



**Truro Town Council Meeting  
Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
Council Chambers – Civic Building**

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A regular public meeting of Truro Town Council was held on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Truro Civic Building.

Present: Mayor W. R. (Bill) Mills, Councillors B. Kinsman, S. Byers, G. MacArthur, D. Bennett-Cook and C. Cox

Regrets: Deputy Mayor R. Tynes

In Attendance: Director of Finance R. Putnam, Director of Planning J. Fox, Director of Public Works A. MacKinnon, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture D. MacKenzie, Police Chief D. MacNeil, Fire Chief B. Currie, Town Solicitor J. Rafferty and CAO J. Langille

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Councillors C. Cox and D. Bennett-Cook, the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councillors D. Bennett-Cook and C. Cox, the minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and the minutes of the Public Council Meeting held January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**a) Public Hearing – 16 Park Street, Development Agreement**

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the Town Planning Advisory Committee requesting that Council set a public hearing date of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to consider entering into a phase Development Agreement for construction of 102 residential dwelling units in two multiple unit buildings at 16 Park Street.

On motion of Councillors S. Byers and B. Kinsman, a public hearing date of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 was set for a proposed development agreement at 16 Park Street. Motion carried.

**b) Public Hearing – Upham Drive, Rezoning**

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the Town Planning Advisory Committee requesting that Council set a public hearing date of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to consider allowing the development of a residential subdivision on Upham Drive.

On motion of Councillors D. Bennett-Cook and C. Cox, a public hearing date of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 was set for a proposed rezoning on Upham Drive. Motion carried.

**c) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – New Chimney Sweeps Licenses Bylaw**

The CAO advised that at last month's Council meeting, Council passed a resolution to repeal the existing Chimney Sweeps Licenses Bylaw. At that time, it was requested by Council that the Town Solicitor draft a new, more up to date Bylaw for consideration by Council at this meeting.

The Town Solicitor reviewed the draft Bylaw for Council. The Bylaw would ensure that anyone within the Town who performed chimney sweeps is licensed to do so, with WETT certification. An application can be made to the Fire Chief or Fire Inspector for a license under the Bylaw, and a license will be provided for a period of one year or until the individual's WETT certification expires. The Bylaw also provides for a penalty should someone sweep a chimney without the proper license from the Town.

The Fire Chief advised that he had an opportunity review the draft Bylaw and his only issue was the policing of the Bylaw.

On motion of Councillors S. Byers and B. Kinsman, the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the new Chimney Sweeps Licenses Bylaw was approved as presented, with 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to take place at the March Council meeting. Motion carried.

**d) Phase 4 Expansion of Water Utility to Bible Hill**

The CAO reviewed a letter and resolution for filing with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to initiate the process of approval for Phase 4 of the extension of water services into the Village of Bible Hill.

On motion of Councillors S. Byers and D. Bennett-Cook, the resolution to initiate the process of approval for Phase 4 of the extension of water services into the Village of Bible Hill, was approved. Motion carried.

## **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

### **a) Presentation – TreeGo**

Martin Laviolette of TreeGo made a presentation to Council about TreeGo, a proposed obstacle tree course for Victoria Park.

Councillor D. Bennett-Cook asked about the Town's liability with an activity like this in Victoria Park, and if there was much error. Mr. Laviolette advised that the staff trains everyone prior to them completing the obstacle courses and individuals are always hooked up to a safety line.

Councillor C. Cox asked the mechanisms used were intrusive to the esthetic value of the Park. Mr. Laviolette advised that it was very important to the franchise not to disturb any activity in the Park, and this would bring more to the Park, not detract from it. Councillor C. Cox asked how use after hours was prevented. Mr. Laviolette advised that the ladders were retractable so to prevent use after hours.

Councillor S. Byers asked what the price range was for tickets. Mr. Laviolette advised that it was approximately \$32 per person, and that there were different rates for ages, groups and school rates. Councillor S. Byers asked about the training of employees. Mr. Laviolette advised that all staff were trained and operated by the franchise.

Councillor B. Kinsman asked would the Town could expect in a few years for volume of customers to the course. Mr. Laviolette advised that on average, the parks in Moncton and Fredericton saw between 20,000 to 25,000 customers a year. Councillor B. Kinsman noted that he had a few concerns and would like to see a thorough evaluation by staff. He also noted that the proposal was for six zip lines across the gorge, which was really the heart of the Park, where people go for peace and quiet and he was concerned about detracting from the natural experience of the Park. Councillor B. Kinsman suggested that public input be sought on this matter before Council makes a decision.

Councillor G. MacArthur acknowledged that he understood Councillor B. Kinsman's concerns, and this project is something that has been before the Recreation Committee for two years. He noted that anyone he has talked to about really likes the idea.

The CAO noted that this was the first opportunity to present the idea to Council, outside of the Recreation Committee, and the presentation was made to find out what Council's concerns may be. He advised that no negotiations had begun, and any concerns of Council would be kept in mind when negotiations were started.

The Mayor asked what the time line would be if Council gave approval soon. Mr. Laviolette advised that construction could begin May 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, with opening date of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Mayor advised that the Recreation Department would be setting up a public meeting in the near future regarding this matter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a) Grant Request – Colleen Pinkney**

The CAO advised that at the last Council meeting, Council reviewed a letter received from Colleen Pinkney requesting financial aid from the Town for assisting her curling team with their journey to the World Championships in Russia. Council had requested that the Director of Finance determine if there were any budget funds remaining for this purpose. The Director of Finance advised that there is \$2,000 remaining in the general grants account.

On motion of Councillors D. Bennett-Cook and G. MacArthur, a grant of \$1,000 was approved for Colleen Pinkney and her team for the upcoming World Championships in Russia. Motion carried.

### **b) Wood Street, Street Closure Policy**

The CAO advised that at the last meeting of Council, a discussion was held on the relocation of the gate on Wood Street to further south of the secure treatment facility. Council had discussed at that time the possibility of continuing with the development a look off/picnic area adjacent or across the road from the facility. Council had requested more information to be presented at this meeting. The CAO advised that since the last meeting, the Town has spoken with landscape architect Ron Laking, who has agreed to participate in the designing of this area. Mr. Laking was unable to have his report finished in time for this month's Council meeting and the CAO requested that Council delay a decision on this matter for one month, at which time Mr. Laking can present his report to Council.

It was agreed by Council that a decision would be made at the March Council meeting after reviewing the report by Mr. Laking.

**IN-CAMERA SUMMARY REPORT**

The CAO advised Council that there were two personnel issues and three legal issues discussed by Council at the last In-Camera meeting. An in-Camera meeting will be held following this Public Council Meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Finance Report**

The Finance for the month of January was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors C. Cox and B. Kinsman, it was moved that the Finance report for the month of January, 2010 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Fire Report**

The Fire Report for the month of January was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors D. Bennett-Cook and G. MacArthur, it was moved that the Fire Report for the month of January, 2010 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Planning and Development Report**

The Planning and Development report for the month of January was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors D. Bennett-Cook and S. Byers, it was moved that the Planning and Development report for the month of January, 2010 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Police Report**

The Police Report for the month of January was presented to Council for review.

On motion of Councillors S. Byers and G. MacArthur, it was moved that the Police Report for the month of January, 2010 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Works Report**

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

Councillor S. Byers asked if there would be chance of surplus in the snow removal budget this year, as there has not been much snow thus far. The Director of Public Works advised that at this time the budget looked good.

Councillor B. Kinsman thanked the Director of Public Works for looking into the storm water flow issue in Victoria Park at Fairview Drive. He asked if the Director could look further into the viability of redirecting that water and look into what would be involved and the time frame. The Director of Public Works advised that he would investigate further and would have it available for budget discussions.

Councillor G. MacArthur requested that if there were any surplus funds in the snow budget, perhaps the Department could look at repairing Burnyeat Street.

On motion of Councillors G. MacArthur and S. Byers, it was moved that the Public Works Report for the month of January, 2010 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**Parks, Recreation and Culture Report**

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of January was presented to Council.

Councillor S. Byers asked if there was an update on lawn bowling. The Director of Recreation advised that the Committee had met a few weeks ago and another meeting is scheduled for later this month. The Committee is very optimistic and positive about getting this in place, and will hopefully reach a decision in a few months.

On motion of Councillors S. Byers and B. Kinsman, it was moved that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Report for the month of January, 2010 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**Safety Coordinators Report**

The Safety Coordinators Report for the month of January was presented to Council.

On motion of Councillors S. Byers and D. Bennett-Cook, it was moved that the Safety Coordinators Report for the month of January, 2010 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Councillor B. Kinsman noted that in the Halifax Regional Municipality, not much goes before the Council without a staff recommendation and report, and he noted that the Town does not have any clear guidelines or policies of what Council requires from staff. He requested that with the support of Council, the CAO develop a guideline or policy on staff recommendations and reports.

The CAO advised that he could have a report prepared for the next Council meeting.

Councillor S. Byers asked if a letter was received from the Minister of Justice in response to the letter the Town sent regarding obtaining information about proceeds of crime. The Mayor advised he was not aware of a response yet, and he would check into it. If a response had not been received, he would send a follow up letter.

**NEW BUSINESS****a) Letter from Attorney General re: Provincial Jail**

The CAO reviewed a letter for Council's information received from the Attorney General advising that the department would be with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal over the next few months and evaluating potential locations for the new Correction Facility.

**b) Letter – Colchester Legion re: July 1<sup>st</sup> Celebrations**

The CAO reviewed a letter received from the Colchester Legion requesting a grant of \$750 for the July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations and requesting use of Victoria Park for the entire day on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was agreed that the grant request would be sent off for budget discussions.

**c) Letter from Natural Resources re: Forestry Conference**

The CAO reviewed a letter received from Natural Resources advising that they would make a Gold level sponsorship of \$5,000 towards the October Canadian Urban Forestry Conference being held in Truro.

**ACCOUNTS**

It was moved by Councillors S. Byers and D. Bennett-Cook that Council pay the accounts as presented be approved for the month of January, 2010. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillors S. Byers and G. MacArthur, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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W. R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor

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J.K. Langille  
CAO