

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber.

**Present:** Mayor Donald Hussher  
Deputy Mayor VJ Earle- Chair  
Councillor Steven Cotter  
Councillor Heather Head  
Councillor Nicole LeBlanc  
Alanna MacDonald – CAO

**Call to Order by Deputy Mayor Earle**

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mayor Hussher

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept the Agenda as presented with additions to Other Business of:

- Forest Management Plan
- Public Transit Survey

Motion carried.

**Presentation:** Michelle Ferris (Aberdeen Health Foundation)  
Michelle Ward (Kids First Family Resource Center)

Re: Impact of not-for-profits in our community & how Trenton can contribute  
Shared a presentation previously delivered to a Pictou County Mayors & Wardens meeting but reworked to link more specifically to the Town of Trenton. Presentation provided by the Pictou County Executive Directors Round Table which exists for networking, learning, cross pollinating, collaborating, and improving services with the common denominator of all groups working for the health and wellbeing of our community. This presentation talks of how it all comes together and how it connects with Municipal work. What are the opportunities to learn, work together and how to make investments for the best outcome for our communities by putting health at the centre of the decisions and tapping into expertise available in our communities.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That the Minutes of January 31, 2023, be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

**No Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Other Business**

**Marketing Levy**

To accept the information from the CAO regarding a marketing levy on the purchase price of hotel rooms and other accommodations and bring forward to the next Mayors and Wardens meeting.

**Deputy Mayor Earle passed Chair position to Councillor Cotter due to conflict of interest.**

**Draft Outdoor Fires Bylaw**

Discussion on the Outdoor Fires Bylaw drafted as potential replacement of the existing Fire Prevention Bylaw. To update the current draft to further address the Trenton Park specifically in the bylaw and to reach out to the Fire Chief to confirm if the permit fee structure is adequate in the current draft or should be increased. To approve the draft be updated further, brought back to March Committee of the Whole for discussion and approve for first reading at the April Council meeting.

**Councillor Cotter passed Chair position back to Deputy Mayor Earle.**

**Draft Public Participation and Engagement Policy**

Discussion of the Public Participation and Engagement Policy to complete the adopted of a Public Participation program as part of the inter-municipal planning strategy and secondary planning strategy review process as per the requirements of the Province of Nova Scotia. To confirm policy language and accept this policy be brought to March Council meeting for approval.

**Forest Management Plan**

To accept information from CAO regarding a cost-effective, 10-year Forest Management Plan for Trenton Park created by the Nova Scotia Landowners and Forest Fibre Producers Association in relation with the Province of Nova Scotia to cut down risk to Trenton Park and tree damage in the future. Working under the Province allows for continually updated services and information with an annual audit and assistance.

**Public Transit Survey**

Discussion of proposed 3-year commitment to bring Pictou County Transit into Trenton and results of Public Transit Survey to date. To request the Pictou County Transit to attend future meeting to provide further details on the program.

**Round Table**

- Councillor Cotter stated we received funding from the Veterans for improvement work at the Cenotaph. Awaiting further application details of funding to assist in accessibility work to be completed this year including improvements to the sidewalk, walkway around Cenotaph, and stairs if funding allows. He attended the recent Air Flight meeting, the first meeting since September.
- Councillor Head was pleased to see the Trenton Park sign being fixed today from damage caused by Hurricane Fiona. She thanked the Friends of Trenton Park Society and volunteers for putting on the Family Winter Fun Day at Trenton Park over the weekend.
- Councillor LeBlanc attended the Family Winter Fun Day and thanked the volunteers for a nice event. Extended best wishes to the owners of Sonny's Diner on their recently announced retirement.
- Mayor Hussher questioned the Trenton Park Canteen operations and the CAO explained the operators from 2022 did not reapply so a notice was put out looking for new operators in 2023 and we have received a good response to date. The length of operation of the canteen in 2023 is currently unknown and will depend on the selected tenant.
- Deputy Mayor Earle states the information from tonight's presentation surrounding the impact of not-for-profits in our community should be relayed to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

- Mayor Hussher requested contacting the Landlord Tenancy Board regarding providing heat in rental properties and discriminating against rental applications from families.

**Residents**

- Robin Morash relayed his concern about the sound quality during the meeting. He was in Trenton Park and saw the big timberjack (piece of forestry machinery), he spoke with the operator who is doing a good job on the main roads. He inquired about the creators of the Forestry Management Plan and mentioned a previous study to review.

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

Moved by Councillor Head  
Seconded by Mayor Hussher  
To move out of "In Camera"  
Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Hussher  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

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VJ Earle  
Deputy Mayor

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Alanna MacDonald  
Chief Administrative Officer