

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

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hussher.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor Head
To accept the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Presentation – RayAnne Toner, Executive Director
Tearmann House

Ms. Toner gave an overview of the services provided by Tearmann House.

Approval of Minutes

Special Council Meeting – September 28, 2021
Moved by Councillor Head
Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc
To accept the minutes from the Special Council Meeting on September 28, 2021.
Motion carried.

Dangerous and Unsightly Hearing – October 12, 2021

Moved by Councillor Head
Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc
To accept the minutes from the Dangerous and Unsightly Hearing on October 12, 2021,
Motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting – October 12, 2021

Moved by Councillor Head
Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc
To accept the minutes from the regular Council Meeting on October 12, 2021.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The CAO will look into the United Way donation from previous years.

Presentation

2021-22 Budget Presentation – Brenda MacKay, CPA, CA

Ms. MacKay presented the General Operating budget for April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022. Including the Operating Budget, General Capital Budget and Water Capital Budget

Resolution

2021.11.09 Tax Resolution 2021-22

Moved by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Operating Budget of the Town of Trenton for the period of April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022, be approved, accepted and adopted in the amount of \$4,349,635.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate for the Town of Trenton for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 be set at \$1.99 per \$100 of assessment for Residential and Resource properties at the assessed valuation of \$88,298,100, \$4.10 per \$100 of assessment for Commercial property at the assessed valuation of \$4,262,200, the solid waste annual user fee rate \$146.00 per dwelling unit and fire protection rate \$0.0725 per \$100 of assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rate of taxes for the current period may be collected by Warrant and Distress, without further notice if not paid on or before the 31st day of March 2022 together with all costs and expenses of levy and sale of good on all proceeding's incidental thereto, and further if the said taxes are not paid before June 30, 2021 for the interim tax bill and January 31, 2022 for the final billing, an additional penalty charge will be payable at a rate of 15% per annum on the balance of all outstanding tax account.

Motion passed unanimously.

2021.11.09.A Chapter 08: Deputy Mayor Term of Office

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Head

BE IT RESOLVED by Policy, Chapter 08(A), Deputy Mayor Term of Office, the appointment of Deputy Mayor of the Town of Trenton and adopted under authority of Section 16(2) of the Municipality Government Act, that Councillor Nicole LeBlanc be authorized to sign cheques and other legal documents in the absence of the Mayor from November 01, 2021, until October 31, 2022 for the Town of Trenton.

Motion carried.

2021.11.09.B Signing Authority Deputy Mayor

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Head

BE IT RESOLVED by Policy, Chapter 08, Deputy Mayor Term of Office, the appointment of Deputy Mayor of the Town of Trenton and adopted under authority of Section 16(2) of the Municipal Government Act, that Councillor Nicole LeBlanc be authorized to sign cheques and other legal documents in the absence of the Mayor from November 01, 2021, until October 31, 2022, for the Town of Trenton.

Motion carried.

2021.11.09.C Adjust General Operating Fund March 31, 2020

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

BE IT RESOLVED to reduce the General Operating surplus and resulting transfer to Operating Reserve reported for March 31, 2020, from \$259,660 to \$137,660 which is a reduction of \$122,000. Gas Tax Reserves increase by \$122,000 from \$68,605 to \$190,605 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. It relates to Gas Tax funding used to fund an LTD principal repayment in the General Operating Fund.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

Hemlock Group email received November 03, 2021, will be forwarded to the Town Solicitor for consultation.

Reports

CAO Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Earle

That the monthly CAO report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

That the monthly Public Works Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

That the monthly Water Report be received for information.
Motion carried.

Fire Report

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Head

That the monthly Fire Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Head

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

Motion carried.

Police Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Head

That the monthly Police Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Council Meetings 2022 Schedule

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept the Council Meeting Schedule for 2022.

Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Meetings 2022 Schedule

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

To accept the Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule for 2022.

Motion carried.

Proposed Four Unit Apartment Building on Dickie Street

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept the Town Planner's recommendation to approve the Four Unit Apartment Building on Dickie Street.

Motion carried.

Round Table

Councillor Head congratulated Councillor LeBlanc on her new Deputy Mayor status. The Christmas trees on Main Street are being installed again this year. She will be meeting with Recreation Director about decorating some trees in Trenton Park for the holiday season.

Councillor Cotter reminded everyone about the Remembrance Day Service on Thursday at 11:00 am.

Councillor Earle reported on the site visit at Trenton Park, he was very impressed with the playground equipment and the trail work.

Deputy Mayor LeBlanc stated that Council will be personally supporting a Christmas tree this holiday season at the Station. The deer issue continues to be a challenge, the town will be looking at the Town of Truro on their new program. There was a post on social media about dogs being off lease. The public is encouraged to call the nonemergency at the Police Department.

CAO reported on the dikes at the NS Power site, Mr. Kenney inquired at the previous Council meeting. The CAO stated that NS Power gave her an update that it is an Ash Lagoon Project. Ms. MacDonald, CAO reported on the bridges at Trenton Park, there has been large rock installed to stabilize the area from washing out.

Mayor Hussler congratulated Councillor Nicole LeBlanc on her new Deputy Mayor appointment. The Mayor reported that Council has engaged the MBTPC group to continue with the trail development in Trenton Park.

Councillor Cotter reported on the Air Flight Engineer Group meeting, the potential development in Trenton Park is still being looked at by the group.

Councillor Head had received a request to install memorial benches in the Park. It is recommended this request goes to the Park Committee.

Residents

Robin Morash is pleased that gravel was used to repair the washed-out trails at the Park, however he still has concern with flooding. He has requested that if there is trail work to be done could the MBTPC group not use an excavator.

George Kenney inquired about the status of 118 High Street property.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Head

To adjourn meeting.

To move the meeting into "In Camera"
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Donald Hussher
Mayor

Alanna MacDonald
CAO