

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod – CAO
Jim Chisholm – Superintendent
Michelle Young – Recreation Coordinator
Jo-Anne McNamara – Meeting Recorder

REGRETS: Paul Janes, Fire Chief and Cpl. Shawn Reynolds, RCMP

1. **PRIVATE SESSION (5:30 pm)**

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: C. Beaton

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4. **DELEGATIONS**

a. **Kelly Cull-Canadian Cancer Society**

Kelly Cull from the Canadian Cancer Society and Nancy Skinner, Public Health gave a presentation on the “Next Steps to Tobacco Control – Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces”. Creating smoke free outdoor spaces protects people – it would be sending the right message to our community in particular youth; limit exposure of second hand smoke and support citizens who are trying to quit.

A copy of a sample By-Law for Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces was handed out to Council members in the hope that they would consider such a by-law dictating outdoor spaces to be smoke-free in the Town of Pictou. The CAO will look into other municipalities that have adopted such a by-law and report back to Council.

Mayor Hawes thanked Ms. Cull and Ms. Skinner for their presentation.

b. Heritage Walk Project – Pictou Arts Society

Dan Currie, a spokesman for the Pictou Arts Society, said the Heritage Walk Project involves a steering committee that gathered pieces of history and stories that will make up a public space in downtown Pictou, across from the CN Station.

It will be made from stones from Norway House and Dawson School and include tiles that will make up the promenade. The project received more than \$25,000 in funding from the New Horizons Seniors Grant from the federal government.

There was some discussion on the site of the promenade and whether permission was received. The Town did provide a letter of support for the project, but at the time a location was not discussed.

Mayor Hawes thanked Mr. Currie and other members of the Arts Society present for their presentation.

c. Lynn Plexman – Cat Rescue Maritimes

Lynn Plexman of Cat Rescue Maritimes spoke to Council regarding a possible bylaw for animals in buildings that would halt the boarding up or demolition of buildings if cats or wild animals were found in them, referring to the former post office building on Water Street. Plexman suggested work be halted in this situation until the animals leave on their own. She also asked to be notified if there were cats in an abandoned building so CaRMa could set up shelters and place food and water for the cats.

The Mayor and CAO noted that the Town at times needs to act immediately under section 350 of the MGA, but even in those situations the Town has, whenever possible, inspected a building for animals prior to demolition.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. R.C.M.P.

The RCMP monthly report was included in Council's package.

b. CAO Report

The CAO's report was included in Council's package:

- Financial

Met with local and H Division RCMP officials regarding reporting procedures relative to overtime and invoicing.

Prepared and filed a submission to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities concerning the formula the Province uses to distribute Federal Gasoline Tax to municipalities.

Audit has been scheduled for the week of June 23rd

- Operation

A start-up meeting with New Glasgow Police was convened in regards to their Special Constable providing By-Law enforcement of Dangerous or Unightly properties.

A replacement position – RCMP Office Assistant has been advertised.

A student will be focusing on the GPS collection of infrastructure data this summer.

- By-laws
Notice of the second (final) reading of amendments to the Town's Sewer By-Law has been published.
- Capital Projects
Survey work for the road realignment and roundabout project is underway.
- Upcoming Priorities
Completion of the March 31, 2104 Financial Statements.
Preparation of first drafts 2014-15 Operating and Capital Budgets.
Electoral boundary review – public consultation and filing with the NSUARB.

c. Fire Department

The monthly report for the Fire Department was included in the Council package. It was noted that an air leak was found in compressors of the trucks and will need to replace with less expensive permanent fix of an air supply from station air compressor. Spring cleanup around the hall has started, ceiling tiles need to be replaced in the office and a leak in the foyer needs to be repaired asap, will be contacting CEF for assistance. There are a few hall rentals for the upcoming month, a Dart tournament and the Michelin Competition on June 14.

d. Public Works

The monthly report for Public Works was passed out prior to the meeting. The contractor will be remobilizing the Standpipe the first week of June (weather permitting). The same procedure as before will take effect as we use all the water that is in the tank. Two or three weeks of work is expected to complete the contract if the weather cooperates. There are close to 80 services that need some extra work, locating, operating, or digging to replace rods and stands were the normal requirements in order to install meters at each of these sites. A contractor will arrive next week to assist in Hydro-vac services that will avoid digging in paved driveways and concrete sidewalks. All of this will allow Neptune to return to town and complete their work.

e. Recreation & Parks

Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator, highlighted a number of items in her report:

- Michelle and Donna attended a Highland Region Sport Summit in Antigonish
- Fields – are all open for the season
- Marina – opened May long weekend – marina supervisor is now working and preparing for the season
- Youth Fitness Program will run this summer, twice a week and is free
- Attended and set up a display for Pictou Recreation and Parks at an event at the Pictou County YMCA which promoted activities for those with special needs
- Planning and preparation for the Royal Visit May 19th

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - none

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recommendations from Private Session – will be dealt with during the Special Council Meeting immediately following Committee of Council

8. CORRESPONDENCE - none

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS - none

10. 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