

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 09, 2021 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Donald Hussher
Deputy Mayor Heather Head
Councillor Steven Cotter
Councillor VJ Earle
Councillor Nicole LeBlanc
Wayne Teasdale, Chief Administrative Officer
Marilou Sutherland, Deputy Clerk

Also in attendance: Deborah Searle – Pictou County Solid Waste
Tony Mummery – Mountain Trail Bikers Pictou County
Jennifer Baudoux – Mountain Trail Bikers Pictou County
Jim Ripoll – Mountain Trail Bikers Pictou County
Robin Morash – Resident
Andrew Morash - Resident

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hussher.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor Earle
To accept the Agenda as circulated.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cotter
Seconded by Councillor Earle
That the Minutes of February 09, 2021 regular Council meeting be approved as circulated.
Motion carried.

Presentation – Deborah Searle, Pictou County Solid Waste

Deborah Searle gave an overview of what they do; compost facility; what's on the horizon; Community Outreach; Pictou County Solid Waste App and Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Mobile Events being held June 5 at the Pictou County Wellness Centre. Other programs are Pictou County Go Green Get Clean will be held April 19-24; and litter initiatives - NS Adopt a Highway and Great NS Pick Me up.

Presentation –Tony Mummery, Jim Ripoll and Jennifer Baudoux – Mountain Trail Builders Pictou County

This is the second presentation the MTBPC has made to Council. The 2-hour presentation covered the development of the trails in Trenton Park. Tony Mummery reviewed the status of the trail development, did a summary of the trail work. Barriers being installed was discussed. The MOU covers the scope of the development.

Correspondence

The Community Spirit Plaque from the Honourable Arthur LeBlanc – Lieutenant Governor

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept the Community Spirit Plaque from the Honourable Arthur LeBlanc, Lieutenant Governor.

Motion carried.

Pictou County Fuel Fund

A thank you letter was received from the Pictou County Fuel Fund. Thanking the Town for the donation

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Earle

To accept the correspondence from the Pictou County Fuel Fund for information.

Motion carried.

Pictou County Women's Resource and Sexual Assault Centre – International Women's Day

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept the correspondence from the Pictou County Women's Resource and Sexual Assault Centre for International Women's Day for information.

Motion carried.

Trenton Elementary School – Inclusive Food Program

Moved by Council Cotter

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

To give \$500 to the Trenton Elementary School Inclusive Food Program.

Motion carried.

Letter from Resident

A letter was received from resident concerning snow removal. The Town Engineer is looking into the matter and will respond to the resident in writing.

Spring Fix Ups

It was suggested by Councillor LeBlanc that there should be a write up in the newsletter on Snowplow Fix Ups.

Administration Reports

CAO Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter
Seconded by Councillor Earle
To accept the CAO Report as presented.
Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Moved by Councillor Earle
Seconded by Councillor Cotter
That the monthly Public Works Report be received for information.
Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councillor Earle
Seconded by Councillor Cotter
That the monthly Water Report be received for information.
Motion carried.

Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc
That the monthly Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre Report be received for information.
Motion carried.

Fire Report

Moved by Councillor Earle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head
That the monthly Fire Report be received for information.
Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Report

Moved by Councillor Earle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head
That the monthly Parks and Recreation Report be received for information.
Motion carried.

Police Report

Moved by Councillor Earle
Seconded by Councillor Cotter
That the monthly Police Report be received for information.
Motion carried.

Health and Safety Committee Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head
Seconded by Councillor Cotter
To accept the Minutes from the Health and Safety Committee Meeting on dated January 21, 2021.
Motion carried.

Committee Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter
Seconded by Councillor Earle
To accept the following recommendations for the Audit Committee
Resident Representative – Carol MacDonald
Councillor – Steven Cotter
Councillor – Heather Head
Councillor – Nicole LeBlanc
Mayor – Don Hussher

To accept the following recommendations for the Accessibility Committee
Resident – Donnie Cullen
Resident – Janice Hatt
Resident – Julie Martin
Resident – Pele Gallant
Resident – Debbie Brooker-Hughes
Resident – Kaitlin Cullen
Councillor – Nicole LeBlanc

To accept the following recommendations for the Source Water Protection Committee
Resident – Donnie Cullen
Councillor – Steven Cotter
Director of Water Works – Dan Campbell
Town CAO – Wayne Teasdale
Town Engineer – Iain MacIsaac
Town Planner – Roland Burke
Fire Chief – Wayne Allain
Airport Authority – Bruce Paige

Motion carried.

