

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in Council Chamber on Tuesday, June 13, 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 Head

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

To accept the Agenda with the addition of Post Office under New Business.

Motion carried.

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.

Approval of Minutes

Public Hearing Minutes

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Head

To accept the minutes from May 09, 2023, Public Hearing Minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

Council Minutes – May 09, 2023

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councillor Head

To accept the minutes from Council meeting on May 09, 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 Cotter

That the monthly Public Works report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

That the monthly Water report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Fire Report

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor Earle

That the monthly Fire report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earle

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

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

Motion carried.

Police Report

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

That the monthly Police report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Animal Control Officer Report

Moved by Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

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

Motion carried.

New Business

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

Resolution 2023.06.13 Electric Ice Resurfacer – Award Equipment Purchase

WHEREAS PDI Engineering Group tendered the 2023 Trenton Arena upgrades of an Electric Ice Resurfacer on May 17, 2023, and;

WHEREAS three bid submissions were received from Saunders Equipment Ltd for \$152,675.00 (HST extra), Monarch Enterprises Ltd for \$155,600 (HST extra), and Engo Equipment Sales for \$165,000 (HST extra) and;

WHEREAS PDI Engineering Group Inc reviewed bid submissions on a tender closing of June 1, 2023, and recommends the Town of Trenton award the tender to Saunders Equipment Ltd for the bid price of \$152, 675.00 (SHT extra) with a confirmation equipment will be supplied by September 1, 2023;

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

Motion carried.

Application for Tax Exemption 2023-24

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Earle

To set the maximum exemption that will be granted to \$265.00 for persons with total household income less than \$27,850.00 in 2022.

Motion carried.

2023 Street Paving

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor Cotter

To accept the recommendations for the 2023 Street Paving prepared by PDI Engineering and to request for tender submissions as soon as possible.

Motion carried.

Pictou County 4-H

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Councillor LeBlanc

To support the Pictou County 4-H request in the amount of \$100.00.

Motion carried.

Post Office

The CAO will gather more information from Canada Post on the status of mail service in the area.

Round Table

- Councillor Cotter reported that the Canadian Flags will be installed along Main Street on Wednesday, June 14, donated by Trenton Fire Dept and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29.
- Deputy Mayor Earle reminded the public to be patient with the opening of the Splash Pad at Trenton Park which will be June 23 weekend.
- Councillor Head gave shout out to Cohen's Cones at Trenton Park. Thank you to Trenton Fire Dept for having Lailee Head present the Jeff Head Memorial Award at the Fire Banquet.
- Councillor LeBlanc congratulated Walter Smith on his retirement after 38 years of service in policing. The Lacrosse being played at Trenton Rink was impressive to watch.
- Alanna MacDonald reminded the public that the Police Engagement session is being held on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:00 pm. The accessibility dock at Trenton Park is being installed. Live streaming should be ready in September.
- Mayor Hussher congratulated Councillor Cotter on his 40 years of service with the Trenton Fire Department.
- Councillor Cotter stated firefighter Ian Fraser received a long-time service award and Chief Wayne Allain received 35 years service award at the Fire Banquet.

Residents

Resident Robin Morash inquired about the electric Zamboni at the Trenton Rink. The CAO stated that 100% of the funding came from the provincial level. Mr. Morash asked if there were any plans on land use of the former Skateboard Park. The CAO stated there are plans to install two basketball nets.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cotter
Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Donald Hussher
Mayor

Alanna MacDonald
CAO