

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Alec Dove
Councilor Scott Cameron
Councilor Nicole LeBlanc
Councilor Stephanie MacKinnon
Alanna Grover, CAO
Marilou Sutherland, Deputy Clerk

Also in Attendance: Walter Smith,
Jason Lloyd, Bonnie McCarron &
Charmaine Jenkins

Regret: Councilor Donald Cullen

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: Steeltown Pickleball Club

Bonnie McCarron gave a status on the newly formed club. The club is hoping to sign a lease with the Town of Trenton for five years.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Minutes – May 13, 2025
The minutes are accepted as presented.

Reports

Public Works Report
Water Report
Fire Report
Parks and Recreation Report
Police Report
The reports are accepted as submitted by Department Managers

Council Committee Reports

PCSSA Meeting May 12, 2025

Mayor Dove reported that ERECC is applying for funding to purchase emergency generators, and Trenton will provide a letter of support.

PCWCBAI Board Meeting May 26, 2025

Mayor Dove noted the Pictou County Wellness Centre has passed their budget.

Pictou County Partnership, Rural Community Immigration Pilot Overview

Councilor LeBlanc noted the Pictou County Partnership; Rural Community Immigration Pilot has been formally launched. This Federal incentive is to help rural communities fill labour shortages. Pictou County is the only community in Atlantic Canada selected for the five-year pilot. Areas of focus will be Business, Finance and Administration, Health Occupations, Sales and Service, trades, transport and equipment operators and manufacturing. The website will be launched on June 30. The majority of the successful applicants are already living and working in Pictou County. There will be minimal impact on housing.

Trenton FunFest Budget

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor MacKinnon

To approve the Trenton FunFest 2025 Budget as presented.

Motion carried.

School Advisory Committee

Councilor LeBlanc noted that the School Advisory Committee is changing the school's logo from the Trojan to a Tiger as school mascot.

Correspondence

North Nova SPCA Report

Healthy Pictou County May 2025 Report

Viola's Place May 2025 Newsletter

The correspondence has been accepted for information.

Recommendation from Committee of the Whole

2025-26 Community Grants

Moved by Mayor Dove

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve the 2025-26 Community Grants.

Motion carried.

New Business

Resolution: 2025.06.10 Signing Authority Deputy Mayor

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

Seconded by Mayor Dove

Be it resolved by Policy, Chapter 08, Deputy Mayor Term of Office, the appointment of Deputy Mayor of the Town of Trenton and adopted under authority of Section 16(2) of the Municipal Government Act, that Councilor Nicole LeBlanc be authorized to sign cheques and other legal documents in the absence of the Mayor from June 10, 2025 until October 31, 2026 for the Town of Trenton.

Motion carried with one vote against.

Policing Service

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

As of June 10, 2025, the Town of Trenton will begin the transition of policing services from New Glasgow Regional Police Services to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Motion carried.

Round Table

- Councilor MacKinnon noted that the Trenton Garden Club is planting the crosses along Main Street on Friday, June 13 at 3:00 pm, everyone is welcome to help out. Attended the Farmers Market on Sunday, there was a good turnout.
- Councilor Cameron announced the camping at Trenton Park has been put on “hold” for now. The Committee will work on it gathering information over the winter.
- Councilor LeBlanc thanked the Trenton Fire Department for the Fire Banquet, the years of service was impressive. Congratulations to “So Be Eat” on their grand opening. Blinkhorn’s is celebrating their 20 years in service. The Bleachers at Scotia Ball Park are receiving new boards. Many hands make light work. The Community Health Centre is hosting a Information and Engagement Session at the Trenton Library on June 12. You are encouraged to check out the Pictou Regional Library website for more details.
- Mayor Dove congratulated all grads in Pictou County.
- Resident Walter Smith expressed his concerns that there was no public consultation or input before changing policing services from New Glasgow to Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He questioned the level of service and concerns about the public safety.

In Camera

Moved by Councilor MacKinnon

To move into “In Camera”

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

To come out of “In Camera”

Adjournment

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Alec Dove
Mayor

Alanna Grover
CAO