

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber.

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

**Also in attendance:** Stephanie MacKinnon  
Resident

**Call to Order by Deputy Mayor Cotter**

**Land Acknowledgement – Deputy Mayor Cotter**

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 Agenda**

Moved by Councilor Head  
Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc  
To approve the Agenda as presented.  
Motion carried.

**Presentation**

Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia – Hugh MacKay  
Hugh MacKay gave an overview of the Fund development and their programs. The goal of the presentation is to spread awareness.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councilor Head  
Seconded by Councilor Earle  
That the Minutes of November 28, 2023, be approved as presented.  
Motion carried.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Pictou County Transit will release a regional statement.  
A flyer will be sent to Trenton residents asking for community input.

**New Business**

Communities in Bloom Policy was reviewed, the draft will be forwarded to Council.  
The Child Protection Policy was reviewed, the age of children was not included in the document. The CAO will forward to Police Chief for input.  
Municipal Innovation Program was discussed.  
Councilor Earle will replace Councilor Head on the Trenton FunFest Committee  
Deputy Mayor Cotter will replace Councilor Head on the Glen Haven Board effective March 1, 2024.  
Update from Mountain Bike Trail Builders of Pictou County is they are focused on their work on Fitzpatrick's Mountain.

Closure of undeveloped Hampson Street within expropriated lot

Moved by Councilor Head

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To forward the Closure of undeveloped Hampson Street within expropriated lot to February's Council.

Motion carried.

The current Resolution of Council for Returning Officer is valid for the upcoming Municipal Election in the fall.

The CAO will request information with Electronic Voting Company for the upcoming Municipal Election.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 has requested permission to install memorial banners along Main Street in the Fall.

Community Pantry at the Library

Moved by Councilor Head

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To approve the installation of a community pantry in the Trenton Library.

Motion carried.

**For Information Only**

Pictou County Partnership Conference Recap

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Mayor Hussher

To accept the Pictou County Partnership Conference for information.

Motion carried.

Healthy Pictou County Winter 2024 Report

Moved by Councilor Head

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To accept the Healthy Pictou County Winter 2024 Report for information.

Motion carried.

Virtual Care @ the Library Project

Moved by Mayor Hussher

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To accept the Virtual Care Project at the Library for information.

Motion carried.

**Round Table**

- Councilor Earle reminded the public that if any coyotes are sighted in Town limits that they should contact Department of Natural Resources.
- Mayor Hussher did a follow up on the intersection at North Main Street and Park Road. New Glasgow Regional Police Department has identified the vehicle court at 35,000 - however speed is an issue. Mayor Hussher recommends a 4 way stop to solve the traffic concern with the intersection.
- Councilor LeBlanc gave a thank you to public works for doing a great job with the snow removal. Very pleased to hear live streaming will be coming soon.

- Councilor Head thanked the Trenton Parks and Recreation staff for great job with the school project. Shout out to Shane Pitts, principle of Trenton Middle for his support. Thank you to Trenton Fire Department for assisting with house fire in New Glasgow.
- CAO reported that the trails at Trenton Park are cleared. Dave Sweet will be consulted on the next step.
- Deputy Mayor Cotter thanked public works for good job clearing the snow.
- Stephanie MacKinnon has concern with coyotes roaming in town, she would like to have the Wildlife Feeding Bylaw updated.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Council Head

That the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

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Don Hussher  
Mayor

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Alanna Grover  
Chief Administrative Officer