

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in Council Chamber on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Donald Hussher  
Deputy Mayor Steven Cotter  
Councilor Nicole LeBlanc  
Councilor VJ Earle  
Alanna Grover, CAO  
Marilou Sutherland, Deputy Clerk

**Also in Attendance:** Steven Stewart  
Kathy Vienneau  
Alec Dove  
Noel Jeffery

**Regret:** Councilor Heather Head

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hussher.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councilor Cotter

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To accept the Agenda with additions under New Business of Pictou County Heritage Sports Hall of Fame and Sustainable Challenge Funding.

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**

Council Minutes – October 10, 2023

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To accept the minutes from October 10, 2023, Council meeting.

Motion carried.

Dangerous and Unsightly Hearing – October 10, 2023

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To accept the minutes from Dangerous and Unsightly Hearing October 10, 2023, as presented.

Motion carried.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Councilor LeBlanc inquired about the Trenton Park Pavilion being winterized. The CAO explained that the Park Pavilion has been closed and winterized at the end of September. If space is needed the Rink Annex is available.

**Reports****Public Works Report**

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

That the monthly Public Works report be received for information.

Motion carried.

**Water Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor Earle

That the monthly Water report be received for information.

Motion carried.

**Fire Report**

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

That the monthly Fire report be received for information.

Motion carried.

**Parks and Recreation Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

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

Motion carried.

**Police Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor Earle

That the monthly Police report be received for information.

Motion carried.

**Animal Control Officer Report**

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Earle

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

Motion carried.

**For Information Only**

Letter from Premier Tim Houston, Clean Energy Plan

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To follow up with NRStor, based on their response before replying to Premier's letter.

Motion carried.

**Received for Information**

- Service Exchange Letters from Province and NSFM
- Advocacy to Improve Rural Cell Phone Coverage for Emergency Preparedness
- Cape Breton Central Rail Nova Scotia

**New Business**

Approval of Outside Committees List

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To approve the Outside Committees List for 2024 with the addition of Pictou County Partnership (LOC) Committee – Councilor LeBlanc is the representative.

Motion carried.

Town of Trenton No. 14 Alternative Voting Bylaw – First Reading

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To approve the Town of Trenton No. 14 Alternative Voting Bylaw for the First Reading.

Motion carried.

Pictou County Fuel Fund

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To approve \$750 to the Pictou County Fuel Fund with a note to remind the organization that the schedule of grants to organizations is January.

Motion carried.

Schedule for 2024 Committee Meetings

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To accept the Schedule for 2024 for Committee of the Whole Meetings.

Motion carried.

Schedule For 2024 Council Meetings

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To accept the Schedule for 2024 for Council Meetings.

Motion carried.

Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To approve the lay out change to the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame site.

Motion carried.

Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund

Moved by Councilor LeBlance

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To approve the application of the “Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund” for the Town Hall, Fire Hall, Public Works Building, and Rink to upgrade the heating system.

Motion carried.

Pictou County Christmas Fund

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve \$250 donation to the Pictou County Christmas Fund.

Motion carried.

North Nova Gryphon’s Boys Hockey Memorial Tournament

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve \$200 donation to the North Nova Gryphon’s Boys Hockey Memorial Tournament.

Motion carried.

Sale of 38 High Street

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve the sale of 38 High Street at market value.

Motion carried.

Pictou County Transit

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To approve the Pictou County Transit Sale of Service Agreement.

Motion carried.

Fire Truck

The 2009 Ford 150 ½ Ton vehicle

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To purchase a replacement vehicle

Deputy Mayor Cotter declared a conflict of interest – abstained from voting.

Councilor LeBlanc, Councilor Earle and Mayor Hussler voted yes.

Motion carried.

Land Swap

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To approve the swap of land (PID: 65230864) for equal portion of land on the north of Park Road.

Motion carried.

### **Round Table**

- Deputy Mayor Cotter stated that the Remembrance Day Service had electrical issue with the sound. Al Barteaux was in attendance, he is the oldest veteran from Trenton. Charmaine Jenkins is the Trenton resident on the Police Board.
- Councilor Earle encourages the public to take in the winter programs being offered. Tony Mummery former member of the Mountain Bike Group is being consulted for the trail work at the Airport Trail. The CAO will reach out to the group for a follow up.
- Councilor LeBlanc stated there is a new Trenton School Engagement Opportunity on social media. It would be nice to have Mr. Barteaux's recognition featured from the Remembrance Day Service, the attendees could not hear that part of the program. Great to have skating at the Trenton Rink this weekend.
- Mayor Hussler reported that the statue at the Cenotaph looks tremendous.
- The CAO updated Council on the canine therapy dog the New Glasgow Regional Police Department has recently joined the Department.

### **Residents**

Steven Stewart questioned the tax and water rates.

Alec Dove thanked Council for the paving of the streets and the work being completed at the Airport trail.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To move into "In Camera"

Motion carried.

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

To come out of "In Camera"

Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councilor Cotter

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

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Donald Hussher  
Mayor

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Alanna Grover  
CAO