Public Council Meeting

Town of Truro
Monday September 14, 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, W. Talbot
In Attendance:	CAO M. Dolter, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture A. Simms, Fire Chief B. Currie, Acting Director of Public Works J. Bent, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Director of Corporate Services T. Russell, Director of Governance & Strategy 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**
Item *8 f) Request for Decision: Omnibus Repeal Bylaw, First Reading* was removed from the agenda. Item *9 d) Request for Support Brookfield Athletic Association* was added to the agenda. The amended agenda was approved.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The minutes of the July 23, 2026, Public Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

3) **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

4) **OLD BUSINESS**

5) **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**
CAO M. Dolter reported that an in-camera meeting was held July 23, 2026, regarding a labour issue and that an in-camera meeting would follow today's Public agenda regarding land, legal and labour issues.

6) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

a) **CAO Report**
The CAO report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

b) **Governance & Strategy Report**
The Governance & Strategy report for the month of July and August was presented to Council.

c) **Corporate Services Report**
The Corporate Services report for the months of June and July was presented to Council.

Deputy Mayor B. Thomas requested a report on water treatment costs. Director of Corporate Services T. Russell will prepare the report and provide it to Council.

d) **Fire Service Report**
The Fire Service report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

e) **Planning & Development Report**
The Planning & Development report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

f) **Police Service Report**
The Police Service report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

f) **Public Works Report**
The Public Works report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

Councillor I. McGrath inquired if the Accessible Parking map on the Town's website could be updated. Acting Director J. Bent advised that staff would update the map.

g) **Parks, Recreation & Culture Report**
The Parks, Recreation & Culture report for the months of July and August was presented to Council.

Councillor A. Graham requested that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Report include year-over-year comparisons. Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture A. Simms advised that the comparison would be included in future reports.

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

7) **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and J. Flemming, it was moved that Truro Town Council write a letter of support to the Town of New Glasgow to show support for their proposal, "Nova Scotia Systems Transformation Pilot", a proposal for a provincial centre for recovery, rehabilitation, and community wellness and an integrated approach to addressing addiction, mental health, homelessness, and community wellbeing. Motion carried.

8) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision: Approval of the 2025-26 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements**
By motion of Councillors W. Talbot and I. McGrath it was moved that that Council approve the 2025-26 audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Town of Truro, as reviewed and recommended by the Town's Audit Committee. Motion carried.

b) **Request for Decision:2026-27 Water Capital Reallocation – Water Meters**
By motion of Councillors J. Flemming and I. McGrath it was moved that Council approve the $110,000 capital reallocation from the James Street Waterline replacement to the purchase of water meters to support operations within the Water Utility. Motion carried.

c) **Request for Decision: Sponsorship Request – Nova Scotia Music Week 2026**
By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and D. Pryor it was moved that Truro Town Council approve a sponsorship in the amount of $1,000 to Music Nova Scotia for the 2026 Music Nova Scotia Music & Industry Awards as part of Nova Scotia Music Week 2026, to be held in Truro from November 12-15, 2026 and that the sponsorship be funded from the approved 2026/2027 Strategic Initiatives Budget. Motion carried.

d) **Request for Decision: Reschedule October 2026 Committee of the Whole**
By motion of Councillor W. Talbot and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, it was moved that Council approve rescheduling the October 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting from October 15 to October 22, 2026. Motion carried.

e) **Request for Decision: Council Procedure Bylaw – First Reading**
By motion of Councillors A. Graham and J. Flemming, it was moved to amend Part 9 – Motions and Debate, Section 31. Motions of the proposed Council Procedure Bylaw, to read: "*Each Council member shall have the right to speak to each motion, unless a Conflict of Interest is declared. No member shall speak for longer than five minutes at one time, or more than twice on any motion, and once to any amendment. Members shall limit their speaking only to the motion before Council*". Motion carried.

By motion of Councillor W. Talbot and Deputy Mayor B. Thomas, it was moved that Council give First Reading to By-Law B100-008, the Council Procedure Bylaw, as amended. Motion carried.

g) **Request for Decision:2026-27 Capital Reallocation – Paving**
By motion of Councillors I. McGrath and A. Graham it was moved that Council approve the reallocation of $15,500 from the 2026-27 Traffic Light Upgrades Project budget to the Victoria Street parking lot/driveway and Douglas Street parking lot paving projects to address the tender overage resulting from the public tender process and further direct staff to award the tender. Motion carried.

h) **Request for Decision: 2026-27 Capital Reallocation – Sewer Pump**
By motion of Councillors W. Talbot and J. Flemming it was moved that Council approve the reallocation of $24,361.22 from the 2026-27 Traffic Light Upgrades Project budget to the replacement of Pump #1 at the Prince Street pumping station and further direct staff to proceed with the purchase of the pump. Motion carried.

i) **Request for Decision: Reallocation of Grant Proceeds Colchester Food Network**
By motion Councillors D. Pryor and I. McGrath, it was moved that Council approve the reallocation of the $3,261.44 of unspent Spring Fling Grant funds to the August Garden Party and Fall Harvest

Party proposed by the Colchester Food Network in accordance with the Municipal Grant Policy. Motion carried.

j) **Request for Decision: West Prince Area Advisory Committee Appointments**
By motion of Councillors D. Pryor and I. McGrath it was moved that Council appoint Taran Jordan, Raymond Tynes, Raya Parsons, Travis Drummond, Chantelle Paris and Tamara Tynes Powell to the West Prince Area Advisory Committee as citizen members in accordance with the West Prince Area Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. Motion carried.

k) **Request for Decision: 2026-27 Capital Reallocation – Boiler**

By motion of Councillors A. Graham and I. McGrath it was moved that Council approve the reallocation of $15,288 from the 2026-27 Civic Square Brick Work project to fund the capital costs associated with the boiler repairs at Glassey Avenue. Motion carried.

l) **Request for Decision: Letter from Colchester Requesting Joint Meeting**
By motion of Councillors D. Pryor and A. Graham it was moved that Council direct the Mayor and CAO to send a letter to the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society Board indicating the Town of Truro's willingness to participate in a joint meeting involving the CNSCCS Board, the Municipality of Colchester, and the newly appointed General Manager, for the purpose of receiving updates, asking questions, and gaining a better understanding of the General Manager's operational approach and priorities during the early stages of his tenure. Motion carried.

9) **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a) **Colchester Historeum Correspondence**
By motion of Deputy Mayor B. Thomas and Councillor J. Flemming it was moved the Truro Town Council increase the 2026/27 funding grant for the Colchester Historeum from $10,000, approved by Council at the July 2026 Public Council Meeting to a total grant in the amount of $25,000. Motion carried.

b) **Maggie's Place Correspondence & Respondence**

c) **Municipal Affairs, Office of the Minister Correspondence & Response**

d) **Request for Support Brookfield Athletic Association**
By motion of Deputy Mayor B. Thomas and Councillor A. Graham it was moved that Council provide a letter of support for the Brookfield Athletic Association's bid to host the 2027 U20 Fastpitch National Championship. Motion carried.

10) **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:09 pm.

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Cathy Hinton	M. Dolter
Mayor	Chief Administrative Officer