

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: Jim Chisholm, Public Works
Paul Janes, Fire Department
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Eldon MacDonald, Accountant
Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Scott Conrod, CAO

1. PRIVATE SESSION – PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY MATTERS (5:30 p.m.)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hawes called the public meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: C. Beaton

COC-10-05-15-1560

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
8a Letter from Minister Churchill
8b Invitation from Pictou New Horizons 50 + Club
MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION BY CHAD TRANSIT SERVICES

Chair Faus Johnson and Executive Director Danny MacGillivray provided a brief history and overview on current operations. They focus on door-to-door demand service but have more recently expanded their charter trips. Last year there were more than 33,000 trips with drivers on the road over 12,000 hours; 15% of the customers use a wheel-chair while 25% are seniors. The group also plans to work on ways to reduce overall reliance on loans for vehicle purchases.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. RCMP

Not present. Council asked that it be reiterated to the RCMP about their disappointment in the number of meetings being missed.

b. CAO

Not available.

c. Fire Department

September and October reports were provided to Council. Paul Janes reported that the annual Lobster Dinner was a success with over 120 people served and more than a \$4000 net profit was realized. In addition, the CEF will be completing some work to the fire hall over the winter. There was a question on repairs completed to the Engine and Truck.

d. Public Works

Questions were raised on snow removal equipment and the status of road patching.

e. Recreation and Parks

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

- Pool – Scheduled to open October 7th; there were delays with the new filter installation; free swims to be held again this fall/winter through an Active Pictou County initiative; and
- 55 + Games – Were a huge success with more than 750 participants.

f. Variance Report

There is a projected \$70,000 deficit at the 5-month mark. Measures will be taken to improve this figure.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recommendations from Private Session

Appointment of Officers to the Pictou Fire Department Policy

MOVED: C. Beaton

COC-10-05-15-1561

SECONDED: L Vigneault

MOTION: That the following serve as the required seven (7) day advance notice to approve the “Appointment of Officers to the Pictou Fire Department Policy”.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: L Vigneault

COC-10-05-15-1562

SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To recommend to Council that the “Appointment of Officers to the Pictou Fire Department Policy” be retroactive to October 2012 for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief positions.

MOTION CARRIED

Returning Officer for Plebiscite

MOVED: L Vigneault
SECONDED: DM Munroe

COC-10-05-15-1563

MOTION: To recommend to Council that the Town share in the cost of a Returning Officer for the plebiscite; with the cost to be based on percentage of voters and the Municipality of Pictou County to decide on the terms of the contract.
MOTION CARRIED.

b. Municipal Economic Working Group – Mandate

Deputy Mayor Munroe reviewed the proposed mandate of the Municipal Economic Working Group. It is being requested that this mandate be approved by all Councils.

MOVED: DM Munroe
SECONDED: L Vigneault

COC-10-05-15-1564

MOTION: To recommend to Council that the following be approved as the mandate of the Municipal Economic Working Group:

To encourage measurable growth in the Pictou County economy that will result in sustainable increases in employment that provides a living wage.

The Working Group will provide a leadership role by working with organized groups, individual entrepreneurs and business leaders to encourage a positive environment for economic development and business attraction through education, communication and promotion of our community.

The Working Group, together with our partners, will identify and address roadblocks and opportunities to make Pictou County a leader in the new world economy. By communicating with our municipal councils and business community, the Working Group will assist in retaining and growing our current employers while attracting new business opportunities and entrepreneurs.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs Zach Churchill

Mayor Hawes read a letter from Minister Churchill indicating he will be holding meetings with each Council in the near future to learn about local concerns.

b. Invitation from Pictou Community New Horizons 50 + Club

An invitation was received to attend their grand re-opening on October 24, 2015 from 1 to 4pm.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

One citizen made several comments: there were no drainage issues in the ditches on Patterson St this past spring; his water is better now that he is not changing his filter as often; this is the hardest working Council he has seen in a long time.

Question on Veterans Drive paving timeline.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: DM Munroe

COC-10-05-15-1565

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Nicole Battist
Deputy Clerk