Old Business**River Beacon**

Mayor Hussler made inquiries about the River Beacon located at the Connector. He was notified by the CAO informing him that it was being worked on. The Mayor received a call from Ottawa, they stated that the River Beacon has been slated for demolition. The hazardous materials have been removed. Once the structure has been deemed safe, it is hoped that the River Beacon will be presented to the Town. Councillor Cotter advised Council that the Fire Department has expressed interest in assisting with this project.

New Business**Policy No. COM-20210309-02****Audit Committee Terms of Reference Policy**

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept Policy No. COM-20210309-02 Audit Committee Terms of Reference Policy, this new policy will replace GV-019 Audit Committee Policy.

Motion carried.

Policy No. COM-20210309-03 Source Water Protection Committee Terms of Reference Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept Policy No. COM-20210309-03 Source Water Project Committee Terms of Reference.

Motion carried.

Policy No. COM-20210309-01 Accessibility Committee Terms of Reference Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept Policy No. COM-20210309-01 Accessibility Committee Terms of Reference Policy.

Motion carried.

Hemlock Group

The CAO advised Council that the Hemlock Group Panel is available for site visit at Trenton Park on Friday, March 26 at 4:00 pm with questions and answers period to follow at the rink annex.

Councillor Earle inquired if consideration of the location of the Dog Park could be reconsidered. He had been approached by several people stating that the former archery range area (near the end of the Airport Runway) would be an ideal location for the dog park. The CAO advised Councillor Earle this issue should be brought up at the Site Visit with the Hemlock Group Panel. Mayor Hussler commented that the location

of the dog park was brought up at the public meeting with the Hemlock Group, this is the reason he has been requesting the results of the public meeting.

Deputy Mayor Head followed up on the Hemlock Group Panel submitting monthly reports in order to keep council up to date on the project. Mayor Hussler will sit on the Hemlock Group Panel because there is no council represented on the panel since the fall election.

Covid Vaccine

Councillor Cotter presented Council with a petition on support of the concerns of the local residents have to travel to Truro and Antigonish to obtain the Covid Vaccine. Council will send a letter to the Nova Scotia Health Authority expressing their concern not having a vaccine clinic located in Pictou County. There is a website: we are listening at NS Health or call 1-844-491-580.

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Earle

Council is requesting a letter be sent to the Minister of Health expressing Council's concern with the elderly being required to travel to Antigonish and Truro to receive the Covid vaccine and that a vaccination clinic should be made available in Pictou County. Motion carried.

Committee Report

Recommendation #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Council approve change to Council meeting start time to 6:00 pm and move Committee of the Whole meetings to the last Tuesday of the month with start time of 6:00 pm.

Motion carried.

Recommendation #2

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That on recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Council approve that the Deputy Mayor will be the Council representative on the "Volunteer of the Year" Selection Committee.

Motion carried.

Recommendation #3

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That on recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Council will alternate the mayor's message in the monthly newsletter with a Councillor's message. The schedule will be voters count in the October election.

Motion carried.

Special Meeting Community Group Presentations

Schedule is as follows:

- 6:00 pm Trenton Minor Ball
- 6:30 pm Trenton Forge Group/FunFest
- 7:00 pm Communities in Bloom
- 7:30 pm Trenton Heritage Room
- 8:00 pm Friends of Trenton Park Society

Deputy Mayor Head reported that FunFest will not be hosting an adult dance this summer.

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept the schedule of presenters at the Special Council Meeting.

Motion carried.

Round Table Discussion

Deputy Mayor Head has passed along a message on the crosswalks in the school areas. Councillor LeBlanc has MAP minutes which she will send along to Council members.

Resident's Questions

Andrew Morash expressed his concern with Mountain Trail Group with the method in which the work is being done. He feels the group isn't being truthful with single lane track. He stated the committee formation is slow, however as long as it is fair. He stated that he feels the main part of Trenton Park is given to the Hemlock Group and the rest of the Park was given to the Mountain Trail Builders.

Robin Morash inquired why the "No Skating" signs at Trenton Park. The CAO addressed Mr. Morash's concern that it is because of the risk, to ensure the safety of all Park users. Mr. Morash has concerns with the chain link fence around the pool at the Park not providing enough privacy.

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head

Made motion to move into "In Camera."

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cotter

To adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm

Donald Hussher
Mayor

Wayne Teasdale
Chief Administrative Officer