



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday May 5, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

Present: Mayor C. Hinton, Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, Councillors I. McGrath, W. Talbot, J. Flemming, D. Pryor, A. Graham

In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Communications A. Grant, Fire Chief B. Currie, Town Solicitor C. Thompson

Mayor C. Hinton called the meeting to order, beginning with a Land Acknowledgement. She recognised that we are gathered on Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq People, and acknowledged the significant contributions of the African Nova Scotia Community to our province over the past 400 years, despite enduring generations of inequality due to systemic racism.

1) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CAO M. Dolter noted that a Request for Decision under Item 8b would not be made due to recent developments on the issue. However, the Director of Public Works will still provide the information available to date.

On motion of Councillors I. McGrath and A. Graham, the amended agenda was approved. Motion carried.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors J. Flemming and D. Pryor, the minutes for the April 7, 2025, Public Council Meeting were approved. Motion carried.

3) **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE** – N/A

4) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: MOU & Service Agreement – Marketing Levy**

By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath, it was resolved that Truro Town Council support entering the proposed Memorandum of Understanding to establish a Tourism Development Society, contingent upon the County of Colchester, the Town of Stewiacke, and Millbrook First Nation. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: 60 Golf Street**

By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham it was resolved that Council discharge the 2022 development agreement in place for 60 Golf Street and enter into a new development agreement with Tier Too Properties to permit a 5-storey multi-unit residential development containing up to 59 dwelling units, subject to the submission of a stormwater management plan prepared by a licensed professional and approved by the Town's Director of Engineering & Public Works; a Landscaping Plan reviewed by the Town's Urban Forester and accepted by the Town's Development Officer; and a Traffic Impact Statement approved by the Town's Traffic Authority, prior to entering into a development agreement on lands at 60 Golf Street (PID No. 20452892). Motion carried.

5) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised there was an in-camera session held on April 28, 2025, regarding two matters of a legal nature. There are no items to discuss with Council in-camera following today's meeting.

6) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

The CAO report for the month of April was presented to Council.

Councillor W. Talbot commented that there are concerns in the West Prince community regarding the ditch at the back of the ball field, as it is a safety issue. CAO M. Dolter replied that he expected an update the following day that he would share with Council and the West Prince community. Staff will also check the fencing.

Councillor I. McGrath asked if both Public Transit surveys issued were to be filled out. Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Communications A. Grant clarified that both were to be completed and that the first is a needs study and the second an options analysis.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services report for the month of April was presented to Council.

Councillor J. Flemming asked why under the Revenue from Services Offered, Operations why \$660,000 was budgeted but nothing was taken in. The Director of Corporate Services T. Russel explained that it is the year-end entry for Water Utility and will increase the surplus.

Councillor A. Graham asked for the funding formula for the Colchester-East Hants Library. While the formula was not available at that time, later in the meeting it was confirmed that of the \$297,000 given to the library, \$90,000 is the funding formula while the remaining \$207, 000 is operating costs paid by the Town.

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas asked for clarification on the Fire Smart Program. Chief B. Currie explained that it is a community program to help residents maintain fire safe properties.

Councillor W. Talbot noted that there is a pending approval to hire a firefighter in the budget and asked what steps are being taken to promote diversity. Chief B. Currie explained that there are two current vacancies to be filled now and looking to increase staffing levels over the next four

years. It is planned to work with local minority communities and are planning to promote a career in the fire service to youth.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

The Planning & Development report for the month of April was presented to Council.

e) **Police Service Report**

The Police Service report for the month of April was presented to Council.

Councillor A. Graham asked about the Truro Police Sub-station in the Hub Shopping Centre and if there are additional costs to run this. Chief D. McNeil replied that the project was funded by the province, so there was no cost to the town. He noted that the Seniors Safety Academy will be starting later in the week.

f) **Public Works Report**

The Public Works report for the month of April was presented to Council.

Councillor W. Talbot asked if some permanent marking can be put down to prevent Roosevelt Avenue from being blocked when the light is red going North on Willow. Director of Public Work A. McKinnon replied that he would talk to the Traffic Engineering Consultant and investigate signage or possibly paint the intersection.

Councillor D. Pryor asked if more LED Crosswalk lights would be installed. A. McKinnon replied that they are looking to do a comprehensive plan of mid-block crosswalks and that flags had also been purchased to flag the crosswalks.

Councillor D. Pryor asked for an update on repairs to Prince Street, Laurie Street and McLean Street. A. McKinnon replied that they are all in the system to be done and that Prince Street is in line for capital paving.

Councillor J. Flemming asked if the town owns the laneway between Kaulback Street and Willow Street. A. McKinnon replied that the town does own the laneway, but it was not built to the town's standards and is not a town street. He encouraged Council to consider selling it. In the short term it would be patched but it is a low priority.

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

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

By Motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming it was moved to approve the department reports. Motion carried.

7) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

By motion of Councillor A. Graham and I. McGrath it was moved that the issue of adequate and sustainable funding for public libraries in Nova Scotia be brought forth to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for consideration of advocacy priorities for Provincial funding. Motion carried.

8) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 201 Kaulback Street, Set Public Hearing Date**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming, it was resolved that Council set a Public Hearing date for June 2, 2025, to consider entering into a development agreement with RM Architects Inc. to permit a 5-storey, multi-unit, residential apartment building comprised of 63 units on 201 Kaulback Street (PID No. 20475240). Motion carried.

b) **Extended Producers Responsibility/Circular Materials Opt-In**

Director of Public Works A. McKinnon provided an overview of the new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for paper, packaging, and packaging-like products. EPR is a policy approach that holds producers financially responsible and accountable for the materials they supply throughout their lifecycle. In Nova Scotia, Circular Materials—a not-for-profit producer responsibility organisation—ensures that producers comply with the new regulations.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:04 p.m.

Cathy Hinton
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer