

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, Bob Naylor and Lynn Vigneault

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod, CAO
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Kyle Slaunwhite, Wastewater Treatment
Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. PRIVATE SESSION – PERSONNEL, PROPERTY AND MATTERS SUBJECT TO LEGAL ADVICE (6:00 p.m.)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Hawes called the public meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: C. Beaton

COC-09-08-15-1525

SECONDED: DM Munroe

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
6e UNSM Annual Conference
7a PCAP Application – Response from Minister Churchill
MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. RCMP

Not present.

b. CAO

To be covered under new business.

c. Fire Department

No report and no one present.

d. Public Works

Kyle Slaunwhite provided an update on a number of open tenders:

- Repaving project – Due Thursday, September 10th for Veterans Drive and priorities of West River Road and Denoon St;
- LED Roadway Lights – Project is in the delivery phase; Black & MacDonald will be the installer; L & D Roadway is the supplier but their product is in high demand due to a large number of municipalities completing similar projects; installation is tentatively scheduled to begin mid to late December;
- Ballfield Station Pump – Contractor is currently working on installation; and

- Lighthouse Station – New pumps were installed and are working exceptionally; as a result, there has been little to no smell is occurring from this pump

e. Recreation and Parks

Michelle Young reviewed highlights from the past month and upcoming work:

- Pool – Painting of pool ran smoothly; experiencing delays with new filter installation; at capacity with fall swim lessons;
- First section of the Province-wide cycling Blue Route was launched from Pictou to Truro;
- Working with Pictou Garden Club on upgrades to Market Square;
- Day Camp numbers were up this year (the Mayor noted positive comments made by many parents); and
- Preparing for last the of this year’s cruise visits; NS Tourism Agency will be on hand to complete a photo shoot of these visits.

Question on Market Square and long term maintenance.

f. Variance Report

Not available. The Mayor asked for the Variance Report to be presented at the next meeting.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recommendations from Private Session

None

b. Amending Agreement to MOU on Municipal Reform

CAO Conrod provided a recap of the MOU agreements signed on Municipal Reform.

- On November 10th, 2014 the Town of Pictou, New Glasgow, Stellarton and the County of Pictou signed the original agreement.
- On July 27th, 2015, the first amendment was signed which related to filing a joint conditional application with the NSUARB.
- Tonight, Council is being asked to consider a second amendment mainly concerning housekeeping items related to (1) allowing any municipality to withdraw from the MOU in 60 days or less if related to the plebiscite; (2) the application is to be put forward under the Boundaries section of the MGA, rather than the Regional Government section; and (3) fire departments will not be reviewed under this MOU.

MOVED: L Vigneault

COC-09-08-15-1526

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To recommend that Council give permission to the Mayor and CAO to execute the proposed amending agreement related to MOU on Municipal Reform.

MOTION CARRIED.

c. Annual Review and Update of Wastewater Operational and Performance Standards Manual Policy

MOVED: C. Beaton *COC-09-08-15-1527*
SECONDED: DM Munroe

MOTION: To approve the Annual Review and Update of Wastewater Operational and Performance Standards Manual Policy recommendation, per report.
MOTION CARRIED.

d. Annual Update of Water Manual

MOVED: DM Munroe *COC-09-08-15-1528*
SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To approve the Annual Update of Water Manual recommendation, per report.
MOTION CARRIED.

e. UNSM Annual Conference

Deputy Mayor Munroe; Councillors Beaton and Vigneault and Mayor Hawes are interested in attending this year.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. PCAP Application – Response from Minister Churchill

CAO Conrod shared that the Town received a response letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs per the PCAP application for 50% funding toward the construction drawings for water treatment plant. The Town was not successful in their application.

It was noted that the Town’s water situation should be strongly stressed at the upcoming meeting with Minister Churchill.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Question on Roundabout status.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: L. Vigneault *COC-09-08-15-1529*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO