

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held at Trenton Fire Hall on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Donald Hussher
Deputy Mayor Heather Head
Councillor Steven Cotter
Councillor VJ Earle
Councillor Nicole LeBlanc
Marilou Sutherland, Deputy Clerk

Also in attendance: Iain MacIsaac, Town Engineer
Stephanie Anderson – Resident
Patricia Perry – Resident
Sonny Fraser – Resident
Robin Morash – Resident
Andrew Morash – Resident
Jackie Jardine – Pictou Advocate
Gerald Cameron - Resident

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hussher.

Covid Protocols

Councillor Cotter reviewed the rules for the Covid protocols for the Trenton Fire Hall.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head

To add “Get Clean Go Green” under Old Business, add “Private Property Services Policy” under Old Business and add “Trenton and Area Softball Association” under New Business. The Agenda was accepted with changes.

Motion carried.

Announcement

Mayor Hussher announced that the current CAO resigned as of April 08. Council wishes him well.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That the Minutes of March 09, 2021 regular Council meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

CARMA – Pictou County Chapter

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That the CARMA correspondence has been received for information.

Motion carried.

Trenton Elementary School

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head

That the Trenton Elementary School Thank You has been received for information.

Motion carried.

Administration Reports

Public Works Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

That the monthly Public Works Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Earle

That the monthly Water Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre Report

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That the monthly Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Fire Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

That the monthly Fire Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Head thanked the Fire Department for taking the Easter Bunny around town.

Parks and Recreation Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Earle

That the monthly Parks and Recreation Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Police Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That the monthly Police Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Old Business

Mountain Trail Builders Pictou County

Mayor Husher reported that there will be an open mic public meeting on April 27, starting at 5:30 pm at the Fire Hall. Flyers will be mailed out with section on the flyer for the public to submit comments.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

Get Clean Go Green dates in Trenton will be April 19 from 5:00-6:30 pm and April 24 10:00-12:30 pm. Everyone will be meeting at the Fire Hall.

New Business**Resolution: 2021.04.13.A**

WHEREAS the Town of Trenton through its efforts to revitalize the Trenton Park in conjunction to the efforts of both the Town and Hemlock Group, has issued through the vehicles of both government public tender and advertisement efforts of both the local newspapers and Town website, has placed a Request for Proposal specific to the Trenton Park Playground Phase 5A of the project seeking Contractor services,

WHEREAS the Town of Trenton has received before the deadline, two proposals from the following entities: Higgins Construction (A Division of Lindsay Construction) and TerraEX Inc.,

WHEREAS the RFP Selection Advisory Committee made up of the Town CAO, Town Engineer, Project Consultant, and Project Manager brought forth their recommendation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Town Council, to accept the proposal received by Higgins Construction of 205 Main Street, Trenton as the successful Proponent at the

amount of \$670,000.00 for the General Contractor services as outlined in the Tender No. 2011.5A – Trenton Park Playground Phase 5A of March 15, 2021.

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Earle

Motion carried.

Bylaw No. 2021-001 Cross Control – First Reading

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

Resolution 2021.04.13B Water System Assessment Study

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia has a comprehensive drinking water strategy, Nova Scotia’s Municipal Drinking Water Treatment Standards, which sets out the minimum requirements that apply to municipal drinking water systems in Nova Scotia, and

WHEREAS the success of this Provincial strategy rests on the ability of all stakeholders to work together effectively in the delivery of safe, clean drinking water for all Nova Scotians, and

WHEREAS each municipal water utility shall comply with all requirements set out in the utilities withdrawal and distribution Nova Scotia Environment permits and reporting requirements set out in the Provincial strategy which includes a Water System Assessment, and

WHEREAS a Water System Assessment Study will help the Town of Trenton assess the safety and security of the Town water supply system by identifying hazards and assessing risks, identifying ways to prioritize risks, and development a timeline for improvement,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Town Council, to accept the proposal of the Town Engineer to have a Water System Assessment Study completed for the Town of Trenton.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Earle

Motion carried.

Tennis Courts

To change the tennis court facility’s purpose to a general use facility. The facility requires Covid protocols posted and “Use at your own risk” signage.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Skateboard Park

Requires the plywood be replaced, the rubber replaced in the amount of approximately \$500, rules need to be posted and light on the pole needs to be replaced.

Trenton and Area Minor Softball Association

Councillor Earle read a donation request from the Trenton and Area Minor Softball Association in the amount of \$1000.00 for the purchase of a barbecue. This request has been referred to budget.

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head

Motion carried.

Councillor Earle brought to Council that the Trenton and Area Softball Association's Lease has not been signed to date. The group is requesting this lease be signed as soon as possible.

Residents Questions

Sonny Fraser inquired about the timeframe when the tennis courts could be open to the public.

Patricia Perry encourages Council to consider an accessible facility to hold the public open mic event. Ms. Perry asked Council to revisit the Fire Bylaw because it states the fire pit must be CSA Approved however, a person cannot purchase a CSA Approved firepit unless it is propane.

Andrew Morash confirmed that the public meeting concerning the trails in the Park is April 27. Pre-registration is required to attend this meeting.

Robin Morash clarified that the public meeting is for town residents only. Mr. Morash reported that the iron gate at the Park is not being stored properly.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cotter

To adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Donald Hussher
Mayor

Marilou Sutherland
Deputy Clerk