

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in the Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Donald Hussher
Deputy Mayor Heather Head
Councillor VJ Earle
Councillor Nicole LeBlanc
Alanna MacDonald, CAO
Marilou Sutherland, Deputy Clerk

Regret: Councillor Steven Cotter

Also in Attendance: Roland Burek – Municipal Planner

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hussher.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head

To accept the agenda with changes to Resolution 2021-09-14 Councillor Leave of Absence be moved to after the Agenda and add “Statement from Mayor and Council” to follow Resolution 2021-09-14.

Motion carried with changes.

Resolution 2021-09-14 Councillor Leave of Absence

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Earle

WHEREAS Councillor of the Town of Trenton, Steven Cotter, has requested a leave of absence for the period of September 8, 2021, to September 21, 2021, inclusive; and WHEREAS during this time his honorarium will not be paid nor will any other operational costs be incurred by the Town on his behalf; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council for the Town approves this leave of absence request from Councillor Steven Cotter.

Motion carried.

Statement

Mayor Donald Hussher read the follow statement

The Town of Trenton does not tolerate any inappropriate comments or disrespectful treatment of anyone in our community. Social media tends to fuel offensive behavior that we hope otherwise may not be done in-person. We must not excuse this type of

content or treatment of others online or in-person. It is all our responsibility to make everyone feel welcome and we strive to be an inclusive community.

As home to the only mosque in Pictou County, we are proud to have residents and visitors of various backgrounds and religions. This past year we have any many newcomers come to Trenton. Our hope is they feel welcome and see this as a safe community to call home.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Head

Seconded by Councillor Earle

That the Minutes of July 13, 2021, regular Council meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Correspondence

Thank you from Alissa Acker – North Nova Education Centre

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Earle

To accept the correspondence from Alissa Acker for information.

Motion carried.

Thank you from Pictou County Volunteer Ground Search and Rescue

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head

To accept the Thank you from Pictou County Volunteer Ground Search and Rescue for information.

Motion carried.

Aberdeen Palliative Care Society

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

To accept the correspondence from Aberdeen Palliative Care Society for information.

Motion carried.

Presentation

Kenneth Langille chairperson of Pictou County Heritage Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Langille reported that the building is “For Sale” and that the lease expires September 2022. He is approaching all municipal units in Pictou County to find a new home for the Hall of Fame.

Reports

CAO Report

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head

That the monthly CAO report be received for information.

Public Works Report

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Earle

That the monthly Public Works Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

That the monthly Water 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.

Parks and Recreation Report

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

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

Motion carried.

The CAO reported that the new walkways installed at the Park were damaged during a recent storm. The repairs will be covered by the renovation project. The Airport Trail is closed to the public until further notice. Extensive repair is required.

Councillor LeBlanc encourages the public to participate in the Pickle Ball program being offered at the rink.

Police Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Earle

That the monthly Police Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

New Business

Resolution: 2021-08-31 Holiday – Truth and Reconciliation Day

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia will annually recognize September 30 as Truth and Reconciliation Day beginning in 2021; and

WHEREAS Truth and Reconciliation Day will acknowledge the legacy of residential schools and the role it holds in the reconciliation process; and

WHEREAS as stated in the CUPE Agreement with the Town of Trenton section 13.05, “any other Holiday proclaimed by the Federal, Provincial or Municipal Government that is applicable in this workplace”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Trenton Town Council recognize September 30 as Truth and Reconciliation Day beginning in 2021.

Motion carried.

Policy No. COM-20210914-01 Trenton FunFest Committee Terms of Reference Policy

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Earle

To accept Policy number COM-20210914-01 Trenton FunFest Committee Terms of Reference Policy.

Motion carried.

Round Table Discussion

Councillor Earle discussed the development of a gas station along Main Street. He pointed out that Sobeys has been involved in the discussion in the past.

Councillor Earle inquired about the wooden bridges that were taken out of Trenton Park as part of contract with Steel Pro. Once the bridges were removed, they are salvage items, and not the responsibility of the Town.

Councillor LeBlanc reported that the Town’s Accessibility Committee has set a date to meet. The Pictou Antigonish Regional Library Board has met, they are launching a new program called “Same Page”.

Deputy Mayor Head reported that Glen Haven Manor Board met, they are hoping to increase bed availability. Staff shortage is a challenge.

Resident

Robin Morash has requested that the Agenda’s be made available to the public before Council meetings.

Stephanie MacKinnon inquired about an update on the Pictou County Mountain Bike Trail Builders status at Trenton Park. The CAO responded that she has reached out to the Group’s president to arrange a meeting.

Donnie Cullen announced that Trenton FunFest Fallfest is cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor Earle
To move into "In Camera"

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head
To adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Donald Hussher
Mayor

Alanna MacDonald
CAO