



Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday June 1, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

- Present: Mayor C. Hinton, Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, Councillors J. Flemming, I. McGrath, A. Graham, D. Pryor
- In Attendance: CAO M. Dolter, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Public Works O. Browning, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Director of Corporate Services T. Russell, Manager of Strategic Services A. Grant, Town Solicitor C. Thompson
- Regrets: Councillor W. Talbot, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Fire Chief B. Currie

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 June 1, 2026, Public Council Meeting was approved as presented.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 4, 2026, Public Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

3) **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Letter to Canadian Air Force re: Fly past – Battle of Britain**

A letter of support from Mayor Hinton for a fly past by Canadian Armed Forces aircraft for the planned Battle of Britain Tribute on September 20, 2026, was shared with Council.

b) **Citizen Petition: Havelock Street Repairs**

A citizen petition regarding the scheduling of road repairs on Havelock Street was shared with Council.

4) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Rotary Grant Request**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming it was moved that Council approve a \$5,000 grant payable to the Rotary Club of Truro. Motion Carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Wildlife Feeding Prohibition Bylaw**

By motion of Deputy Mayor B. Thomas and Councillor D. Pryor it was moved that the Wildlife Feeding Prohibition Bylaw be approved for first reading as presented. Motion carried.

c) **Briefing Note: Traffic Signals Replacement Project**

A Briefing Note was shared explaining that signal upgrades at Queen/Walker and Queen/Lorne are still planned but postponed until next spring. Delaying avoids major traffic issues while the province completes the Walker/Main Street Bridge work, as both projects together would severely disrupt traffic.

5) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported that an in-camera meeting was held May 21, 2026, regarding one land matter and one legal issue.

6) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas asked if the Recover Initiative at the Farmers Market would look at the structural soundness of the building. CAO M. Dolter explained that the review looked at energy efficiency but that the soundness of the building would be investigated and further discussion will be held with Council after that occurs.

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

c) **Fire Service Report**

The Fire Service report for the month of May was not available.

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

Councillor A. Graham asked what the process was for the Development Agreement that was defeated at the Planning Advisory Committee meeting with a tie vote. Director of Planning J. Fox explained that this does not indicate a negative recommendation. PAC is an advisory body of Council which has its own process to review planning applications and after three meetings provide a recommendation to Council. In this case, there is no motion to support, but Council will still hold a Public Hearing.

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

Director of Public Works O. Browning added that the spring hydrant flushing program has begun.

Councillor D. Pryor asked when the pothole filling will be completed. O. Browning replied that it should be done by the end of June.

Councillor D. Pryor inquired about who is responsible for maintaining Abenaki Road. O. Browning replied that the province is responsible but the town has occasionally asphalt patched the road in the past as a courtesy.

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

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

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and A. Graham, it was moved to approve the department reports. Motion carried.

7) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and A. Graham it was moved that Council direct Staff to provide a Cost/Benefit Analysis on updates to our mailing process to include actual properties so that tenants are also advised of Development Agreement updates. Motion carried.

8) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: 448-450 Lower Truro Rd, Development Agreement**

Application – Set Public Hearing Date

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming, it was moved that Council set a Public Hearing date for July 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., to consider the Development Agreement Application by W M Fares Architects on behalf of Andrew Rodgers to permit a 155-unit residential development on lands at the corner of Lower Truro Road and McClures Mills Road as described in this Staff Report dated May 22, 2026. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Encampment Location & Clean-up**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming it was moved that Council approve utilizing \$50,000 of the surplus residential solid waste contract budget amount to fund the necessary clean-up work of the encampment on Town owned land on an emergency basis. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Grant Request – Ground Search & Rescue**

By motion of Councillor I. McGrath and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas it was moved that Council approve the maximum of \$10,000, as per the Municipal Grant policy, for the Ground Search and Rescue Association for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Regional Transit Study**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor it was moved that Council direct staff to undertake a review of the financial implications of a potential transit service for the Town of Truro, including impacts on the tax base, and report back to Council with findings and recommendations. Motion carried.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:01 pm.

Cathy Hinton
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer