

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in Council Chamber on Tuesday, May 09, 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

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hussher.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Moment of Silence – Westway Mine Disaster**

### **Land Acknowledgement – Mayor Hussher**

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.

### **Presentation – Albion Boxing Club**

Honored for 35 years service  
Jim Worthen received acknowledgements from Town of Trenton, Town of Stellarton, Town of Westville and the County of Pictou for milestone.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Council Minutes – April 11, 2023  
Moved by Councillor Head  
Seconded by Councillor Cotter  
To accept the minutes from Council meeting on April 11, 2023, as presented.  
Motion carried.

### **Reports**

General Government Report

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

That the monthly General Government report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

That the monthly Public Works report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

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 LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Head

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 Councillor Head

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

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

Motion carried.

**New Business**

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

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

To approve the Outdoor Fires By-law 2023-01 for Second Reading.

Councillor Cotter declared a conflict of interest, he abstained from the vote.

Motion carried.

**Policy No. OTH-20230509 Outdoor Fires Policy**

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

**Scope**

The purpose of this policy is to provide full support for the Town of Trenton's Outdoor Fire By-law No. 2023-01 respecting the control and regulation of Outdoor Fires.

**Policy**

1. This policy will establish fees when issuing Outdoor Fire burn permits within the Town of Trenton. This policy in partnership with the Town of Trenton's Outdoor Fires By-law No. 2023-01 provides structure and guidance for the Fire Chief authorized to issue burn permits.
2. All definitions in the Town of Trenton's Outdoor Fires By-law No. 2023-01 apply to this policy.

**Permits Fees and Payment**

3.1 One-time Outdoor Fire Burn Permit Fee \$50.00

3.2 The Outdoor Fire burn permit holder must first pay the One-time Outdoor Fire Burn Permit Fee to the Town of Trenton prior to the proposed burning. This payment can be made directly to the Town of Trenton administration Office at 120 Main Street, Trenton, Nova Scotia.

**Policy Review**

4. This policy is to be reviewed once each calendar year, unless deemed otherwise by Town Council

Councillor Cotter declared a conflict of interest, he abstained from the vote.

Motion carried.

**Resolution 2023.05.09.B Patching Tender**

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

WHEREAS Town of Trenton Council approved patching tender prior to approval of the Town's 2023-24 budget, and;

WHEREAS PDI Engineering Group Inc received two bid submissions for the 2023 Asphalt Patching Program project. One from SW Weeks Construction Limited for \$111,900.00

(HST extra), and one from Dexter Construction Company Limited for \$148,500.00 (HST extra) and;

WHEREAS PDI Engineering Group Inc reviewed bid submissions on a tender closing of May 4, 2023 and recommends the Town of Trenton award the construction work involved in the Trenton 2023 Asphalt Patching Program project to SW Weeks Construction Limited for the bid price of \$111,900 (HST extra).

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

Motion carried.

**Proclamation – Lyme Disease Awareness Month**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Head

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a blacklegged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*; and

WHEREAS blacklegged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick-borne diseases;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Donald Hussher, on behalf of the Town of Trenton, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month”.

Motion carried.

**Proclamation – World Lupus Day**

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Head

WHEREAS, lupus is a serious and incurable autoimmune disease that can cause life-threatening damage to any organ in the body; and

WHEREAS, lupus is a global health problem that affects millions of young women, men and children of all nationalities, races, ethnicities, genders and ages worldwide; and

WHEREAS, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery and development of safer, more effected treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of similar magnitude and severity; and

WHEREAS, people with lupus need access to medical specialists and high-quality multidisciplinary care, including emotional, psychological and social care; and

WHEREAS, people with lupus will face a lifetime of living with the unpredictable and life-changing health effects of this disease; and

WHEREAS, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affect by lupus; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the devastating impact of lupus,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 10 May 2023 is hereby designated as World Lupus Day on which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public, and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

Motion carried.

### **Round Table**

Deputy Mayor Earle reminded everyone the annual Joe Earle Victoria Day Road Races will be held May 22. Registration is free.

Councillor Head thanked public works for assisting a small business on Ninth Street.

Councillor LeBlanc congratulated the artists and organizers of Art at Night event for the great night. The Police should be flagged to keep an eye out for the ATV's this time of year and reminder for ATV's to stay off the trails.

Mayor Hussher noted that the Police should be aware of speedy vehicles on Chestnut and Seventh Streets. National Day of Mourning was held April 27 at Trenton Park, the ceremony was excellent and well attended.

### **Residents**

Resident Robin Morash reported light brown water on Eleventh 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 7:15pm.

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Donald Hussher  
Mayor

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Alanna MacDonald  
CAO