opening. A. Simms replied that it is scheduled to open mid-September.

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and W. Talbot, it was moved that all reports for May 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: Taxi Bylaw Amendment – First Reading**

My motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton and Councillor W. Talbot the amended Taxi Bylaw was approved for first reading. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Capital Request**

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and B. Thomas it was moved that Council approve the capital purchase of a police vehicle costing \$58,000 to be funded from the capital reserve. Motion carried.

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

12) **ACCOUNTS**

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

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Deputy Mayor C. Hinton, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m. Motion carried.

W. R. (Bill) Mills
Mayor

A. MacKinnon
Acting Chief Administrative Officer