



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday November 3, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

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

In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Public Works O. Browning, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Fire Chief B. Currie, Director of Corporate Services T. Russell, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Manager of Strategic Services A. Grant, 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**

The agenda for the November 3, 2025, Public Council Meeting was approved as presented.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 6, 2025, Public Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

3) **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

4) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 730 Young Street, Development Agreement**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor it was moved that Council approve the application by Akwaaba Developments Inc. to develop the multi-unit residential development consisting of 281 dwelling units on 730 Young Street (PID no. 20483244, 20483251, 20482998). Motion carried.

b) **Request For Decision: 245 Robie Street, Development Agreement**

By motion of Councillors D. Pryor and I. McGrath it was moved that that Council amend the existing development agreement on lands at 245 Robie Street (PID 20148045) to permit the construction of a 4th pad-mount site at 245 Robie Street (PID 20148045), and reduce the overall required parking spaces on the site to a ratio of no less than 4.7 parking spaces per 93 m² (1,000

ft2) of net leasable space, subject to the Applicant submitting a letter from an engineer confirming the amount of stormwater runoff from the site; and that the Applicant and the Town's Urban Forester prepare a planting plan that meets the satisfaction of the Town's Development Officer. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Central Nova Scotia Tourism Development Society -Operating Agreement**

By motion of Councillors W. Talbot and A. Graham it was moved that Council approve the Central Nova Scotia Tourism Development Society Operating Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Application to amend Water Utility Rules for Water Conservation Measures**

By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and A. Graham it was resolved that an application be made to the Regulatory and Appeals Board on behalf of the Town of Truro Water Utility for an amendment to add Rule 37 to the Schedule of Rules & Regulations of the Water Utility to include the directive Appendix "A" as follows:

Appendix "A" to RFD

Proposed new section 37 to Schedule of Rules & Regulations:

37. WATER CONSERVATION DIRECTIVES: The Utility may issue conservation of water directives to its customers, if in the opinion of the Utility, such directives are required to permit the Utility to provide reliable continuous water service to all customers served by the Utility. During such times as these directives are in force, customers who do not comply with the directives may have their water service suspended until such time as they agree to comply with the directive or upon suspension of the water conservation directive, whichever occurs first. Such customers shall be required to pay the Charge for Reestablishing Water Service as laid out in the approved Schedule of Rates for the Utility.

Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: Facilities Capital Reallocation**

By motion of Deputy Mayor B. Thomas and Councillor D. Pryor it was moved that Council approve the reallocation of capital funds from the facilities contingency budget to the Victoria Park snow guards, HVAC restoration at Town Hall and Library heating restoration, for a total of \$86,354. Motion carried.

5) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter advised there were three in-camera meeting in October, October 2, 23 and 28, all of a legal nature. There will be an in-camera session held after today's Public Council meeting.

6) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas asked if the pilot site for the Urban Deer Management program had been productive. Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Communications A. Grant replied that most of the 35 deer culled so far were from that site and that feedback from people in the area was positive.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

Councillor I. McGrath asked for more information the Camden Road clearing project, specifically in the relation to potential wildfire-fighting access. Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture A. Simms explained that there was a quote for the project, and it that it would be presented for consideration at the Budget discussions in the spring.

Councillor J. Flemming inquired about the in-filling of the Argus Street Ballfield ponds. Director of Public Works O. Browning replied that Dexter's Construction would be bringing fill to the ponds on November 12.

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

The Parks, Recreation & Culture report for the month of October was presented to Council.

Councillor J. Flemming asked for an update on the heaters in the stands at the Colchester Legion Stadium. Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture A. Simms replied that the heaters need to be inspected and see if funds are available in the budget.

Councillor I. McGrath requested an update on the new asphalt Pump Track. A. Simms replied that the asphalt is done, crews will return in two weeks to add the safety strips. It should be open in 3-4 weeks.

By Motion of Councillors W. Talbot and D. Pryor, it was moved to approve the department reports. Motion carried.

7) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor I. McGrath asked if there was any follow-up to the CN “crossing” that was removed by CN behind the Truro Centre Mall. He requested that a meeting be held with CN.

By motion of Councillor I. McGrath and D. Pryor it was moved that Mayor C. Hinton and available staff/councillors will meet with Mr. Bateman of CN at the NSFM Conference or otherwise to discuss the crossing. Motion carried.

8) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Heritage Advisory Committee Request**

By motion of Deputy Mayor B. Thomas and Councillor D. Pryor, it was moved that Council release the Town Council Meeting Minutes from 1950 until present to the Colchester Historeum for digitization and long-term preservation. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Noise Control By-law Exemption**

By motion of Councillors D. Pryor and A. Graham, it was moved that Council grant an exemption from the Town's Noise Control By-law for a private function with a live band to be held at 87 Curtis Drive on Saturday, July 4, 2026 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. Motion carried.

c) **Election of Deputy Mayor**

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas was nominated by I. McGrath to serve a second term as Deputy Mayor. Councillor D. Pryor seconded the nomination. Deputy Mayor B. Thomas was unanimously re-appointed as Deputy Mayor.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:11 p.m.