

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Audit Committee meeting convened in Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

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

Also Present: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Lauren Vail, BDO Canada LLP
David Nicholson, Town Accountant
Jason Rankin, Committee Member
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

AUD-09-08-26-001

3. Presentations

a. Audit Report

Ms Lauren Vail, CPA, CA presented BDO Canada LLP's findings report and noted it was a clean, unmodified audit report with no significant concerns or findings. Some points of interest included:

- Reviewed minor, material errors that totaled \$28,000 and will be corrected in the next fiscal year
- \$14.2 million of new Capital assets added – they were tested with no errors
- Tested accuracy of reserves – no issues
- Water Utility – no adjusted errors
- No significant deficiencies in controls
- Management letter improvement suggestions will be forwarded – nothing significant
- User access to Information Technology (IT) – there are some control suggestions, but difficult to create with a small staff
- Tangible capital assets increased by \$14.2 million – only had to borrow \$2.9 million, so about 80% received from outside sources
- Good operating budget process
- Other receivables – up a bit in excess grants from province over previous year
- Significant risk areas, which are typical in this type and size of organization, include management override of internal controls and government transfers and other revenue – journal entry testing was completed, with no evidence of this occurring

- Consolidated Financial and Water Utility Statements – represent the present position of the Town in accordance with Canadian standards
- 7.3% increase in revenue and \$9.5 million in capital grants received

Questions:

- What caused the operating deficit this year? – RCMP count, snow clearing overtime, short term financing of capital work

b. **Consolidated Financial Statements for Year Ended March 31, 2026 – BDO Canada LLP**

Motion: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve the Audited March 31, 2026 Town of Pictou Consolidated Financial Statements as presented by BDO Canada LLP.

Moved, Seconded and Carried ***AUD-09-08-26-002***

Motion: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve the Audited March 31, 2026 Town of Pictou Water Utility Statements as presented by BDO Canada LLP.

Moved, Seconded and Carried ***AUD-09-08-26-003***

4. **Public Comments/Questions**

5. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO