

Minutes of the Town of Pictou Special Council meeting convened at the CN Station – Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor Jim Ryan presiding.

Present: Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc; Councillors Robert Fry, Krista Fulton and Matt Harris

Also Present: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Meeting Recorder

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Alternate Trucking Route

CAO Slaunwhite reviewed the staff briefing note on the proposed options.

Questions:

- About removal of trees
- Can a trucking by-law be passed no matter what is decided?
- Can another provision be added confirming access to Highway 106 is granted?

The Chair provided some comments:

- We are fortunate to live on the well protected water of Pictou Harbour that has allowed many businesses to thrive over many decades
- Since the removal of the railway tracks from Caladh Avenue trucking has become the primary method of moving goods to and from the Port of Pictou
- We cannot ban trucks from our streets; trucks must be able to reach their destination for commerce to continue within any community
- Trucks of all sizes currently deliver to businesses, senior homes and schools on a regular basis throughout the town

Deputy Mayor LeBlanc provided comments:

- During her 9 years on council, this was probably the most controversial issue that was dealt with
- Pictou is a beautiful harbour town and she will always support a working wharf
- Tourism and Culture alone cannot sustain our town for 12 months of the year
- During the trucking route process there have been many respectful citizens sharing concerns via email, phone and letter
- At times, there were some unnecessary rude comments made about the Mayor, CAO and past Council
- Disappointed in CME's presentation on December 16
- Mr. Burge was willing to answer a lot of questions but still feels he has details to work out for this contract

Motion: That the Town of Pictou keeps status quo for the existing truck route and that referencing the Wellington Street and Jitney Trail alternate trucking routes be tabled.

Moved, Seconded and Carried, 1 no

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3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Approved

James R. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO