

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 Cam Beaton, Councillors Lynn Vigneault, Bob Naylor and Alta Munroe

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod – CAO
Bronwyn Duffy – Town Solicitor
Constable Campbell – RCMP Pictou
Jim Chisholm – Superintendent Public Works
Kyle Slaunwhite – Chief Operator
Michelle Young – Recreation Coordinator
Eldon MacDonald – Town Accountant
Paul Janes – Fire Chief
Rae Gunn – Active Pictou County Coordinator
Nicole MacDonald Battist – Deputy Clerk, Meeting Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: L. Vigneault

COC-12-02-13-1194

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated
MOTION CARRIED

3. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. **R.C.M.P. Pictou Detachment**

The monthly report was included in the Council package. It was also noted that:

- Police visibility has increased with the Pictou Justice Centre being located in town.
- Texting is one of the highest reasons for car accidents. This topic has been shared with Pictou Academy students at an assembly and it is why the RCMP have placed a focus on distracted drivers.

b. **CAO Report**

The CAO Report was also included with agenda packages. Highlights included:

- Work near completion with Active Pictou County Inter-municipal Agreement
- Began work on Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS)
- Piloting of water filtration system has begun
- Pictou County Shared Services Authority – working on sale of building; cataloguing all documentation; disposal of equipment

c. Fire Department

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

d. Public Works

The monthly report for Public Works was circulated. The water tower project is scheduled to be complete by December 4th.

e. Recreation & Parks

Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator, highlighted a number of items in her report, as well as projects being worked on by Active Pictou County.

- Sport Day in Canada on Saturday, November 30 (free activities at seven locations)
- Christmas Light-Up on Friday, Dec. 6; this year, location is at the marina and Market Square
- Upcoming: new winter programs, town newsletter, website upgrades and community survey

f. Variance Report

The variance report was included in agenda packages. Town Accountant, Eldon MacDonald, indicated that to date the Fire Department and Treatment Plant are over budget.

4. STANDING REPORTS

Council members provided verbal updates of the various committees they sit on. It was agreed to continue with this practice quarterly.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTESa. Water Project Updates

- Treatment Piloting has commenced.
- Wastewater Overflow at CN Ballfield – The old wooden overflow line to the harbour has been replaced with a new 36" cement line. This was required because the old one collapsed.
- Water Meter Installation Project – 1400 installs in total; less than 400 left to be installed; a number of property owners have not responded to five notices; next step will be to send notices out to those that have not responded notifying them that they have ten days to book appointment with Neptune. Otherwise, the Town will turn off water.

b. Proposed Amendments to the Public Sewers By-Law

Town Solicitor, Bronwyn Duffy, reviewed the recommended changes provided in agenda documentation, as they relate to capital and operating charges.

MOVED: L. Vigneault

COC-12-02-13-1195

SECONDED: A. Munroe

MOTION: To recommend that Council proceed to first reading of the amended changes to the “Public Sewers By-Law”, based on the circulated draft provisions.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. NEW BUSINESSa. Active Pictou County Work Plan

Rae Gunn provided an overview of Active Pictou County (APC) and its history.

- APC is community development through physical activity
- Today’s children have a five year shorter lifespan than their parents
- Municipal Physical Activity Leadership (MPAL) Program started in Pictou County in 2009; Pictou is currently the host agency
- The Province has committed to partner with municipalities for another five years
- Work plan – provided in agenda packages; was presented as a balanced scorecard.

Some highlights of what APC does:

- Assist community groups with implementing community-based programs
- Offering free swims and skates for the winter
- Cycling and safety workshops
- Bike lanes
- After School Program – 8 week free program, held three times a year for middle school aged children, at the YMCA, Pictou Youth Centre, and Thorburn, East Pictou, Temperance St. and Stellarton schools.

Question on if there is still an Active Transportation Committee – yes

b. NS Construction, Renovation and Demolition Report

MOVED: C. Beaton

COC-12-02-13-1196

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To recommend to Council that the Town Engineer, Building Inspector and Planner-Development Officer undertake a review of the current situation within our municipality; and further, as we currently share building inspection and planning development services with the Municipality of the County of Pictou and Town of New Glasgow, engage with those municipal units and formulate some recommendations as it relates to the content of the report so it can be brought back to the PCSSA Board table for discussion and/or implementation.

MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Outstanding Complaints
Tabled until next meeting

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Deputy Minister E. Cody, Nova Scotia Environment
Tabled for Council's perusal

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: L. Vigneault

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO