

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in Council Chamber on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Donald Husher
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 Husher.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

To accept the Agenda as presented with changes to Old Business by adding "Fireworks", under New Business adding "Christmas Lights" and add Moment of Silence for former Councillor Stan Vachal Sr's. passing and Westville Councillor Betty Jean Sutherland's passing and former Councillor Ed Diggins for a quick recovery from Stroke.

Motion carried.

Moment of Silence

Former Councillor Stan Vachal Sr passing

Westville Councillor Betty Jean Sutherland passing

Quick recovery from stroke former Councillor Ed Diggins

Approval of Minutes

Council Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2021

Moved by Councillor Earle

Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

To accept the minutes from the regular Council Meeting on December 14, 2021.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Earle inquired about the patching list for this year. CAO reported that the patching list is evaluated every year.

Correspondence

Thank you card

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor Earle
To accept the Thank you card from Trenton Fire Department.
Motion carried.

Reports

CAO Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter
Seconded by Councillor Head
That the monthly CAO report be received for information.
Motion carried.

Public Works Report

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

Deputy Mayor LeBlanc inquired about the snow plowing route during a storm.
The CAO reported that public works clears the emergency route first, the schools are next and the sidewalks are cleared last.

Water Report

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

Police Report

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

Animal Control Report
Moved by Councillor Head
Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc
That the monthly Animal Control Report be received for information.
Motion carried.

Old Business

Town of Trenton By-law No. 20 Dog Control
Moved by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor Earle
To accept the second reading of the By-law No. 20 Dog Control.
Motion carried.

Policy No OTH-20220111 Dog Control Policy
Moved by Councillor Earle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc
To accept Policy No. OTH-20220111 Dog Control Policy
Motion carried.

Live Streaming
The CAO will provide cost of live streaming of the council meetings.

Fireworks
A revised Bylaw will be drafted for the Committee of the Whole meeting.

DEANS
Moved by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councillor Cotter
To give \$1133.76 to DEANS for the 2020-21 fiscal year.
Motion carried.

New Business

Community Grants 2022
Moved by Councillor Head
Seconded by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc
To advertise and accept applications for Community Grants 2022.
Motion carried.
The applications are available on the Town's website or picked up at Town Hall.

Christmas Tree Lights
As good stewardship the sponsors of the Christmas trees will be free next year in light of the fact there were power issues.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Council of the Town of Trenton, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose as authorized by statute;

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Trenton has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act and are so authorized to expend funds for a capital purpose as identified in their capital budget; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Trenton has determined to borrow for the purposes of purchase of Backhoe;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Town of Trenton borrow a sum or sums not exceeding One hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000) for purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Council of the Town of Trenton to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Council borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding One hundred and eighty- five thousand dollars (\$185,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debenture when sold.
Motion carried.

Round Table

Councillor Earle would like to see five memorial benches installed in Trenton Park in memory of the drowning victims. The CAO will contact the victims families to ask permission first.

Councillor Earle questioned the timeline of the Trenton Minor Ball presentation, the CAO confirmed the date for their presentation is Committee of the Whole on January 25.

Councillor Earle was approached by a resident who wanted to host an outdoor hockey tournament at Trenton Park. The CAO explained that skating at Trenton Park is not encouraged.

Deputy Mayor LeBlanc suggested a review plan for the By-laws that are currently out of date. Thankful for the Agenda being posted on the Town's website. Great to have winter walking at Scotia Ball Park track again this winter.

Councillor Head would like to have an outdoor skating facility.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Head
Seconded by Councillor Cotter
To adjourn meeting.

To move the meeting into "In Camera"
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Donald Hussher
Mayor

Alanna MacDonald
CAO