

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber.

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

Also in attendance: Peter VanKessell, Barry
Trenholm & John Charlton – Pictou
County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame

Call to Order by Mayor Dove

Land Acknowledgement – Mayor Dove

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 Cameron
Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon
To approve the Agenda with the addition of an "In Camera".
Motion carried.

Presentation:

Peter VanKessell, Chairperson of Building Committee inquired about the assessment of the new building. The CAO explained that Property Valuation Services Corporation should have updated assessment of the building once it is completed. John Charlton project manager of the new build stated that the completion date is October 2.

Approval of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Minutes – April 29, 2025
The Minutes from April 29, 2025, were accepted as presented.

Committees of Council Reports:

- Councilor LeBlanc reported that the schedule for FunFest is coming along. An announcement of the entertainment will be released very soon.
- Councilor LeBlanc stated that the Library Accessibility Committee is updating their Accessibility Plan. Julie Martin from Trenton is the Chair.
- Councilor LeBlanc gave a reminder that the Pictou County Partnership is hosting their AGM on June 24.
- Councilor MacKinnon stated that there was a Board meeting on May 23, Riverview Home Corp is moving along as planned. The Planning Advisory Committee had a meeting with CAO and Councilor Cameron in attendance; there is a four unit on Beech Street in the works and a four unit on Lower Munro Street.
- The Accessibility Committee requires recruitment of committee members reported by Councilor Cameron.

- Councilor Cullen discussed the status of revitalizing the “Friends of Trenton Park” Society. The Parks and Recreation Director is onboard.

Correspondence

Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual Reports
Healthy Pictou County Newsletter April 2025
Thank you from Murray Family
Thank you from Tee Roberts
Thank you from Fergie and Miriam MacKay
The correspondence was received for information.

New Business

2025-26 Community Grants Requests
Moved by Councilor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc
To forward the 2025-26 Community Grants requests to Council meeting in June.
Motion carried.

Council Remuneration Policy

Two options were discussed; the CAO will work on the update of the Council Remuneration Policy for review at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Expense Claim Allowance

A review of the Expense Claim Allowance of the other units in Pictou County was discussed. Trenton is comparable, recommendation to stay the same.

Park Pavilion

The Parks and Recreation Director will gather the actual costs involved. Review the other community halls to gage rental fees in the area, ensure the operation is cost recovery and have a business plan in place.

Deer Population in Pictou County

Councilor MacKinnon reported that she and CAO attended the Urban Management of Deer meeting on May 15. Trenton and the other units will be included in education program dealing with the deer population. A pamphlet will be prepared with general information on deer management. A survey will be prepared for Trenton residents that will be included with the pamphlet.

Round Table

- Councillor Cullen stated what an honor it was to represent Trenton at the Conference in Ottawa. Congratulations to everyone graduating from High School and University.
- Councilor LeBlanc stated how good the artwork by Vona Fleming looks in Council Chamber.
- Councilor Cameron stated that the Accessibility Committee is looking for volunteer members. If anyone is interested, please contact Town Hall
- Councilor Cullen reminded the public that the Water Source Protection Committee is seeking citizen representative. If you are interested, please contact Town Hall.
- Mayor Dove thanked everyone who showed up to the Community Clean Up project. Six bags of garbage were collected. Great job volunteers!

- Mayor Dove congratulated the Fisharama organizers for a great job with this year’s event. Very well attended and the children had fun.
- Councilor Cullen commended the Joe Earle Road Races for another great year. The track looked good. Thanks go out to the Earle family and volunteers for an awesome event.

In Camera

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councilor Cullen
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 8:14 PM

Alec Dove
Mayor

Alanna Grover
Chief Administrative Officer