

Town of Trenton Committee of the Whole September 29, 2025

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber.

Present: A. Dove
 S. Cameron
 D. Cullen
 N. LeBlanc
 S. MacKinnon

Call to Order by N. LeBlanc

Land Acknowledgement – N. 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 S. MacKinnon
Seconded by A. Dove
To approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Minutes – August 26, 2025
The Minutes from August 26, 2025, were adopted as presented.

Correspondence

Pictou County Seniors Festival
Moved by D. Cullen
Seconded by S. Cameron
To receive the thank you from the Pictou County Seniors Festival for information.
Motion carried.

New Business

- a. Town of Trenton Deer Survey 2025
Detailed results of the Deer Survey 2025 were presented, there were 304 responses.
- b. Nova Scotia Building Officials Association
Moved by A. Dove
Seconded by S. MacKinnon
To make recommend \$200 in support of the NS Building Officials Association Zone 1 Seminar to Council meeting.
- c. Airflight Construction Engineer
D. Cullen reported that he has agreed to take the Board Chairperson position. This would mean he will be stepping down as Council representative. S. Cameron will be the Council representative on the Board for Trenton. Trenton is seeking a citizen representative to serve on the Board.
- d. Park Pavilion water line will be separated in October by public works.
- e. Strickland Avenue sewer/storm sewer issue is still gathering data. The report will be completed by October.

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Round Table

- S. MacKinnon reported that the Riverview Home Corp is processing as expected.
- S. Cameron inquired about whether the Town received confirmation on the new school site.
- A. Dove reminded Council to consider attending the FCM fall conference. Trenton Pickleball Club is hosting a soft opening on Saturday, October 4 from 1-4 pm.
- D. Cullen stated that the AirFlight Construction Engineering is hiring tradespeople.
- N. LeBlanc noted that the School Advisory Committee has sent a letter to province requesting status of the new school. N. LeBlanc requests that Trenton send a letter as well. She attended the Truth and Reconciliation Day on Friday. Students were awesome during the ceremony.
- Resident Ed Anderson, retired Trenton firefighter addressed Council about not being told about not having access to the Fire Hall. He feels disrespected by the Fire Department. Resident Francis MacMillan, retired Trenton firefighter spoke about his 33 years of service and that it isn't an honor to be locked out without notice. Trenton resident, Stewart MacPherson, retired firefighter inquired if this decision to change the locks was a Council decision. He feels the retired members should have been informed about the change.
- Resident Shannon MacInnis expressed his frustration with the Engineering Firm taking five months to complete the report with the sewer/storm sewer issue on Strickland Avenue. The CAO assured Mr. MacInnis he will have the Town Engineer expedite the report as soon as possible.
- Francis MacMillan stated that it was very hard to hear council speaking – he recommended they speak closer to the mic.
- Gerald Cameron hopes the Fire Chief will attend the next meeting.
- John Fraser stated that the mutual aid calls for out of town motor vehicle accidents do not need to be attended by Trenton Fire Department.

In Camera

Moved by S. MacKinnon
Seconded by D. Cullen
To move into "In Camera"

Moved by D. Cullen
Seconded by S. MacKinnon
To come out of "In Camera"

Adjournment

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

Alec Dove
Mayor

Gabryel Joseph
Chief Administrative Officer