

The regular monthly meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, October 14, 2004, beginning at 7:00 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Cathy Cotter  
Deputy Mayor Jim Fraser  
Councillor Gladys Byrne  
Councillor Owen Clarke  
Chief Administrative Officer Debbie Kampen

**Regrets:** Councillor Lloyd MacLean

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cotter.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Byrne

Seconded by Deputy Councillor Clarke

"That the Agenda be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

#### **Presentation**

- Ms. Jennifer McCarron, B.A., B.S.W., Health Educator, Community Health Board Support, Pictou County Health Authority

Ms. McCarron made a PowerPoint presentation to Council on behalf of the Community Health Board. Her presentation included information on their mandate; communication and accountability; health plans; partnerships/collaborations; and their current work. Mayor Cotter thanked Ms. McCarron for her presentation.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Byrne

"That the Minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2004, be approved as circulated."

Motion carried.

#### **Business from Minutes**

- Meeting with the Premier and the Minister, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, re Nova Scotia Power, Inc. (NSPI)

Deputy Mayor Fraser reported that a meeting had taken place with members of Trenton Town Council, CAO Kampen, and Minister Barnet of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on September 24, 2004. Deputy Mayor Fraser reported that three (3) questions were asked of the Minister: would the Minister provide the department's directions with respect to the issue of NSPI municipal taxation; could Trenton be provided with some advance notice regarding any changes that would affect Trenton's budget deliberations; and is municipal taxation of NSPI to become a reality in the future? The Minister was not able to provide a positive answer to any of the questions.

#### **Correspondence**

- Premier John F. Hamm re Nova Scotia Power, Inc. Meeting

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Byrne

"That this correspondence be received for information." Motion carried.

- ING Canada re Insurance Information Week Committee 2004, October 25-29, 2004  
Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke  
"To proclaim the week of October 25-29, 2004, as Insurance Information Week." Motion carried.

- Trenton Fire Department re Pat Delany  
Moved by Councillor Byrne  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke  
"That this correspondence be received for information." Motion carried.

#### **Staff Reports**

- Public Works  
Moved by Councillor Byrne  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke  
"That the monthly Public Works report be received for information." Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Fraser enquired if statistics could be provided regarding the ratio of the amount of water treated and the amount of water used for backwashes. CAO Kampen replied that this information would be provided for the next Council meeting.

- Parks and Recreation  
Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Byrne  
"That the monthly Parks and Recreation report be received for information." Motion carried.

- Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre  
Moved by Councillor Byrne  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fraser  
"That the monthly Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre report be received for information." Motion carried.

- Police  
Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke  
"That the monthly Police report be received for information." Motion carried.

- Fire  
Moved by Councillor Byrne  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke  
"That the monthly Fire report be received for information." Motion carried.

- Finance  
Moved by Councillor Byrne  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke  
"That the monthly Finance report be received for information." Motion carried.

- Airport  
Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fraser  
"That the monthly Airport report be received for information." Motion carried.

- Marketing

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

"That the monthly Marketing report be received for information." Motion carried.

### Committee Report

- *Recommendation #1*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

"That, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Council approve the tender in the amount of \$32,000.00 plus applicable taxes and miscellaneous fees for a total of \$37,899.50 received from the Ivy MacDonald Memorial Society for the purchase of the Diamond Street School." Motion carried.

### Approval of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fraser

"That the list of accounts be paid if found correct by the Chief Administrative Officer." Motion carried.

### Resolution

- *Renewal of #03/04-1, Various Capital Projects*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

"Whereas the Town of Trenton is authorized by law to borrow by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town, a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred-Six Dollars (\$373,806) for the purposes of Various Capital Projects;

And Whereas pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2003, borrowed from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia, a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred-Six Dollars (\$373,806) for the purpose set out above for a period not exceeding twelve months;

And Whereas it is deemed expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

And Whereas the specific amounts and descriptions of the projects are contained in Schedule "A" (attached);

Be It Therefore Resolved;

That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, the authorized period of borrowing in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$387,989) be extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

Schedule A:

Street paving: \$200,000; 1-tonne truck: \$50,000; Water meters: \$92,239; Bio-solids stabilization project: \$45,750 (increased by \$14,183); Total: \$387,989." Motion carried.

**Policy**

- *Chapter 01, Expense Policy*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Byrne

"To approve the following addition under Item #2. in the policy: 'Meal allowances will be provided on a per diem basis when elected and appointed officials are on Town business. Such allowance will be paid to a maximum of \$60.00 per day, upon presentation of receipts. The meal allowance will be as follows: Breakfast: \$15.00; Lunch: \$20.00; Dinner: \$25.00. In all instances, alcohol beverages will not be reimbursed.'" Motion carried.

**Other Business**

- PumpkinFest

Mayor Cotter advised that PumpkinFest would be held from October 15-17, 2004.

- Municipal Elections

Mayor Cotter wished all candidates "good luck" in the upcoming municipal elections and congratulated Mayor-elect James Fraser on his acclamation.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Councillor Byrne, meeting adjourned.

*Cathy Cotter*  
MAYOR

*D. Kampen*  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER