



## Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday May 4, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

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

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, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Manager of Strategic Services A. Grant, Finance Manager A. Currie, Senior Planner C. Connolly, Town Solicitor C. Thompson

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*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.*

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1) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the May 4, 2026, Public Council Meeting was approved as presented.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 13, 2026, Public Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

3) **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Letter from MLA Ritcey re: Provincial Funding for Colchester- East Hants Public Library**

CAO M. Dolter read the letter from MLA Ritcey for information purposes.

b) **Letter from Rotary Club of Truro**

CAO Dolter read the letter received from the Rotary Club of Truro requesting funding of \$5000 for the club's centennial celebration.

My motion of Councillor J. Flemming and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, it was moved to bring the Rotary Club of Canada's funding request outlined in the correspondence to the next Public Council Meeting for consideration. Motion carried.

4) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 219 Queen Street**

By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath it was moved that Council amend its March 2016 development agreement with Arkham Developments Limited (as amended in May 2022) to include an option to convert vacant ground floor commercial space in an existing mixed-use building at 219 Queen Street into two residential units. Motion Carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Appointment of Members to the Heritage Advisory Committee**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and W. Talbot it was moved that Council approve the appointment of Patrick Mitchell and Alyson Dobrota as citizen representatives on the Heritage Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Rock the Hub Noise Bylaw Exemption Request**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor it was moved that Council approve the exemption, as outlined in Section 8 of the Noise Control Bylaw, and allows the event, Rock the Hub, to run until 12:30 am on July 24, 25, and 26, 2026. Motion carried.

a) **Request for Decision: 60 Golf Street Development Agreement Timing Extension**

By motion of Deputy Mayor and Councillor D. Pryor, it was moved that Council grant a 6-month extension to the timing provision noted in Part 6.1 of the DRAFT Development Agreement between the Town and Walton Residential Communities. Motion carried.

5) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported that an in-camera meeting was held April 16, 2026, regarding two legal matters. An in-camera meeting is scheduled to be held after the May 4, 2026 Public Council Meeting.

6) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

CAO M. Dolter noted that, since his report was prepared, the RECC Board has recommended that Eastpoint Engineering be retained to undertake the Facility Review at the RECC and sought Council's concurrence with this recommendation.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

Councillor I. McGrath inquired if the discussions had been had with the County regarding a Housing Coordinator position. CAO M. Dolter will follow up with the County to discuss the matter

as well as the province's announcement regarding housing at the old hospital site.

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

Councillor D. Pryor requested an update on the Cottage Street CN Rail crossing. Director of Public Works O. Browning confirmed that he is coordinating efforts with CN and that the start yet has to be determined but will be shared with the public.

Councillor W. Talbot inquired about what is left to be done with regards to filling the ponds at the Argus Drive Ballfield. O. Browning explained that Dexter Construction would be back on site next week or the following. Grading work is required at the third pond by the parking lot, everything else needs to be fine graded and a rock line ditch needs to be installed through all three ponds, hydroseeding of the third pond will complete the project.

Councillor A. Graham asked where the five crosswalk lights were to be installed. O. Browning explained that they would be installed at the crosswalks that currently have flagging.

Councillor A. Graham asked for an update on parking on the west side of Longworth. O. Browning replied that permanent "No Parking" signs will be installed soon.

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas shared that constituents are concerned about the depth of the storm drain at Duke & Willow, stating that it is hazardous. O. Browning will have staff investigate.

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

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

Councillor D. Pryor asked if there were any plans to revamp the playground at Victoria Park. Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture A. Simms replied that they are working on creating a multi-year plan to phase in a new playground.

By motion of Councillor W. Talbot and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, it was moved to approve the department reports. Motion carried.

7) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

8) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Community Recognition Policy**

A discussion was held on whether the proposed Community Recognition Policy should be reviewed by the EDIA Coordinator. It was agreed that she would review the policy and if any changes were required that the policy would be amended.

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and W. Talbot, it was moved that Council adopt the Community Recognition Policy as presented. By vote of 4 to 2, motion carried.

b) **Briefing Note: Farmers Market Tower Visual Condition**

CAO M. Dolter shared a briefing note from Director of Public Works O. Browning on the condition of the tower at the Farmer’s Market. The tower requires either repair or removal. Truro Police Service will fly their drone over the tower for more information before deciding on next steps.

c) **Request for Decision: 2025-26 Capital Budget Carry Over**

By motion of Councillors D. Pryor and I. McGrath, it was moved that Council approve the carry-over of the 2025–26 capital budget for the Public Works ¾-ton truck replacement in the amount of \$90,000 to be included in the 2026–27 Adjusted Capital Budget and funded by capital reserves. Motion carried.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:27 pm.

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Cathy Hinton  
Mayor

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M. Dolter  
Chief Administrative Officer