

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 19, 2014

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod, CAO
Jo-Anne McNamara, Meeting Recorder

REGRETS: Councillor L. Vigneault

1 CALLED TO ORDER (6:30 pm)

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

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: A. Munroe

RTC- 03-19-14-1240

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – February 17, 2014

MOVED: C. Beaton
SECONDED: B. Naylor

RTC- 03-19-14-1241

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of February 17, 2014 be approved with one correction – Councillor A. Munroe was not in attendance.
MOTION CARRIED.

b. Recreation and Parks – February 25, 2014

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: A. Munroe

RTC- 03-19-14-1242

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes of February 25, 2014 be approved with one correction – Councillor A Munroe should be on the list for the Volunteer Award Night Sub-Committee.
MOTION CARRIED.

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c. Committee of Council – March 3, 2014

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-03-19-14-1243*
 SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of March 3, 2014 be approved as circulated.
 MOTION CARRIED.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTESa. 144 Construction Engineering Flight – Request from CAB Board

Representatives of the Community Advisory Board will be attending the next meeting of the Pictou County Shared Services Authority to ask the municipal units of Pictou County to urge the federal government not to proceed with further budget reductions.

MOVED: A. Munroe *RTC-03-19-14-1244*
 SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To write a letter urging the Federal government not to proceed with further budget reductions to the 144 Construction Engineering Flight.
 MOTION CARRIED.

b. Partial Tax Exemption – COC-03-03-14-1238

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-03-19-14-1245*
 SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve a partial tax exemption for 69 Elm Street due to a recent fire in December.
 MOTION CARRIED.

c. First Impressions Grant/BID Funding

As per Committee of Council recommendation of March 3, 2014, Council concurred not to use current year or reserved BID funds allowing for greater or full use of the Provincial First Impressions Grant. Several Council members expressed concern over the use of BID funds, i.e. the need for a plan to maximize benefits.

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5 NEW BUSINESS**a. United Steel Workers – Beyond Westray**

MOVED: C. Beaton

RTC-03-19-14-1246

SECONDED: A. Munroe

MOTION: To approve to endorse the resolution to enforce the Westray Amendments to Canada's Criminal Code:

WHEREAS it has been more than two decades since the Westray mine disaster in Nova Scotia and a decade since amendments were made to the Criminal Code of Canada to hold corporations, their directors and executives criminally accountable for the health and safety of workers; and

WHEREAS police and prosecutors are not utilizing the Westray amendments, and not investigating workplace fatalities through the lens of criminal accountability; and

WHEREAS more than 1,000 workers a year are killed at work

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council support a campaign to urge our provincial/territorial government, specifically the Attorney-General and Labour Minister, to ensure that:

- Crown attorneys are educated, trained and directed to apply the Westray amendments;
- Dedicated prosecutors are given the responsibility for health and safety fatalities;
- Police are educated, trained and directed to apply the Westray amendments;
- There is greater coordination among regulators, police and Crowns so that health and safety regulators are trained to reach out to police when there is a possibility that Westray amendment charges are warranted.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor B Naylor abstained from voting.

b. Annual Recycles Day Celebration

The 14th Annual Awards Celebration will be held on Thursday, April 24 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Summer Street Industries. Mayor Hawes will be attending and anyone else wishing to attend please contact Pictou County Solid Waste.

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c. Go Clean Get Green Program

The launch for the 2014 Go Clean Get Green Community Litter Pick up campaign will be held on April 4th at the NSCC Pictou Campus at 12:15 pm. Friday, April 25 is the Corporate Challenge Day and Saturday, April 26 will be the Annual Volunteer Go Clean Get Green pick up day in Pictou.

d. Marathon of Respect and Equality (MORE) –Request for Annual Bursary

The organizers of the MORE event have requested the Pictou County Municipal Units create an annual bursary to be awarded to a student attending NSCC in recognition of this year being the 25th year of the run, and, the past and ongoing efforts of Paris Henderson. The request is for a \$1,000 bursary to be awarded on a yearly basis to a NSCC student exemplifying leadership and courage. The annual cost to the Town would be \$167.

MOVED: C. Beaton

RTC-03-19-14-1247

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To approve the annual bursary in the amount of \$167per year.
MOTION CARRIED.

6 CORRESPONDENCEa. Service Nova Scotia – Summary Offence Ticket Regulations

A letter was received from Service Nova Scotia re: the approval and publication of Summary Offence Ticket Regulations for the Town's Outdoor Fire and Taxi By-laws.

b. VON Canada

A letter was received from VON Canada thanking the Town for their \$500 donation.

c. Big Brothers Big Sisters

A letter was received from Big Brothers Big Sisters thanking the Town for their recent funding to support one of their many mentoring programs.

8 PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Question: What is the status of the Rotary development? A Request for Proposals for professional design services had been issued and has since closed with six submissions being received. The Town has requested Provincial confirmation on their contribution prior to proceeding.

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9 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: C. Beaton

RTC-03-19-14-1248

MOTION: That the meeting adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO