

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 the following additions:
10c. Wastewater Billing Change
10d. Repurchase of Lot C at Rotary

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-06-15-26-001

5. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

a. National Indigenous History Month and Day

The Chair proclaimed June as National Indigenous History Month and June 21 as National Indigenous People's Day.

b. Pictou County Students and Graduations

The Chair extended best wishes to Pictou County students writing exams and encouraged them to enjoy year-end activities, stay safe, and have a wonderful summer.

6. Presentations

7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

The CAO was given direction on one land matter.

8. Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation and Parks – April 29, 2026

The Chair accepted the circulated Recreation and Parks minutes of April 29, 2026.

b. Regular Council – May 19, 2026

The Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of May 19, 2026.

c. Committee of Council – June 1, 2026

The Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of June 1, 2026.

9. Recommendations**a. Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) By-Law Amendment – Second/Final Reading**

Motion: To approve Second/Final Reading of the Off-Highway Vehicles By-Law Amendments (to expand OHV access to all streets as a pilot for one year).

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-06-15-26-002

b. Fire Inspector Appointment

Motion: To appoint Dalton Pearl as Fire Inspector for the Town of Pictou.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-06-15-26-003

10. Discussion**a. Marina Operations Structure**

Staff are reviewing two options for the marina operations structure: issuing a Request for Proposals and hiring staff. Additional information will be brought back to Council once available.

b. Active Transportation Plan

Motion: To accept the Active Steps: Active Transportation Plan.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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c. Wastewater Billing

The CAO explained that sewer charges for properties in the Town of Pictou will now appear on water bills for the first time. Previously, sewer charges were included on annual property tax bills as a flat per-household rate. The Town is moving to a usage-based system that more fairly reflects the amount of wastewater entering the sewer system. Properties that use more water and place greater demand on the sewer system will pay more, while lower-use properties will pay less.

- Question regarding how the changes compare with other municipalities
- Question regarding when taxpayers will see the sewer operating credit on their tax bill

d. Lot C Buyback

The Town has repurchased PID #65222697 from Parsons Investments for \$115,000 plus HST in accordance with the buyback agreement. The road located in front of the Medical Centre and Crown Prosecutor's Office will become a municipal street. The Town will proceed with the process of assigning a name to the street.

11. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

- No meeting

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- An operating deficit of \$142,234 was reported for 2025; the Town's share of the deficit is approximately 4%
- The Board approved the 2026-27 Operating Budget

iii) Riverview Homes

- Work continues on support plans for individuals living in the Adult Residential Centre, with plans being developed by OSD teams in collaboration with the Riverview team
- Concern was expressed regarding the lack of appropriate housing options in Pictou County for individuals with complex intellectual and physical needs.

iv) Mayor and Wardens

- No meeting

12. Correspondence

13. Public Comments/Questions

- Question regarding the property recently repurchased by the Town
- Comment made in support of the ATV by-law, noting that operators of ATVs that are not roadworthy or not operating legally should be subject to enforcement and fines, and that the initiative is positive for the Town of Pictou

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO