

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

Jaclyn Polley – Trenton Fire Dept.
Jack Druhan – Royal Canadian Legion Br. 29
Steven Stewart – Resident
Robin Morash - 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.

Moment of Silence

A moment of Silence for former Councilor Gladys Byrne's passing.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter
Seconded by Councilor Earle

To approve the Agenda with addition to "New Business" of Resolution Council Election 2024 and Engage Nova Scotia Survey and "In Camera".

Motion carried.

Presentation:

Jaclyn Polley – Trenton Fire Department
Jack Druhan – Royal Canadian Legion Br. 29
Presented Mayor Hussher with Canadian Flags that will be installed along Main Street this summer. Mayor Hussher stated that the flags are very much appreciated.

Approval of Minutes

Council Minutes – March 12, 2024

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To accept the minutes from regular Council meeting March 12, 2024, with changes to Council LeBlanc’s Round Table information on the Accessibility Committee being involved with Ramped Up program not Pictou County Partnership.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Pictou County Transit Study has been posted on the Town’s website. Trenton will have three stop locations to select which will be confirmed at the Committee of the Whole in April.

Reports

General Government Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

That the General Government Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

That the monthly Public Works report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

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.

For Information Only

Emergency Management from Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To receive the Emergency Management Letter from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for information.

Motion carried.

Service Exchange Agreement from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Earle

To receive the Service Exchange Agreement from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for information.

Motion carried.

Recommendation from Committee of the Whole

Policy REC-20240213 Child Protection Policy

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To accept Policy Number REC-20240213 Child Protection Policy.

Motion carried.

Electronic Voting for 2024 Municipal Election

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To have electronic Voting for the 2024 Municipal Election.

Motion carried.

New Business

Trenton Bylaw 2021-01 Noise Control – 2nd Reading

Moved by Councilor Earle

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve Trenton Bylaw 2021-01 Noise Control for Second Reading.

Motion carried.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution – New Water Reservoir

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution for the new Water Reservoir.

Motion carried.

Street Paving Recommendations from Town Engineer

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve the Street Paving Recommendations from Town Engineer

Motion carried.

Councilor Earle questioned why the repaving recommendations are to resurface half the Street and not the whole street. The CAO clarified that in most cases the asset management of the aging street requires upgrades under the surface before repaving is recommended.

2024 Patching Tender

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter

To approve the 2024 Patching Tender.

Motion carried.

Council Election 2024 - Resolution

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve the Resolution for the Council Election 2024.

Motion carried.

Engage Nova Scotia

Engage Nova Scotia is planning a Quality of Life Survey for all residents. The cost of this survey is approximately \$1200. The CAO will confirm the cost before a decision is made.

Round Table

Councilor Earle thanked the Trenton Fire Department and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #29 for the Canadian Flags that will be installed along Main Street to Cornish's Variety. The Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame Board met, the building tenders have been sent out and John Charlton is the project manager for the "new building project".

Councilor LeBlanc thanked the Ground Search and Rescue crew and Police Services for their hard work and hoping for a positive outcome.

Residents

Steven Stewart stated he requested a transcript for March's Council meeting which was declined.

Mr. Morash inquired about the electronic voting for the fall election. He questioned if someone does not have a computer or telephone to vote, you can visit the Trenton Rink

Annex on Election Day where equipment will be available to assist residents. Hopefully “Live Streaming” of the Council Meeting will be available by mid summer.

Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cotter
To moved in to “In Camera”

Moved by Councilor Earle
Made a motion to come out of “In Camera”

Moved by Councilor Earle
Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Donald Hussher
Mayor

Alanna Grover
CAO