

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

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod, CAO
Craig Clarke, Town Solicitor
Jim Chisholm, Superintendent Public Works
Michelle Young, Recreation Programmer
Cpl. Glen Murphy, RCMP Pictou
Jo-Anne McNamara, Meeting Recorder

REGRETS: Paul Janes, Fire Chief
Eldon MacDonald, Town Accountant

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRIVATE SESSION (5:00 pm)

RECONVENE – APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA (6:30 pm)

MOVED: C. Beaton
SECONDED: B. Naylor

COC-04-08-13-1035

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL AND STANDING REPORTS

R.C.M.P. PICTOU DETACHMENT

The monthly report was included in the Council package. Cpl. Glen Murphy briefly reviewed the report and informed Council that the Town crest is now on police cars.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul Janes, Fire Chief was not present but his monthly report was included in the Council package.

PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Chisholm, Public Works Superintendent distributed his report prior to the meeting and made note that there have been various water breaks within the last week.

RECREATION AND PARKS

The Recreation Programmer's report was included in the Council package. Michelle Young reported on several programs have taken place and upcoming ones.

Deputy Mayor thanked M. Young and J. McNamara for their communications work on programs and events.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Draft Off Highway Vehicle By-Law

Changes made to the Off Highway Vehicle By-Law including the nature of water testing related to the Exhibition Well and quantification of the no parking zone/buffer surrounding the Exhibition Well during “Exhibition Events” were reviewed and discussed.

MOVED: L. Vigneault *COC-04-08-13-1036*
 SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: That Council, during the following special meeting, approve first reading of the Off Highway Vehicle By-Law provided that the By-Law include amendments to:

- Section 9: that the Exhibition Event be permitted during only one day of the annual Pictou-North Colchester Exhibition, and, that clean-up of the Exhibition Event and site closure be complete within four days of the last day of the annual exhibition; and
- Section 10 (e) read to have vehicle parking being restricted from the immediate exhibition well head property.

MOTION CARRIED. 1 NAY (Councillor Naylor)

Water Utility System Assessment Review

The Water Utility System Assessment Review has been filed with the Nova Scotia Environment. The CAO is waiting for NS Environment acceptance or requested change. A rate hearing has been tentatively booked for Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

Community Information Kiosk

In 2009 Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shore Association (DEANS, formerly Pictou County Tourist Association) partnered with each of the municipalities in Pictou County in applying to a program through the Department of Tourism and Culture for the installation of community information kiosks located throughout the county.

Staff recommended to fabricate and install a community information kiosk on the Pictou Waterfront at the head of the Jitney Trail, a highly visible and accessible location.

MOVED: C. Beaton *COC-04-08-13-1037*
 SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To recommend to Council that, at the next meeting, approve the installation of a community information kiosk.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Revised Grant Policy

A copy of a 1st Draft update of the Grant Policy was included in the Council package. Council requested that the CAO report to back on the current level of annual commitments.

2013 Tax Sale Update

The CAO informed Council that there will be a tax sale in 2013 and that several property owners have received fourteen day notices.

Low Income Tax Exemptions

MOVED: C. Beaton

COC-04-08-13-1038

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To recommend that Council amend the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy to: Total household income \$22,000 Exemption \$300; and that this motion serve as the seven day advance notice of adoption.
MOTION CARRIED.

Atlantic Downtown Business Association – Councillor Munroe

An Atlantic Downtown Business Association meeting will take place in Truro on May 7, 8 & 9th in regards to revitalizing downtowns. The cost of attending is \$170 and Councillor Munroe suggested that a representative attend.

CORRESPONDANCE

Pictou Community New Horizons – The CAO has been instructed to respond in writing to the letter received in regards to an appeal on property exemption.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: C. Beaton
MOTION: That the meeting adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED.

COC-04-08-13-1039

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO