

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber.

Present: Mayor Alec Dove
Deputy Mayor Nicole LeBlanc
Councilor Scott Cameron
Councilor Donald Cullen
Councilor Stephanie MacKinnon
Bonnie Coulter – Interim CAO
Marilou Sutherland – Deputy Clerk

Also in attendance: Miranda Small- Resident

Call to Order by Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

Land Acknowledgement – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

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 as presented.
Motion carried.

Acknowledgement: Deputy Mayor LeBlanc welcomed Bonnie Coulter as Interim CAO.

Approval of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Minutes – June 24, 2025
The Minutes from June 24, 2025, were accepted as presented.

Correspondence

Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for the Oak Street Sewer Replacement Project has been declined for funding.

Moved by Councilor Cullen
Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon
To receive the correspondence from Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs for information.
Motion carried.

Property Valuation Services Corporation Newsletter for July 2025.

Moved by Mayor Dove
Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon
To receive the Property Valuation Services Corporation Newsletter for July 2025 for information.
Motion carried.

Pictou County Chamber Newsletter for July 2025

Moved by Mayor Dove
Seconded by Councilor Cullen
To receive the Pictou County Chamber Newsletter July 2025 for information.

Motion carried.

The Ship Hector Society

Moved by Councilor Cullen

Seconded by Councillor Cameron

To receive the thank you from the Ship Hector Society for information.

Motion carried.

Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association

Moved by Councilor Cameron

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon

To proclaim September has Prostate Cancer Support Month.

Motion carried.

Festival of the Tartans

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councilor Cameron

To receive the correspondence from the Festival of the Tartans for information. It is noted that Festival of the Tartans will be notified to apply earlier under the Town's community grant application process.

Motion carried.

Women Alike Society

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councilor Cameron

A recommendation of \$100 will be forwarded to Council for approval.

Motion carried.

Thank You Card

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon

To receive thank you card from former CAO for information.

Motion carried.

Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Grant

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councillor Cullen

To receive correspondence from Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Grant for information.

Motion carried.

New Business

Park Pavilion

Discussion on the Park Pavilion water line being separated from the Pool water line. Public Works can do the scope of the work. This will be forwarded to September's Council meeting for approval.

Remuneration Policy

This policy will be forwarded to September's Council meeting with an update yearly (April 1) based on the previous year (CPI).

Pickleball Courts

The Interim CAO reported that the fencing is being installed at the pickleball and multi-sport courts. The painting of the courts is being finalized this week. The Town Solicitor is working on the lease with the Pickleball Club. The multi-sport court will be open to the public.

Deer Survey

The deadline for the Deer Survey has been extended to September 15. The public is encouraged to submit their survey.

Memorial Book Exchange

The family of Joyce McMullen is requesting a Memorial Book Exchange be installed in Trenton Park. The Parks and Recreation Director will be consulted. A few locations will be suggested to the family.

Round Table

- Councilor Cullen reviewed the recent Police Review meeting.
- Councilor Cameron gave an update on his recent visit to the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame. There are asphalt issues at the Trenton Elementary School and on Seventh Street, the interim CAO reported that the Public Works Superintendent is looking into the two areas.
- Mayor Dove thanked council for all the work recruiting a new CAO. Thanks to the Interim CAO Bonnie Coulter for all her hard work. Thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for the great job they did getting the word out about the trail closures.
- Deputy Mayor LeBlanc thanked Express Yourself Café for the great work with the movie night and farmer's market. Congratulations to True Colors on adding a Barber Shop and So Be Eat for a successful summer.
- The Interim CAO reported on the Capital Projects; the paving is complete, patching is around 75% complete, water cuts will be next and the storm sewer on Seventh Street will be complete next week. The Pool and Splash Pad at Trenton Park will be closing for the season this coming week.
- Resident Miranda Small requested if yard maintenance could be included in the Town's Policy.

In Camera

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councilor Cullen
To move into "In Camera"

Moved by Councilor Cullen
Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon
To come out of "In Camera"

Adjournment

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon
That the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Alec Dove
Mayor