

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 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, CAO  
Marilou Sutherland – Deputy Clerk

**Also in attendance:** Kathy Vienneau,  
Shannon MacInnis

**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 Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Mayor Dove

To approve the Agenda with the addition of Lights at the Park Gazebo and Oak Street and Strickland Avenue.  
Motion carried.

**Presentation:**

Kenny Langille and Paul McCracken presented Council with \$8900 from the Masonic Lodge for benches at the new skateboard Park and Pickleball Courts.

**Approval of Minutes**

Committee of the Whole Minutes – March 25, 2025

The Minutes from March 25, 2025, were accepted as presented.

**Committees of Council Reports:**

Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Inc. December 16, 2024, Minutes

Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Board Package for April 7, 2025, was accepted for information.

**Correspondence**

Minister Masland, Fire Services Review

The CAO gave an overview of the letter from Minister Masland. There will be a governance review of fire services in Nova Scotia. Municipalities are encouraged to participate and provide feedback.

Letter from Mayor Christine Blair to Minister Lohr

The CAO reported that the correspondence from Mayor Christine Blair to Minister Lohr is concerning the amendments to wind turbines.

**New Business**

Draft Signage Policy – OTH-2025-05-13-02

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

Seconded by Mayor Dove

To recommend the Signage Policy OTH-2025-05-13-02 be forwarded to May's Council Meeting for approval.

Motion carried.

Draft Council Honorarium Policy OTH-2025-05-13

Comparison on the other small units in Pictou County was requested. Council will discuss at the next Committee of the Whole in May.

Low Income Exemption 2025-26

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon

To make recommendation to Council to increase the grant to \$279.00 for persons with total household's income less than \$29,315.00 in 2024.

Motion carried.

Draft Comfort Centre Police – OTH-2025-05-13-01

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councilor Cullen

To make recommendation to Council to approve the Comfort Centre Policy – OTH-2025-05-13-01.

Motion carried.

Proclamation, Gaelic Nova Scotia Month, May 2025

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To make recommendation to Council to approve Proclamation, Gaelic Nova Scotia Month, May 2025.

Motion carried.

Request of support – Flag Raising Gaelic Nova Scotia Month, May 2025.

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To make recommendation to Council to support the Flag Raising Gaelic Nova Scotia Month, May 2025.

Motion carried.

Proclamation, Lyme Disease Awareness, May 2025

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To make recommendation to Council to approve the Proclamation, Lyme Disease Awareness, May 2025.

Motion carried.

Request for Support – Flag Raising Lyme Disease Awareness, May 10-15, 2025.

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To make recommendation to Flag Raising Lyme Disease Awareness, May 10-15, 2025, to Council for approval.

Motion carried.

VON – Flag Raising & VON Week May 18-24, 2025

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To make a recommendation to Council to proclaim VON week May 18-24, 2025.

Motion carried.

## **Presentation:**

Ken Langille and Paul McCracken presented the Town with a cheque in the amount of \$8900 from the Masonic Lodge for benches in Skateboard Park and Pickleball Courts area.

2025-26 Community Grants

More time to review was requested, to be forwarded to May's Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Expense Claims and Procedure

The rates for the Federal Government Expense Claims was given out by Councilor Cullen. The CAO will provide comparisons rates with other small units.

Youth Engage Opportunities

Councilor LeBlanc attended a panel session on youth volunteering in the community. This would be an ideal opportunity to engage youth in the community to provide their insight from their perspective. She is proposing a Youth Engagement Session at the Trenton Station.

Change the Chair

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councilor Cullen

To change the chair over to Councilor MacKinnon.

Motion carried.

Street Lighting

The three street light locations have been investigated by the Public Works Superintendent. A request from Grandview Avenue, McKinley Drive and Twelfth Street were received.

Change the Chair

Moved by Councilor Cullen

Seconded by Mayor Dove

To change the chair back to Deputy Mayor Cameron

Motion carried.

Town-owned Land Map

This will be discussed at the next meeting with the Town Planner.

Trenton Park Pavilion – Water Hookup

Discussion on the possibility of having the water hooked up year-round at the Park Pavilion.

Canada Post

There are issues with the addressing at the Pictou Landing area that are duplicated in the Town of Trenton. Canada Post will be contacted to look into the issue.

Trenton Park Gazebo

Discussion on having the Trenton Park Gazebo lite with lights.

Oak Street Sanitary/Strickland Avenue

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

Deputy Mayor Cameron made a motion to rescind the Oak Street Sanitary Resolution passed on April 08, 2025, and this will allow the Town to view the results of Strickland Avenue tests and decide next steps.

Motion Defeated.

**Round Table**

- Councilor LeBlanc thanked you everyone who attending the two Go Clean Get Green events will be held in Trenton. The first on April 22 at 4:30 pm meet at the Trenton Station and the second on Saturday, April 26, 10:00 am meeting at the Trenton Fire Hall. Participated in the Volunteer Recognition Reception at the Trenton Annex. Congratulations to Sean Fraser on his election.
- Councilor Cullen reported that he will invite the youth Group at the Church of the Nazarene to participate in the Go Clean Get Green event.
- Councilor MacKinnon expressed her gratitude for all the participations who volunteered for Go Clean Get Green events. Great to see the re-opening of Express Yourself Café. The Albion Boxing Club receiving a much-needed AED for the Boxing Club
- Mayor Dove stated that it is great to see Express Yourself Café open.
- Deputy Mayor Cameron reported that 40 children cleaned the ball field in support of Go Clean Get Green.
- Vona Fleming spoke to Council about a work of her art being presented to the Town.

**In Camera**

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon

To move into "In Camera"

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon

To come out of "In Camera"

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

That the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

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Alec Dove

Mayor

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Alanna Grover

Chief Administrative Officer