

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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:** Danny MacGillivray – CHAD Transit & Pictou County Transit  
Dean Smith – Intelivote (by Zoom)  
Steve Stewart – Resident  
Stephanie MacKinnon – Resident  
Alec Dove – Resident  
Kathy Vienneau – former resident

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hussher.

**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:** Danny MacGillivray – CHAD Transit

Mr. MacGillivray reported that CHAD Transit is a door-to-door service, booking your pickup is required, providing charter bookings, and dialysis appointments in Antigonish. CHAD Transit is requesting 5% increase in funding.

Pictou County Transit is a three-year pilot project covering New Glasgow, Stellarton, Westville, Pictou, Trenton and the First Nation. Trenton's service launch will be mid-May, the fee will be \$5.00 per person per day. The route will loop through each town and cover the core service areas, the hospital, highland square mall and Sobeys.

**Presentation:** Dean Smith – Intelivote

Mr. Smith gave an overview of the electronic voting process and paper ballot. He provided stats on usage and demographics from previous municipal election.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter  
Seconded by Councilor Earle  
To accept Agenda as presented.  
Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Public Hearing Minutes – February 13, 2024  
Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter  
Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc  
To accept the minutes from Public Hearing February 13, 2024.  
Motion carried.

Council Minutes

Moved by Councilor Earle  
Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc  
To accept the minutes from regular Council meeting February 13, 2024.  
Motion carried.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

**Reports**

General Government Report

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc  
Seconded by Councilor Earle  
That the General Government Report be received for information.  
Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter  
Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc  
That the monthly Public Works report be received for information.  
Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councilor Earle  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter  
That the monthly Water report be received for information.  
Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Report

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

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 Deputy Mayor Cotter

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

Motion carried.

**Recommendation from Committee of the Whole**

Trenton Bylaw 2021-01 Noise Control – First Reading

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve Bylaw 2021-01 Noise Control for the first reading.

Motion carried.

Policy FIN-20240312 Reserve Funds

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve Policy FIN-20240312 Reserve Funds as presented.

Motion carried.

Policy REC-20240312 Trenton Garden Club

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To approve Policy REC-20240312 Trenton Garden Club as presented.

Motion carried.

**New Business**

Councilor Earle inquired about an update on the reservoir. The CAO reported that Robert MacLean, Water Dept Manager will make a presentation at April's Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Round Table**

- Councilor LeBlanc reported on the Accessibility Committee meeting – early on the development of the accessibility committee it was identified to provide

Trenton businesses with information on federal, provincial and local funding. The “Ramped Up” is a program providing this information to Pictou County businesses.

- Mayor Hussler reported on the Mental Health Committee meeting. Mayor Hussler is pleased to announce that the outpatient procedure for patients dealing with mental health has improved. The intersection at Trenton Connector and Park Road, the CAO reported that she has reached out to the Area Manager from the Department of Transportation to discuss the area. The New Glasgow Police have submitted a report on their recommendations.
- Deputy Mayor Cotter reported that he attended the Glen Have Board meeting, they have passed their budget.

### **Residents**

Alec Dove inquired about the fine from the Department of Environment. He reported he is receiving calls about why the former Council did not do anything about the sewer flowing into Lowden Brook. Mayor Hussler reported that a full transparent release of the order and sentencing will be covered in the Town’s April newsletter.

Resident Steven Stewart inquired about the timeline of when Council was notified of the overflow leak into Lowden Brook. Mr. Stewart requested a copy of all correspondence from the Department of Environment that was sent to the Town. Mayor Hussler advised him to seek this information by “Freedom of Information”.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councilor Earle  
To moved in to “In Camera”

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter  
Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

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Donald Hussler  
Mayor

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Alanna Grover  
CAO