

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

Present:	Mayor Alec Dove	Also in Attendance: Suzanne
	Deputy Mayor Scott Cameron	Adshead – Dept of Natural
	Councilor Donald Cullen	Resource, Carissa Ainslie,
	Councilor Nicole LeBlanc	Shannon MacInnis,
	Councilor Stephanie MacKinnon	Trevor McInnis, Allison
	Alanna Grover, CAO	Ellsworth-Cameron,
	Marilou Sutherland, Deputy Clerk	Lyla Brown, Ken Logan, Kathy
		Vienneau

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.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon
To approve the Agenda as presented
Motion carried.

Presentation: Dept of Natural Resources – Suzanne Adshead

It is three-year study to move forward with cull program. Trenton has a big population of deer. The solution would be if residents would stop feeding them. The public should be educated as to why you shouldn't feed them. Suzanne Adshead provided resource material on the program and data on the issue.

Presentation: Creative Pictou County – Carissa Ainslie

Creative Pictou County has been around for ten years. 2025 is a big year for the organization has its first permanent location at the Hub in Pictou. Culture Days where local artists taught free workshops. Fusion Festival presented Sale Along the River Artisan Market, and in August Creative Pictou County organized readings with local authors every Wednesday. To name a few programs that were offered throughout Pictou County.

Proclamation – Epilepsy Awareness Day – March 26, 2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon
Purple Day Proclamation 2025
To proclaim March 26, 2025, as Purple Day in Trenton.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Minutes – February 11, 2025
The minutes are approved as presented.

Reports

Public Works Report
Water Report
Fire Report
Police Report
Animal Control Report

The reports are approved as submitted by Department Managers.

Council Committee Reports

- Police Board Meeting – Councilor Cullen reported that he attended the Board meeting. A lot of rolling stops and near missed have been reported. The School Zone on Duke Street has a speed limit of 30 km. Two sponsorships from Atlantic Police Academy for anyone between the ages of 15-23 years, there is one candidate from Trenton attending. If you are interested contact Constable Ken MacDonald at the New Glasgow Regional Police Department.
- Trenton FunFest – Councilor Cullen reported at the recent FunFest Meeting. They will be hosting the FunFest dance in the Rink Parking Lot. The dance will be over at 12:30 am.
- Riverview Home Corporation Board Meeting – Councilor MacKinnon attended the Board meeting held February 28 at the Riverrun Café Board Room. Main factors relevant to the implementation of the remedy report continue to be their focus.
- Library board Meeting – Councilor LeBlanc reported that the lack of funding will be addressed at the meeting with two local MLA's this week.

For Information Only

- Healthy Pictou County – February 2025 Report
- Two letters (dated February 21 and March 4) to Elected Officials regarding pending Provincial Legislation from Pam Mood, President of NS Federation of Municipalities
- Letter to Elected Officials from Barb Harris
- Letter Addressed MLA, Marco MacLeod, from Barb Harris
- Letter to Elected Officials from Jill Graham-Scanlan
- Pictou County Chamber of Commerce March Newsletter

- Statement from the Premier's Office regarding U.S. Tariffs
The reports are accepted for information only.

Recommendation from Committee of the Whole

Connect 2 Application

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Seconded by Councilor Cullen

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Council to approve moving forward with the Connect 2 Application for 2024-25 fiscal year that received approval for funding from the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. Funding approval is \$20,000 towards total project costs of \$26,000.

Motion carried.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Seconded by Councilor Cullen

On recommendation of Committee of Whole, Council approve a donation of \$100 to Big Brothers Big Sisters towards their Bowl for Kids Event.

Motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committee to review Feasibility of Campground at Trenton Park

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Seconded by Councilor Cullen

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Council to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the feasibility of a campground at Trenton Park

Motion carried.

New Business

Flag Raising Ceremony – International Disability Pride

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon

To support the Flag Raising Ceremony for International Disability Pride in July 2025.

Motion carried.

Round Table

- Councilor MacKinnon thanked Public Works for repairing the water main break that affected half of the town, shout out to the crew.
- Councilor Cullen thanked the Public Works crew for their hard work. They had a busy week, starting with water main break on Main Street and another break on the Power Plant Road.
- Councilor LeBlanc wished Trenton - Happy Birthday! It is 114 years old today since being incorporated as a Town on March 11, 1911.

- Mayor Dove reminded the public to wear helmets on the Skateboard Park. Adhere to the signs posted. The Pickleball meeting had eight interested people attend.
- Express yourself Café will open April 22 to October 22 at the Caboose again this year.
- Resident Shannon MacInnis expressed his concern with a sewer issue on Strickland Avenue. The concern is during heavy rain event the system gets overloaded and results in sewer backing up into his basement. The issue will be addressed at the Asset Management Meeting. The Town Engineer will look into it.
- Resident Trevor McInnis is disheartened about the deer issue. The Stop Sign at Maple Street and Forge Street requires a flashing light to remind vehicles to stop.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Alec Dove
Mayor

Alanna Grover
CAO