

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber.

Present: Mayor Donald Hussher
Deputy Mayor VJ Earle – Chair
Councilor Steven Cotter
Councilor Heather Head
Councilor Nicole LeBlanc
Alanna Grover – CAO
Marilou Sutherland – Deputy Clerk

Call to Order by Deputy Mayor Earle

Land Acknowledgement – Deputy Mayor Earle

At the Town of Trenton, we acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. This land is governed by the treaties of Peace and friendship, first signed by the Mi'kmaq. We reside by Pictou Landing First Nation, which is governed by a Chief and Five Council.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilor Cotter
Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc
To approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councilor Head
Seconded by Mayor Hussher
That the Minutes of June 27, 2023, be approved as presented.
Motion carried.

Correspondence

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councilor Head
To receive the thank you from Pictou County Volunteer Ground Search and Rescue for information.
Motion carried.

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councilor Head
To receive the thank you from Oliver Long recipient of the New Glasgow Music Festival Award for information.
Motion carried.

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councilor Head
To receive the correspondence from Shane Pitts, Trenton Middle School principal for information.
Motion carried.

Other Business

Tax Exemption Bylaw – Chapter 34

Moved by Councilor Cotter

Seconded by Mayor Hussher

To recommend an amended Tax Exemption Bylaw Chapter 34 to next Council meeting.

Motion carried.

Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame Land

The minimum lot size would be 22,000 square feet. The municipal planner will work with the surveyor to ensure the scope requirements are met.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

Moved by Mayor Hussher

Seconded by Councilor Head

To recommend that September be declared Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness month.

Motion carried.

Rail Concern

A concern from David Woods was received about the condition of rail between Trenton and New Glasgow. During the conversation Mayor Hussher had with Mr. Woods his concerns included the Riverbank and Irving Bulk. The rail concerns will be forwarded to Cape Breton Rail.

Volunteer Vulnerable Person Registry

A resolution will be prepared for September’s Council meeting.

Pictou County Age Friendly Plan

A recommendation from Committee of the Whole to adopt the Pictou County Age Friendly Plan will be forwarded to next council meeting and to have a representative on the Board for the Town of Trenton.

Round Table

Councilor Cotter reported that the sign near Trenton Park entrance is peeling. The CAO will pass this on to the Parks and Recreation Director. Councilor Cotter reported that the Canadian flags came down, it is hoped to add more flags for next year. He reminded everyone that school starts September 6 and to drive safe.

Mayor Hussher would like the intersection at North Main Street and Park Road be looked at again for a 4-way stop. The Department of Transportation and MLA Office would be involved, the area is dangerous especially with the blind crest from Hillside/Pictou Landing area.

Deputy Mayor Earle brought two inquires from Communities in Bloom meeting. The first is the status of the water shed on Main Street. The CAO responded that the water shed is owned by NS Lands, and the Town of New Glasgow is providing water to residents in the area. There are plans to change these customers to Trenton water in October. Once this is completed the water shed can come down. The second inquiry is the Trenton Fire Hall, the paint is in rough shape. This item will be looked at for the next budget.

Councilor Head thanked the Fire fighters for the flags along Main Street. The Big chair is awesome at Trenton Park. Truth and Reconciliation Day is September 29. The Pictou County Seniors Festival was very successful.

Councilor LeBlanc thanked the summer students for a great summer. There is a roller derby event at the Trenton Rink on September 16.

Moved by Councilor Cotter
Seconded by Councilor Head
To move into "In Camera"

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc
Seconded by Mayor Hussher
To move out of "In Camera"
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilor Head
That the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

VJ Earle
Deputy Mayor

Alanna Grover
Chief Administrative Officer