

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

Present: Deputy Mayor Robert Fry; Councillors Terry Dunbrack and Krista Fulton and Nadine LeBlanc

Also Present: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Wayne Robinson, Fire Department
Curtis MacKinnon, RCMP
Shayne Pottie, RCMP
Michelle Young, Community Development
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works
Sally O’Neill, Recreation
David Nicholson, Finance
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

It was acknowledged that Town Council was meeting in the unceded territory of Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded land of the Mi’kmaq people.

2. Changes/Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as circulated.
Moved, Seconded and Carried

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3. Proclamations and Acknowledgement

a. June is Recreation Month

The Chair declared June as Recreation Month. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the ParticipACTION Community Challenge and check out the June activity calendar on the Town’s website and social media channels.

b. Pride Month

The Chair declared June as Pride Month in Pictou.

4. Presentations

5. Departmental Reports

a. Fire Department

- New tent purchased for events and shelters

b. RCMP

Report was included in Council package

- New Sergeant Shayne Pottie was introduced

- What services are being moved from Pictou to Stellarton?
- Are response times tracked?
- Do you think the amendments to the Off Highway Vehicles Bylaw will create more work for the RCMP?
- Will we be consolidating the Police Advisory Board for Trenton and Pictou?

c. Community Development

Report was included in Council package

- Question about the sign being erected at Home Hardware
- Question about Farmers Market

d. Public Works

Report was included in Council package

- Question on power install at Broidy Park Building
- Question on Caladh Avenue construction timelines
- Question on pipe work done on Louise Street
- Question on lawn repairs from over the winter

e. Parks & Recreation

Report was included in Council package

- Comment noted that all day camp staff are returning students which is a good sign for the workplace environment
- Question about how to register for day camps at playfinder.ca
- Question about baseball program and baseball netting

f. Variance

Report was included in Council package

- No questions

6. Appointment Committees

a. deCoste Centre – Councillor Fulton

- discussed upcoming fundraising events
- Summer Event guide is now available

b. Pictou Lobster Carnival – Councillor LeBlanc

- Meeting weekly now
- Always looking for volunteers, if interested contact a committee member
- Summer Student has started

c. Fisheries Museum – Councillor LeBlanc

- Opening July 1

d. Pictou County Partnership – Councillor LeBlanc

- CEO position is still vacant
- Discussed activity and funding updates

- e. Ship Hector – Deputy Mayor Fry
 - Strategic training session held
 - Summer staff have been hired
 - This summer the focus will be on work with masts and rigging

- f. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library – Deputy Mayor Fry
 - Financial – overbudget on wages, working on several fundraisers
 - The Nova Scotia Library Association is planning a conference in Pictou from September 18 to 20

- g. Hector Arena – Deputy Mayor Fry
 - Looking at a \$25,000 deficit
 - Still have some HST money to receive

- h. Construction Engineering Flight (CEF) – Councillor Dunbrack
 - A recruitment session was held at the Hector Arena
 - Four new recruits have joined, bringing the total to 42

- i. McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre – Councillor Dunbrack
 - McCulloch House did not receive the anticipated funding from the River Phillips Foundation
 - McCulloch House will be open from June 1 to at least the end of August
 - Fundraising ideas are currently being explored

- j. Recreation and Parks
 - A Town-wide yard sale is being planned for August 1

7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

8. Recommendations

9. Discussions

a. Marina Operations Structure

Michelle Young reviewed four primary operational management options for the new marina facility:

1. Expand staffing capacity within Town administration
2. Lease operation to a third party
3. Contract a marina management company
4. Explore waterfront corporation partnerships

Comments/Questions:

- Concern was raised that contracting out the marina may limit the Town’s ability to receive the benefits or profits
- How do contract arrangements work with marina management companies?
- Was a full-time employee was in place when the marina was previously operated by the Town?

- Clarification was requested on what “shared responsibilities” means under Option 3
- It was suggested that the Town consider hiring a marina supervisor, similar to other departments such as Public Works and Wastewater

The item was tabled to the June Regular Council meeting.

b. Active Transportation Plan – Acceptance

Motion: For Council at their next Regular meeting to accept the Active Steps: Active Transportation Plan.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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10. Correspondence

11. Public Comments/Questions

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO