

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber.

Present:	Mayor Alec Dove	Also in attendance: Kathy Vienneau
	Deputy Mayor Scott Cameron	Steve Hendsbee, Allison
	Councilor Donald Cullen	Ellsworth-Cameron,
	Councilor Nicole LeBlanc	Linda & Dave Royles,
	Councilor Stephanie MacKinnon	Charmaine Jenkins
	Alanna Grover – Chief Administrative Officer	
	Marilou Sutherland – Deputy Clerk	

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 Council LeBlanc
Seconded by Councilor Cullen
To approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Presentation – Viola's Place Society

Dwayne Wright, Board Chair and Board member Lillian gave a positive overview of the 20 bed homeless shelter in New Glasgow. They reported that the community is very generous and supports the shelter with items that are in short supply. They reviewed the support programs available to the clients at the shelter.

Approval of Minutes

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Minutes approved as presented.

For Information Only

Letter from Honourable John A. Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs.
Letter from Pam Mood – Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.
Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library – Councilor LeBlanc on the Library Board reported that the Executive Director responded to the announcement on the funding for the libraries is concerning.
Received for information only.

New Business

Connect 2 Application for 2024-25 Fiscal Year
Moved by Councilor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councilor Cullen
To move forward with the grant on Park Road to receive funding for cross walk and signage.
Motion carried

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bowl for Kids

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To donate \$100 to Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Bowl for Kids

Motion carried

Epilepsy Awareness Month

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To forward the Epilepsy Awareness Month Proclamation to Council.

Motion carried.

Request from Town of New Glasgow – Deer Issues

The CAO received an email inviting all boundary Towns to participate in a collaborative approach in Pellet Group Inventory. Trenton is interested in committing to this program.

Draft Accessibility Plan

The Accessibility Committee reviewed the Accessibility Plan. The Committee provided feedback on the Plan. The updated Accessibility Plan will be ready for April's Council meeting. The timeline is on track with the province. A grant has been applied for to provide accessible doors at the Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre and an Access Lift.

Change to the Chair

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councilor Cullen

To change the Chair from Deputy Mayor Cameron to Councilor MacKinnon.

Motion carried.

Trenton Park Camping

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Seconded by Councilor Cullen

To develop a Ad Hoc Citizen Committee to assess the feasibility of reopening the Trenton Park camping and to make recommendations regarding the potential benefits, challenges and necessary infrastructure improvements required to support such an initiative. The committee will conduct a review of the park's current amenities and capacity to accommodate camping activities. Assessing the environmental impact of reintroducing camping. Evaluating potential infrastructure improvements needed. Gathering public input from community members and park users. Investigate legal and safety requirements associated with camping in the Park. Identifying potential sources of funding or grants for possible infrastructure upgrades. The committee will have their report ready within four months with its findings and recommendations.

Motion carried.

Strickland Avenue - Water/Sewer Issues

The CAO reported that she will have the Town Engineer prepare a report on the Strickland Avenue issue for the next Committee of the Whole meeting. This issue is due to be discussed at the next Asset Management meeting.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

To establish a Parks and Recreation Volunteer Advisory Committee that will help with fundraising with Town Council, Parks and Recreation Director and volunteers to make use of the facilities. To assist the Parks and Recreation Director and promote the use of Parks and Recreation facilities.

The CAO reminded Council that the Director of Parks and Recreation will be attending April's Committee of the Whole with the MPAL Co-ordinator. Friends of Trenton Park Society is a non-profit organization created in 1998. This organization may be ideal for the purpose of assisting the Parks and Recreation Department.

Round Table

- Mayor Dove reminded the public that NR Stor is making an announcement at the Pictou County Wellness February 26. Hopefully residents have seen the press release and there is a good turnout.
- Councilor MacKinnon will be attending the Riverview Home Corporation meeting on Friday, February 28.
- The CAO made a special announcement that the King Charles III Coronation Medal has been awarded to Nicole LeBlanc for her commitment to public service. Congratulations to Councilor LeBlanc.
- Resident Allison Ellsworth-Cameron reported on the sewer that is flooding her basement every time there is heavy rain.
- David Royles has concern with the gravel portion of Strickland Avenue, there is a dust issue in the warmer months. This section requires more gravel because the road is lower than level of Mr. Royles culvert.
- Steve Hendsbee was representing the MacInnis family on Strickland Avenue, he reported that the storm sewer pipe is too small.
- Charmaine Jenkins questioned the Trenton Park washrooms not being available in the winter months.
- Kathy Vienneau questioned the flooding on the Strickland Avenue.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

That the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Alec Dove
Mayor

Alanna Grover
Chief Administrative Officer