

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber.

Present: Mayor Alec Dove
Deputy Mayor Scott Cameron
Councilor Donald Cullen
Councilor Nicole LeBlanc
Councilor Stephanie MacKinnon
Alanna Grover – Chief Administrative Officer
Marilou Sutherland – Deputy Clerk

Also in attendance: Ashlie Cormier &
Adrian Thompson, NS Health Authority
Steven Stewart- Resident

Call to Order by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Land Acknowledgement – Deputy Mayor Cameron

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 Mayor Dove
Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc
To approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Presentation – Ashlie Cormier & Adrian Thompson, Nova Scotia Health Authority – Mental Health & Addictions Programs

Ms. Cormier is a senior Analysis for Community Wellness and Support. She gave an overview of the Mental Health Continuum model. She provided toolkit, posters and resource material available to the public. There are a few pharmacies in Pictou County that offer “Bloom” program to assist with mental illness.

Approval of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Minutes – November 26, 2024
Minutes approved as presented with one change to the Council representative on the Trenton Advisory Committee has been changed to Councilor Nicole LeBlanc.

For Information Only

Letter from Minister Kim Masland, Minister of Emergency Management
Letter from Warden Allen Webber, The Municipality of Chester
Received for information only.

New Business

Viola’s Place Society
Viola’s Place presented a request to the Mayors and Warden meeting in January. They are creating a Regional Strategy to Address Housing and Homelessness Needs across Pictou County. Voila’s Place Society Board will make a presentation at February’s Committee of the Whole in Trenton.

Policy: ADMIN-202502-11Employee Wellness Policy

The Employee Wellness Policy will be forwarded to February's Council.

Policy: ED-20200818 Acquisition and Disposal of Surplus Property Policy

The Acquisition and Disposal of Surplus Property Policy will be forwarded to February's Council.

Solar Panels

Mayor Dove discussed off-setting the cost of expenses at the Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre by installing solar panels. The CAO will look into it.

Beaver Problem at Trenton Park

The CAO has reported that the concern has been forwarded to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

There is a plan in place to deal with the issue.

Community Committees

Councilor Cullen inquired about adding more community committees. The public is encouraged to volunteer on the Friends of Trenton Park Society Committee and Trenton FunFest Committee for anyone who is seeking community engagement.

Discussion of steps to be taken for Gas Bar

Mayor Dove will look into the development of gas bar in Trenton.

Adding Extra Meetings

Currently Council will keep the status quo on the two meetings per month. A special meeting can be called if required.

Trenton Park

Deputy Mayor Cameron discussed the possibility of developing camping in Trenton Park. He suggests an Ad Hoc Citizen Committee to assess the feasibility of re-opening camping in Trenton Park. First steps are to confirm if Council can form an Ad Hoc Citizen Committee. The CAO reminded Council that once the feasibility study was complete, the information would need to be validated. This is referred to February's Committee of the Whole which will give the CAO time to gather information.

Round Table

- Councilor LeBlanc reported that the Community Health Centre in Pictou is looking to partner up with other communities offering an Out Reach Days. It is recommended to provide the Pictou County Transit route so the public can see the bus route to the Community Health Centre in Pictou. Councilor LeBlanc reported that Trenton FunFest is looking at hosting a Street Dance instead of the rink dance.
- Councilor Cullen congratulated Nick Hirtle on his appointment of Deputy Police Chief of the New Glasgow Regional Police Department.
- Deputy Mayor Cameron attended his first Accessibility Committee meeting at the Rink Annex. Walter Smith was appointed as Chairperson of the committee. The next meeting will be February 24 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

That the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Alec Dove
Mayor

Alanna Grover
Chief Administrative Officer