

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Present:	Mayor Alec Dove	Also in Attendance: Allan MacAulay-
	Deputy Mayor Scott Cameron	CBCL Engineer
	Councilor Donald Cullen	Police Chief Leil
	Councilor Nicole LeBlanc	Danny MacGillivray, MLA
	Councilor Stephanie MacKinnon	Ed Anderson - Resident
	Alanna Grover, CAO	Amy Winchester (Zoom)-
	Marilou Sutherland, Deputy Clerk	CBCL

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alec Dove.

Land Acknowledgement – Mayor Alec 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.

As this is African Heritage Month, Mayor Dove acknowledged the significance of this month. This year, African Heritage Month embraces the provincial theme “Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance.” The theme celebrates the enduring legacy of Black Nova Scotians, paying tribute to the community’s resilience, achievements, and impact throughout history. I would also like to note that Council members are wearing Kente Cloth pins for the meeting – Kente cloth is a powerful symbol of African unity and heritage.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon

To approve the Agenda as presented

Motion carried.

Presentation:

MLA Danny MacGillivray introduced himself as newly elected Member of Nova Scotia House of Assembly for Pictou Centre. He expressed his connection to Trenton. He is the Ministerial Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs John Lohr. The government plans are to focus on health care, economic development, and the U.S. tariff concerns. The goal is that we can look after ourselves tapping into our natural resources.

Presentation:

Amy Winchester – CBCL – Asset Management Overview

The inception of Asset Management and the formula for the status of infrastructure was explained. Ms. Winchester covered the reasons for prioritizing the paving list and considering what's underground.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Minutes – January 14, 2025

The minutes are approved as presented.

Reports

Public Works Report

Water Report

Fire Report

Parks and Recreation Report

Police Report -Chief Ryan Leil reviewed the Police Report to Council. Councilor LeBlanc requested a concise report to allow Council to make informed decisions concerning Trenton residents.

Animal Control Report

The reports are approved as submitted by Department Managers.

Council Committee Reports

- Pic Co Shared Services Authority – Minutes November 25, 2024
- Pic Co Shared Services Authority – Mayors & Warden Recap Meeting – Jan 20, 2025

The reports are accepted as presented.

For Information Only

- Healthy Pictou County Dec-Jan 2025 Report
- Pictou County Partners – Third Quarter
- Pictou County Partners – Rural Community Immigration Pilot
- Riverview Home Corporation – Thank you
- Riverview Home Corporation Newsletter
- NSFM U.S. Tariff Concerns

The reports are accepted for information only.

Recommendation from Committee of the Whole

Viola's Place

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Donald Cullen

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Council approve the commitment from the Town of Trenton to pay 1/6 towards the Regional Strategy from Viola's Place which has a total cost of \$13,000 plus HST.

Motion carried.

Policy #:ADMIN-20250211-01 Disposal of Surplus Property Policy

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Council approve Policy #: ADMIN-20250211-01 Disposal of Surplus Property Policy.

Motion carried.

Policy #:ADMIN-20252011-02 Employee Wellness Policy

Moved by Councilor Cullen

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Council approve Policy #:20250211-02 Employee Wellness Policy.

Motion carried.

New Business

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

Moved by Councilor Cullen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

To approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution for the amount of \$200,000 as the Town's portion of the Seventh Street Sewer Separation Project was budgeted to be funded by debenture for the 2024-25 fiscal year and the project is now complete.

Motion carried.

Round Table

- Councilor MacKinnon attended the Riverview Home Corporation meeting they are ahead of schedule with their remedy report.
- Deputy Mayor Cameron reported that the Accessibility Committee met for the first time. Trenton resident Walter Smith was appointed the Chair of the Committee. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2025.
- Councilor LeBlanc attended the Trenton School Advisory Committee. The Committee is asking if there is any update on the site selection for the new P-8 school from the province. Councilor LeBlanc congratulated the Kinette Club of New Glasgow on their 80th Anniversary. Impressive milestone.
- Councilor Cullen attended the FunFest meeting, there is an open house on March 3 at 6:30 at the Rink Annex for anyone wishing to volunteer. At the recent Police Meeting community policing is including traditional programs back including the youth explorers program and seniors safety. Healthy Pictou County's New to the Crew event held recently was hosted at "Simply Golf" in Westville. Great event for anyone new to the area. Participants were from BC, Calgary, Toronto and Brazil. The 144 Airflight Construction Group is recruiting for trades training. You can get paid while you get trained.

- Mayor Dove is hoping to have a Pickle Ball Club formed in Trenton. There is a Virtual Listening Canada Wide Tour on February 20. Minister Lohr is hoping Trenton will send a letter of support of the trade barriers here in Nova Scotia.

Moved by Council LeBlanc
Seconded by Councilor Cullen
To move into "In Camera"

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

Adjournment

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc to adjourn meeting
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Alec Dove
Mayor

Alanna Grover
CAO