



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday January 12, 2026 – 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 January 12, 2026, Public Council Meeting was approved as presented.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 1, 2025, Public Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the December 11, 2025 Special Public Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

3) **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from Hubtown Housing Cooperative was shared with Council.

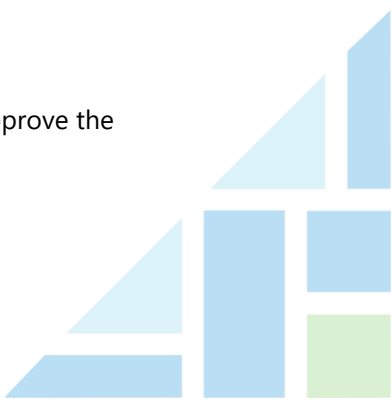
4) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Amended Municipal Grant Policy**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and W. Talbot it was moved that Council approve the Municipal Grant Policy as amended. Motion carried.

b) **Request For Decision: Municipal Standing Grant Policy**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming it was moved that Council approve the Municipal Standing Grant Policy as presented. Motion carried.



c) **Request for Decision: Amended Low Income Tax Exemption Policy**

By motion of Councillors A. Graham and I. McGrath it was moved that Council approve the proposed changes to the Low-Income Tax Exemption Policy. Motion Carried.

d) **Request for Decision: RECC Governance**

By motion of Councillor W. Talbot and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas it was moved that Council approve on an interim basis (until a new structure is agreed upon) the recommendations from the 11 Dec 2025 Special Council meeting:

- a) Continue to have the Society manage and operate the RECC.
- b) Have 6 directors on the Society's Board, all of whom are members of Council, 3 from the Town and 3 from the Municipality.
- c) Amend the management structure to have regular Board meetings, as well as reporting between Board meetings, among a management team consisting of the two owner CAOs and the General Manager of the RECC. This would promote greater collaboration and cohesiveness in the management of the RECC.

Motion carried.

Be it further resolved by motion of Deputy Mayor B. Thomas and Councillor W. Talbot that the interim Board draft a new Interim Operating agreement to permit the continued operation of the RECC by the Society and that this agreement will come to Council in a special meeting before the end of January 2026 for ratification. Motion carried.

Be it further resolved by motion of Councillors J. Flemming and W. Talbot to strike a joint Councils/Citizen Committee to develop and recommend a new governance structure by June 30, 2026. Motion defeated.

Be it further resolved to strike a joint Councils/Citizen Committee to develop and recommend a new governance structure. Motion carried.

Be it further resolved by motion of Councillors I. McGrath and W. Talbot that, in conjunction with the Society Board and the County, the required amendments be made to the Bylaws and the Operating Agreement to permit the maintenance of regular business at the RECC based on the new structure. Motion carried

e) **Request for Decision: 373 Robie Street**

By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath it was moved that Council approve the request to enter into a development agreement with Lennox Developments Ltd. to permit a 4-storey multi-unit residential development consisting of up to 44 dwelling units and 36 parking spaces on lands at 373 Robie Street (PID 20147070), subject to the developer submitting and receiving approval for a stormwater management plan and landscaping plan. Motion carried.

f) **Request for Decision: Canadian Firefighters Curling Championships – Grant Request**

By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath it was moved that Council approve the \$7,000 funding request to support the Canadian Firefighters Curling Championships, being held in Truro from March 19-28, 2026. Motion carried.

5) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported that an in-camera meeting was held on December 1, 2025 regarding a legal matter. An in-camera meeting is scheduled to take place following the Public Council Meeting on January 12, 2026.

6) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

Councillor I. McGrath inquired how many of the 88 deer culled this year were taken from the new urban hunting site. CAO M. Dolter reported that it was 35.

Councillor D. Pryor asked whether the Community Wildfire Protection Plan would include risk mitigation measures. The Chief Administrative Officer, M. Dolter, confirmed that it would and noted that Chief Currie is also implementing the FireSmart Program as a public education initiative.

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas requested clarification on the Fleet Electrification Study and recommendations. Manager of Strategic Services A. Grant explained that Phase One of the study has recently been completed but that Phase Two is still outstanding. She will circulate the Phase One results to Council.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

Councillor I. McGrath asked what the Rezoning Process is. Director of Planning J. Fox explained that it is similar to the Development Application Process: the application would go to the Planning Advisory Committee to review, then it would go before Council with an appeal process.

Councillor D. Pryor asked, with respect to 7 Alice Street, whether a single property could be rezoned or whether the entire street would be included. J. Fox responded that spot rezoning is unusual, noted that further discussion would take place at the Planning Advisory Committee meeting, and advised that there is an option to proceed by Development Agreement.

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

Councillor A. Graham asked if the parking restriction request for Longworth was progressing. Director of Public Works O. Browning explained that the Town does not usually put parking restrictions on local streets. The Streets Bylaw is currently under review, and they are looking at including standards that speak to sightline distances.

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

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

Councillor I. McGrath inquired if the new playground planned for the No. 2 Construction Battalion Athletic Facility would be accessible. Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture A. Simms confirmed that it would be accessible.

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

7) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

8) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Set Public Hearing Date 67 Inglis Place**

By motion of Councillors W. Talbot and A. Graham it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for February 2, 2026, to consider entering into a Development Agreement by Factory 58 Holdings Incorporated to permit a five (5) storey multi-unit residential development consisting of 35 dwelling units and 525 m² of commercial space at 67 Inglis Place (PID No. 20195442). Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Water Utility Capital Reallocation**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming it was moved that Council approve the reallocation of capital funds from AMI Towers – Digital Meter Reading budget item in the amount of \$60,000 to fund replacement of two (2) eyewash/shower stations and associated plumbing work at the Water Treatment facility. Motion carried.

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:33 p.m. and reconvened at 7:58 p.m. to address *Item 4 e) Request for Decision: 373 Robie Street*. The meeting concluded at 8:18 p.m.

Cathy Hinton
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer