

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod, CAO
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Eldon MacDonald, Town Accountant
Cst Dave Gagnon, RCMP
Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Jim Chisholm, Public Works and Paul Janes, Fire Department

1. PRIVATE SESSION – CONTRACT, PROPERTY AND MATTERS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR ADVICE (5:30 pm)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER (6:30 pm)

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: DM Munroe
SECONDED: B. Naylor

COC-01-05-15-1414

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
5c exp Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract
5d Pictou Cruise Ship Committee Update
5e Curbside Collection Hydrant Rental Approval
MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RCMP

The monthly report was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

a. CAO

The CAO report was included with agenda packages. Highlights include:

- wrapping up financial responsibilities with PCSSA
- NSUARB Hearing to be held in Pictou early in the new year

There was a question on the RFP for the Train Station.

b. Fire Department

The report was provided in Council's package.

c. Public Works

The report was circulated in Council's package.

d. Recreation & Parks

Michelle Young reviewed highlights from the past month, which included:

- the development of several new winter programs, with a good response to date
- applying for a Healthy Eating Grant for the Town

Comment on a well-organized Christmas Light-Up event; question on the YMCA usage during shutdown; question on ringette numbers and ice time.

e. Variance Report

Eldon MacDonald reported that the forecast for March is now \$55,000.

There was a question on RCMP and Fire Department costs.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTESa. Wastewater Lift Station Contract and Financing

The contract has been signed with L&R Contractors Ltd. The temporary borrowing resolution has been approved with a \$500,000 Line of Credit to fund the project until completion. Expected completion date depends on weather.

b. March 26, 2015 Tax Sale Update

The Town is now in the 60 day notice stage, with a notice having been sent to interested parties of the pending tax sale. Town policy has changed to include all properties that are more than two years in arrears. Several owners have paid the minimum requirement, with Title Searches being completed on outstanding properties. A second tax sale will take place in the upcoming fiscal year.

c. exp Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract

MOVED: DM Munroe
SECONDED: B. Naylor

COC-01-05-15-1415

MOTION: To recommend that Council engage exp, an independent engineering firm, to complete a peer review of the plant and submit a written report. The purpose of the review is to provide independent expert advice on whether deficiencies are related to design or construction. The cost of this contract is \$15,000 + HST.

MOTION CARRIED.

d. Pictou Cruise Ship Committee Update

Councillor Vigneault indicated that ten cruise ships are confirmed for 2015 compared to two in 2014. Four of these ships will stay overnight, with three visits happening in May, three in June, and one in early October. The Port of Pictou is now being advertised globally by the Province and another private donation of \$5,000 has just been received.

Mayor Hawes commented that without participation from New Glasgow and the County of Pictou, Pictou would not have been able to continue with this initiative. The Town is appreciative of their commitment and partnership.

e. Curbside Collection Hydrant Rental Approval

MOVED: DM Munroe
SECONDED: B. Naylor

COC-01-05-15-1416

MOTION: To further clarify Motion *STC-10-27-14-1367*, that the rate for 2014-15 is \$177.84 per dwelling unit for Curbside Collection; and 10.3 cents per \$100 of assessment for Fire Protection (Hydrant Rental).
MOTION CARRIED.

6. NEW BUSINESSa. Recommendations from Private Session

None

b. First Reading Municipal Planning Documents (Inter-municipal Planning Strategy, Town of Pictou Secondary Planning Strategy and Common Land Use By-Law)

MOVED: L. Vigneault
SECONDED: C. Beaton

COC-01-05-15-1417

MOTION: That Council, during their next regular session, approve first reading of the Municipal Planning Documents (Inter-municipal Planning Strategy, Town of Pictou Secondary Planning Strategy and Common Land Use By-Law).
MOTION CARRIED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board acknowledging receipt of the Town's application for the Municipal Boundary Review

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: C. Beaton
SECONDED: DM Munroe

COC-01-05-15-1418

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO