

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in Council Chamber on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM.

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

Also in Attendance: Robin Morash
Stephanie MacKinnon
Don Cullen
Steve Goodwin

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hussher.

Moment of Silence – Janice Hatt, former Chair of Accessibility Committee

Queen Elizabeth II’s Platinum Jubilee Medal – Shirley MacMillan
For her outstanding commitment to her community.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cotter
Seconded by Councillor Earle
To accept the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Presentation – NS Natural Resource and Renewable – Deer Management
Suzann and Dave stated that education is the key to making changes with regards to the public feeding the animals.

Presentation – Ignite Northern – Wes Surett
Monica Rivers and Ally MacKenzie gave an overview of the services offered by Ignite.

Approval of Minutes

Public Hearing Minutes – November 08, 2022
Moved by Councillor Head
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc
To accept the Public Hearing Minutes for November 08, 2022.
Motion carried.

Council Minutes – November 08, 2022

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept the minutes from Council meeting on November 08, 2022, as presented.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Council Head inquired when the new salt truck was arriving. The CAO reported that it is expected to arrive this month.

Correspondence

Minister of Education & Early Childhood Development – Honorable Becky Druhan

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

Motion to accept the following letter from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

New P-8 School in the Town of Trenton

Dear Mayor Hussler,

I am responding to your correspondence dated September 21, 2022, following up on your earlier letter, reiterating the need for a new P-8 school in the town of Trenton, Pictou County.

I want to thank you for bringing forward this project as a priority for the town of Trenton. As I shared in my letter in June, the Province of Nova Scotia has a long-term capital plan for education which currently has a number of ongoing projects identified. The department works closely with the Regional Centres for Education (RCEs) and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) to determine what projects government may want to consider into the future.

Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education (CCRCE) has raised capital needs in the Trenton area as part of our work with them reviewing and identifying potential capital projects.

Thank you for your continued interest in this matter.

Motion carried.

Trenton Fire Department

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Head

To accept Christopher Kelly and Matthew Rockey as new firefighters in the Trenton Fire Department.

Motion carried.

Trenton Fire Department

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

To accept the notice of resignation from Bill Ehler for the Trenton Fire Department.

Motion carried.

Tearmann House

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept the thank you card from Tearmann House for information.

Motion carried.

Reports

Public Works Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Head

That the monthly Public Works report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Head

That the monthly Water report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Fire Report

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

That the monthly Fire report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

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

Motion carried.

Police Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

That the monthly Police report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Animal Control Officer Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That the monthly Animal Control Officer Report be received for information.

New Business

Resolution – 2023.01.10.A Temporary Borrowing – Purchase of Salt Truck with Plow

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

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 purpose of Purchase of Salt Truck with Plow;

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000) for the 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 Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000) 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 debentures when sold.
Motion carried.

Resolution – 2023.01.10.B Water Treatment Plant VTScada Software

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

WHEREAS the Town of Trenton Council approved the Duke Street Water Main replacement at an approximate cost of \$124,000 as part of the Water Reservoir Capital Project in the 2022-23 budget, and;

WHEREAS the bid submissions received for the Duke Street Water Main replacement came in significantly overbudget thus placing this project on hold and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Trenton approve an amendment to the current capital project for the 2022-23 fiscal year to accept a proposal received from CBCL to design the upgrades to the existing PLC Control System currently used for the water treatment plant control system with a total cost of \$64,800 plus tax.

Motion carried.

Outside Committees 2023

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Head

To accept the Outside Committees for 2023.

Motion carried.

Round Table

Councillor Cotter discussed that the winter parking ban needs to be enforced to have the streets clear for snow removal this time of year.

Deputy Mayor Earle stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting went well. A thank you will be sent to Michelin for the two basketball nets donation.

Councillor Head stated how great it was to see Santa on Christmas eve.

Councillor LeBlanc was pleased to see that patching of the pot holes . A list of recreation programs are listed on the social media. She encouraged the public to check out the library programs as well.

Resident

Robin Morash inquired about sound equipment installed in the Council Chamber and when would live streaming be available. The CAO reported that equipment is still on back order.

Don Cullen wants the Animal Control Officer's contact information be printed in the newsletter.

Stephanie MacKinnon inquired about the fallen trees on the bridge in Trenton Park. The CAO reported that an arborist has been hired.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Donald Hussher
Mayor

Alanna MacDonald
CAO