

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor Joseph Hawes presiding.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Lynn Vigneault; Councillors Bob Naylor, Cam Beaton and Alta Munroe

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Conrod, CAO  
Bronwyn Duffy, Town Solicitor  
Jim Chisholm, Superintendent Public Works  
Kyle Slaunwhite, Chief Operator  
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator  
Constable Dave Gagnon, RCMP Pictou  
Eldon MacDonald, Town Accountant  
Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk, Meeting Recorder

**REGRETS:** Paul Janes, Fire Chief

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hawes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: A. Munroe

*COC-11-04-13-1174*

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated  
MOTION CARRIED

### **DELEGATIONS**

#### **Pictou Business and Marketing Society**

Mr. Luke Young provided an overview of some statistics on the downtown businesses. He also highlighted the following activities:

- Partnerships: Artisans in Action; Cruise; Doer's and Dreamers advertising; Public Washrooms; other
- Upcoming: Christmas, Doer's & Dreamer's; Northumberland Shore Guide
- Weaknesses: high commercial tax rate; old infrastructure and buildings; competing and other shopping destinations

Comment: Councillor Naylor complimented Mr. Young for his continued efforts with the organization.

#### **Skatepark Committee**

A delegation from the Skatepark Committee (Dave Porter, Ashley George and Andrew Chaisson) was in attendance to officially request additional space at Broidy Park to construct a

new skate park. Current dimensions are about 1000 square feet; the group is asking to increase the size to roughly 4000 square feet, in the same area. The committee has fundraised just under \$10,000 to date.

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND STANDING REPORTS**

### R.C.M.P. Pictou Detachment

The monthly report was included in the Council package. Constable Gagnon was present to answer questions. The detachment will be installing electronic signs around town that say "Your speed limit is XX". Upcoming priorities include visiting local seniors homes monitoring driver cell phone usage.

### CAO Report

The monthly report was included in the Council package.

Question about the tender for road realignment design work at the Rotary. It has not yet been released.

### Fire Department

The monthly report for the Fire Department was included in the Council package. There were no questions.

### Public Works

The monthly report for Public Works was circulated. Jim Chisholm indicated the standpipe was emptied as of 11:00 am on the previous Saturday.

Question about duration of water discoloration. Mr. Chisholm does not perceive this happening all month. It is important for the public to call him directly so he is aware of areas with issues. Then his staff can take measures to clear the discoloration.

It was suggested that garbage cans be taken in for the winter and refurbished.

### Recreation & Parks

The monthly report was included in the Council package. Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator, highlighted a number of items in her report, as well as projects being worked on by Active Pictou County.

- The parks, buildings and facilities have been winterized
- A marina report will be provided next month
- APC – free skates and swims will be offered in town this winter thanks to Canadian Tire Jumpstart funding
- Town website upgrades will take place over next couple of months
- Highland Connect received Mayflower Award at RNS Conference

### Variance Report

The variance report was included in agenda packages. Town Accountant, Eldon MacDonald, indicated revenue numbers are almost final and nearly on budget.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES****Water Project Updates**

Kyle Slaunwhite, Chief Operator, provided an overview of ongoing projects, along with some recent photos. In particular, he commented that the water meters installation is going well. The total number of meters to be installed is 1437; 306 were completed as of October 27<sup>th</sup> and the project is currently on budget.

**Proposed Revisions to Public Sewers By-Law**

Town Solicitor, Bronwyn Duffy, provided an overview on proposed revisions. Recommended changes are mainly in operating charges. It is being proposed in situations of destruction or a change in occupancy or use, for owners to complete a sworn affidavit to have the charge prorated. Discounted factors would not apply to capital charges.

Council was in agreement with preparing revisions (for further debate) based on this discussion.

**Discussion on Additions to Standing Reports, i.e. short reports from Councillors regarding meetings they have attended**

Council agreed they would like to have brief oral highlights of meetings attended by councillors over the past month. A list of Council committees will be added to the agenda template.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Canadian Union of Postal Workers  
Correspondence was tabled.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: B. Naylor  
SECONDED: L. Vigneault

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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Joseph F. Hawes  
Mayor

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Scott W. Conrod  
CAO