

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
Crp. Shawn Reynolds, RCMP
Sgt. Kevin Dunlevy, RCMP
Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Scott Conrod, CAO

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

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hawes called the public meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: B. Naylor

COC-11-02-15-1580

SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
6c. Procedure for Appointment of Deputy Mayor in fourth year
6d. Age Friendly Communities
7a. Cutbacks to DEANS Provincial Funding (fr. Wes Surette)

MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Fire Chief Paul Janes highlighted that:

- Members have been fundraising to complete maintenance on the fire hall building
- A quotation was received to purchase two new heat pumps at much less than the approved figure in the budget

There was a question on medical training.

b. RCMP

Corporal Reynolds and Sergeant Dunlevy were present for the meeting. They reported that:

- Cst. Bent is now serving as liaison with Pictou Elementary
- Halloween saw two impaired driving charges

Comment was made to commend the RCMP on their visibility during cruise ship visits over this past season.

c. CAO

Not available.

d. Public Works

Superintendent Jim Chisholm was present to answer questions on his report.

- Question on pump located at the CN Field
- Question on timeline for asphalt patching

e. Recreation and Parks

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

- There was a last-minute visit from an unplanned cruise ship; a positive email was received from VP of operations
- A thank you card was received from the Fusion Festival Committee for the grant received for the Town this year
- The Town has been awarded the silver recognition award from AMANS for its wellness initiatives
- The pool re-opened the first part of October
- The Christmas Light-Up will take place December 4th
- Canada Sport Day will take place on November 21st; all events will be at the pool this year

f. Variance Report

Town Accountant Eldon MacDonald reported that there is a projected \$(34,000) deficit at the six-month mark, an improvement over last month from \$(70,000). Noteworthy areas include less overall revenue and a decrease in Environmental Health Services, mainly under legal and lift station expenses.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recommendations from Private Session

None

b. Amendments to Regional Planning Documents Policy

MOVED: L Vigneault

COC-11-02-15-1581

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: That the following serve as the required seven (7) day advance notice to approve the “Amendments to Regional Planning Documents Policy”.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Procedure for Appointment of Deputy Mayor in Fourth Year

Mayor Hawes explained that it was decided that each interested councilor will split the last year up equally. To reduce paperwork, Deputy Mayor Munroe will continue in the role for the next four months, followed by Councillor Vigneault, then Councillor Beaton.

d. Age Friendly Communities

Councillor Vigneault spoke about Age Friendly Communities Designation and that the Town of New Glasgow is involved in this effort. She would like to have Geralyn MacDonald from the Town of New Glasgow make a presentation on this program at a future meeting. Deputy Clerk Nicole Battist was asked to follow up on the matter.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Cutback to DEANS Provincial Funding (fr. Wes Surette)

Mayor Hawes agreed to draft a letter on behalf of Council to the Province expressing their disappointment in DEANS' funding cutbacks.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

A question was asked on Council's understanding of the latest update on the reopening of the mental health unit at the Aberdeen Hospital.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: DM Munroe

COC-11-02-15-1582

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Nicole Battist
Deputy Clerk