

Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro

Monday July 6, 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 Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Fire Chief B. Currie, 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 Planning J. Fox

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 July 6, 2026, Public Council Meeting was approved as presented.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 1, 2026, Public Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

3) **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

4) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Wildlife Feeding Prohibition By-law**

By motion of Deputy Mayor B. Thomas and Councillor D. Pryor, it was moved that Council adopt the Wildlife Feeding Prohibition By-law, and repeal By-law B130-005, being the 'Feeding of Wild Birds and Animals Bylaw. Motion Carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre – Grant Request**

By motion of Councillor I. McGrath and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas it was moved that Truro Town Council table the funding request of \$100,000, payable over 5 years (at \$20K per year), until the 2027-28 budget deliberations. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Grant Request – Winter Long John Festival**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor it was moved that Truro Town Council approve a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to Central Nova Scotia Tourism Development Society for funding the 2027 Winter Long John Festival. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: 448-450 Lower Truro Rd, Development Agreement Application – Reschedule Public Hearing Date**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor, it was moved that Council re-schedule a Public Hearing date for September 17, 2026, at 6:00 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.

e) **Request for Decision: RECC Budget**

By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and D. Pryor, it was moved that Council approve the RECC Budget as presented at the June 23, 2026 Joint Council Meeting. By vote of 3 to 2, motion carried.

5) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

CAO M. Dolter reported that an in-camera meeting was held June 18, 2026, regarding three labour and three legal matters.

6) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**

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

b) **Corporate Services Report**

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

Councillor A. Graham inquired about where the RECC Budget appears on the Town Financials. CAO M. Dolter explained that it was in Reserves and that the Corporate Services Report will include an update on Reserves going forward.

c) **Fire Service Report**

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

d) **Planning & Development Report**

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

e) **Police Service Report**

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

f) **Public Works Report**

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

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

The Parks, Recreation & Culture report for the month of June 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**

8) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Citizen Member Appointments**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor it was moved that Council approves the appointment of Carrie Drake and Mitch Millard to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision: Grant Request – 2026 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition**

By motion of Councillors D. Pryor and A. Graham it was moved that Council approve a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Colchester 4-H for funding the 2026 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Grant Request – Colchester Historical Society**

By motion of Councillor D. Pryor and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas it was moved that Council approve a grant of \$10,000, as per the Municipal Grant policy, for the Colchester Historical Society for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Grant Request – Lemonaid Stand Society**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor it was moved that Council approve a grant of \$2,500, as per the Municipal Grant policy, for the Lemonaid Stand Society for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: Loan Write Off – Cobequid Society for Athletic Excellence**

By motion of Councillor D. Pryor and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas it was moved that Council approve this approach as an alternative to an operational grant, as it provides meaningful financial support to the organization while minimizing the immediate impact on the Town's cash flow. Motion Carried.

f) **Request for Decision: Operating & Capital Transfer of Surplus Funds 2025-26**

By motion of Councillors A. Graham and I. McGrath it was moved that Council approve the transfer of the total general operating surplus at March 31, 2026 to the Capital Reserve. Motion carried.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:52 pm.

Cathy Hinton
Mayor

M. Dolter
Chief Administrative Officer