

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in Council Chamber on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM.

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

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hussher.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Surprise Presentation – Fire Chief Wayne Allain & Jackie Druhan (RCL Br.#29 Trenton)**

To announce the Trenton Fire Department and Royal Canadian Legion Branch #29 are sponsoring the cost of Canadian Flags to be flown on poles along Main Street which will be installed mid-June and stay up through the end of July.

### **Presentation – Leighton Hayden, Active Living Coordinator (Town of Trenton)**

To present the draft “Let’s Get Moving Trenton” as a working document to use in the development and implementation of the Physical Activity Strategy for 2023-2026.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Council Minutes – March 14, 2023  
Moved by Councillor LeBlanc  
Seconded by Councillor Cotter  
To accept the minutes from Council meeting on March 14, 2023, as presented.  
Motion carried.

### **Reports**

#### **General Government Report**

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

Public Works Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

That the monthly Public Works report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

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.

Police Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

That the monthly Police report be received for information.

Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Resolution – 2023.04.11.A**

**Temporary Borrowing: Replacement of Municipal Water Reservoir**

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Head

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 Replacement of Municipal Water Reservoir;

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 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) 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 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) 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 – 2023.04.11.B**

**Award Barrier-free Accessible Dock**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

WHEREAS Town of Trenton received additional funding from Sobeys Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.00 and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency for up to \$114,000, after substantial completion of the Park Revitalization project, to complete additional capital projects at Trenton Park including barrier-free accessible dock, upgrades to amphitheatre and trail work, and

WHEREAS submission was received from Breakwater Docks for \$31,197.66 (HST extra), and

WHEREAS PDI Engineering Group Inc reviewed the submission and recommends the Town of Trenton award the project to Breakwater Docks for the bid price of \$31,197.66 (HST Extra) as delivery and substantial completion of work is estimated for June 1, 2023,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approve the recommendation and cost of this project.

Motion carried.

**Resolution – 2023.04.11.C**

**Proclamation: Parental Alienation Awareness Day & Bubbles of Love Day**

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by their whole family and it is very damaging to children;

WHEREAS, behaviors such as speaking negatively about a parent to, or in front of, a child can destroy the bond between a loving parent and child;

WHEREAS, awareness to this issue creates education and understanding to better the lives of the children in our community;

WHEREAS, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Parental Alienation is considered a form of child psychological abuse;

WHEREAS, this year is the 2023 annual Parental Alienation Awareness Day and the caring citizens of our community will gather together and join others around the world to blow Bubbles of Love to symbolize that "As bubbles flow freely, so should the natural love that a child has for both parents and both sides of their family;"

NOW THEREFORE I, Don Hussler Mayor of Town of Trenton for the sake of the precious children of our community and the world, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 25, 2023 as "Parental Alienation Awareness Day and Bubbles of Love Day" in Trenton, Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

**Healthy Pictou County Funding Request**

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Head

To approve the recommitment of a second 5-year funding agreement for Healthy Pictou County with no financial increase.

Motion carried.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pictou County Funding Request**

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

To approve the Bowl for Kids' Sake Lane Sponsorship as requested.

Motion carried.

**Outdoor Fires By-law 2023-01**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

To approve the Outdoor Fires By-law 2023-01 for First Reading and bring to Second Reading at the next Council meeting (May 9, 2023).

Motion carried.

**Pictou County Transit Letter of Support**

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Head

To approve a letter of support on behalf of the Town of Trenton as requested by Pictou County Transit in applying for funding of a fully accessible 10-passenger vehicle from the Federal Government to service communities as well as pick up/drop off clients.

Motion carried.

**Round Table**

Councillor Cotter noted the Pictou County Firefighters Association held a successful boot drive fundraiser over Easter weekend and thanked Robin Morash for providing a copy of the Master Plan Steeltown Centennial Park dated December 1990.

Deputy Mayor Earle thanked the Trenton Fire Department and RCL Branch # 29 Trenton for their presentation of Canadian Flags to the Town for Canada Day.

Councillor Head noted it was nice to see the old stumps removed on the corner of Main Street. She thanked Trenton Fire Department for escorting the Easter Bunny around Trenton on Easter weekend to the joy of many children who came out to see him. Kudos to Cornish's Variety for their impressive lunch specials and great advertising on social media.

Councillor LeBlanc thanked Trenton Fire Department as well. She received some notes over Easter weekend regarding vandalism at Trenton Park and thanked the Town Staff for being so responsive on a long weekend to take care of it quickly and thanked people for keeping an eye on Trenton Park. Pictou County Go Clean Get Green takes place from April 17-20, 2023, and inquired about scheduling a clean up event with Council.

Mayor Hussher thanked the Trenton Fire Department for Easter weekend.

**Residents**

Robin Morash inquired if anyone noticed a change in Town water lately, noticing streaks in his toilet bowl. He also questioned the location of the new Barrier-free Accessible Dock at Trenton Park.

Don Cullen praised Patricia Perry and the Church of the Nazarene for their Friday night Youth Group which has been very successful. Regarding the Trenton FunFest, he noted that local business owners had requested FunFest offer more activities on Main Street.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle  
Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc  
To move out of "In Camera"  
Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Cotter  
Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

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Donald Hussher  
Mayor

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Alanna MacDonald  
CAO