

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting at the CN Station – 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
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. Private Session – Property Matters (6:00 pm)

2. Public Session – Call to Order

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

3. Land Acknowledgement

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.

4. Changes/Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda with one addition:
10c Sale of 85 Union Street

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-05-19-26-001

5. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

a. Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Appreciation Week

The Chair proclaimed May 17-23, 2026 as Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Appreciation Week.

b. Access Awareness Week

The Chair proclaimed May 31-June 6, 2026 as Access Awareness Week.

6. Presentations

7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

The CAO was given direction on three property matters. There was nothing to report publicly.

8. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Council – April 20, 2026

The Chair accepted the circulated Regular Council minutes of April 20, 2026.

b. Committee of Council – May 4, 2026

The Chair accepted the circulated Committee of Council minutes of May 4, 2026.

9. Recommendations**a. Vendor By-Law – Required Resolution**

Motion: To designate the Harbourview Market and Vendors Village as farmers' markets, in accordance with Section 18 of the Vendors By-Law.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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b. Municipal Climate Change Adaption Plan

Motion: To accept the Municipal Climate Change Adaptation Plan as a guiding document for the Town.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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c. Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) By-Law Amendment – First Reading

Motion: To approve First Reading of the Off-Highway Vehicles Bylaw Amendments, to expand OHV access to all streets as a pilot for one year.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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Questions/Comments:

- Do Councillor Fulton and Deputy Mayor Fry own side by sides? – no
- Can we add more info to OHVs under FAQs on website?
- Need more policing and enforcement for illegal OHVs
- Would it make sense to wait another year before expanding street access because last summer's wood ban may have affected the first year of the pilot?

10. Discussion**a. Downtown Parking**

The CAO reviewed a map highlighting existing parking areas within the downtown core. It was noted that there are presently approximately 380-400 parking spaces in the downtown area.

Town staff plan to work toward improving parking management by lining more parking spaces, identifying public parking lots and installing parking directional signage.

Discussion and comments included:

- Are all parking spots remaining on Caladh Avenue accessible?
- Who owns the parking area between Nook & Cranny and Pharmasave?
- Who owns the parking area at the Curling Club?
- Who owns the parking area between the Royal Bank and the RCMP building?
- "No Parking" signs are still displayed in the window of a business
- Can the RCMP enforce parking regulations and ticket illegally parked vehicles?

The Chair thanked staff for their work and noted that Council may also wish to review the future use and management of the existing parking lots currently under Town control.

b. Grants to Organizations

38 grant applications were received this year, with a total budget allocation of \$210,067. A detailed breakdown can be found on the Town website.

c. Sale of 85 Union Street

The Town sold 85 Union Street to Brookside Development for \$35,000. A 12-unit building must be built within 3 years, or the Town can buy the property back at 70% of the sale price, less expenses.

11. Municipal Corporation Reports**i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority**

- No meeting

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- No meeting

iii) Riverview Homes

- Shared electronically
- Families continue to express concern about where loved ones will be living
- The Board remains concerned about the lack of appropriate housing in Pictou County for individuals currently supported by the Riverview Home Corporation
- A surplus is forecast for fiscal year 2026.
- Development of the 2027 business plan has been delayed pending confirmation of funding mechanisms under the individualized funding model.

iv) Mayor and Wardens

- A Special Meeting was held to discuss Nova Scotia Department of Emergency Management support for the Fire Services Act.

12. Correspondence**13. Public Comments/Questions****14. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO