

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  
Constable Penton – RCMP Pictou  
Jim Chisholm – Superintendent Public Works  
Michelle Young – Recreation Coordinator  
Jo-Anne McNamara – Meeting Recorder

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: C. Beaton  
SECONDED: B. Naylor

*COC-02-03-14-1228*

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated with two additions:  
5 (b) Pictou Golf Club Delegation  
5 (c) Item added by Councillor Beaton  
MOTION CARRIED

### 3. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

The monthly report was circulated at the meeting. It was also noted that the detachment priorities in February are:

- Enforcement of the non use of electronic devices, (cell phones) while driving; and Member's professional development.

#### b. **CAO Report**

The CAO gave a verbal report highlighting the following:

- Release of RFP for design work at the rotary.
- Preparing for ministerial presentation
- Agreement of Purchase of Sale signed for Pictou County Shared Services Building at 266 Foord Street, Stellarton.

#### 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 included in the Council package. To date approximately 1000 meters have been installed. Public Works experienced a major breakdown with the Grader and it is currently under repairs.

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.

- Winter Carnival will be held February 14-16, 2014
- Free Skate at the Hector Arena and Free Swim at the Fisheries Pool are held weekly
- Winter session of Red Cross Swim Lessons began in January with 198 students registered for public lessons and 26 private lessons; 4 new instructors this session
- The pool deck is available 2 mornings a week for those who like to walk indoors
- Pictou Volunteer of the Year Award information has been sent out to all volunteer organizations; deadline for nominations is February 28<sup>th</sup>

f. Variance Report – not available**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**a. Update on ongoing Water Projects

The CAO and Town Superintendent reviewed an amended permit to operate issued by Nova Scotia Environment with Council.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**a. 2014 Electoral Boundary Review Process

Information was received from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding the 2014 Municipal Electoral Boundary Review Process.

b. Delegation from Golf Club

A delegation from the Pictou Golf Club - Bob Wong, Julie MacKay and Angela Thorne were in attendance. Mr. Wong spoke on behalf of the group and they are looking into acquiring and opening as a non profit organization. What they are requesting from the Town is to have the land rezoned from residential to recreational. The CAO informed the group that zoning is not the primary consideration for exemption from property taxation but rather the legislative (taxable) code issued by Property Valuation Services Corporation. The CAO noted the group should contact PVSC in that regard. The CAO further noted that the group may wish to contact the Canada Revenue Agency in regards to not-for-profit (taxation) status of golf courses as it is understood a review is currently being undertaken.

c. Councillor Beaton

Councillor Beaton reported that Michelle Young and him have been working on putting a package together for G. Ferraro to take to Switzerland with her. She is going on a working vacation for five weeks and is interested in attracting people to come to Pictou.

d. FCM Sustainability Conference

The Conference will take place in Prince Edward Island but due to budget constraints Council will not participate.

6. CORRESPONDENCE -none7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: A. Munroe

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SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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Joseph F. Hawes  
Mayor

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Scott W. Conrod  
CAO