

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Minutes of a Regular Town Council meeting convened 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor Joseph Hawes presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor L. Vigneault; Councillors C. Beaton, A. Munroe and B. Naylor

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod, CAO
Bronwyn Duffy, Town Solicitor
Jo-Anne McNamara, Meeting Recorder

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hawes called the meeting to order.

2.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-02-25-13-1011*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended.

- 1) Addition - 4a - FCM Correspondance
- 2) Remove 5a - 2nd Reading D. Jardine Development Agreement
- 3) Addition 5a - Donation Policy

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Town Council – January 21, 2013

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-02-25-13-1012*
SECONDED: L. Vigneault

MOTION: That the Regular Town Council minutes of January 21, 2013 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Special Town Council – January 25, 2013

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-02-25-13-1013*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: That the Special Town Council minutes of January 25, 2013 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

c. Committee of Council – February 4, 2013

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-02-25-13-1014*

SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of February 4, 2013 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTESa. FCM Correspondence

L. Vigneault read a letter received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities congratulating Mayor Joe Hawes on receiving the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Award. Mayor Hawes has been involved with many organizations throughout the years including Pictou Kinsmen Club, Mariners Swim Club, Pictou District School Board, Youth Centre, Hector Arena Commission, Lobster Carnival, Meals on Wheels and over 19 years in Municipal Government. L. Vigneault presented Mayor Hawes with his medal and Council commended the Mayor for his dedication to the Town and the residents.

b. Off-Highway Vehicles By-Law Review of Draft By-Law/Scheduling of Hearing

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-02-25-13-1015*

SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: That a Public Hearing be convened to gather input from citizens and groups in regards to the draft Off Highways Vehicles By-Law during the month of March.

MOTION CARRIED.

c. Application of Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board – Water Rates

MOVED: L. Vigneault *RTC-02-25-13-1016*

SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Chief Administrative Officer to file an application with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for amendments to the schedule of rates and charges for the Town of Pictou Water Utility and that the application further be based on the rate study prepared by Town staff dated February 25, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED.

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5.0 NEW BUSINESS**a. Donation Policy**

MOVED: C. Beaton

RTC-02-25-13-1017

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: That staff research and table with Council a recommendation report on an updated donation policy including guidelines and criteria.
MOTION CARRIED.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

a. Municipality of the District of Barrington - A letter was received from the Municipality of the District of Barrington in regards to the report titled Municipal Property Taxation. It is believed that this is an issue that affects all 54 municipal units in Nova Scotia and therefore should be dealt with by the Union of NS Municipalities. They are requesting all municipal units in NS to request the Union to provide the appropriate response to this report in support of the municipalities. Council agreed with the position of the Municipality of the District of Barrington.

b. Pictou County Fire Fighters Association – Budget Item

c. Pictou County Help Line – Budget Item

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Status of the redevelopment at the Rotary

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: B. Naylor

RTC-02-25-13-1018

SECONDED: L. Vigneault

MOTION: That the meeting adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO