

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Scott Conrod, CAO

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

2 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hawes called the meeting to order.

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: DM Munroe *RTC-10-19-15-1566*

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

4 PICTOU UNITED CHURCH AND FRIENDS REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PRESENTATION

A presentation was made by Ralph Ferguson on the Refugee Program his church is leading. Mr. Ferguson provided an overview of the program information and how the community can get involved.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – September 21, 2015

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-10-19-15-1567*

SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of September 21, 2015 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Committee of Council – October 5, 2015

MOVED: DM Munroe *RTC-10-19-15-1568*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of October 5, 2015 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Appointment of Officers to the Pictou Fire Department Policy COC-10-05-15-1561

MOVED: L. Vigneault *RTC-10-19-15-1569*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve the “Appointment of Officers to the Pictou Fire Department Policy”.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Effective Date of “Appointment of Officers to the Pictou Fire Department Policy” COC-10-05-15-1562

MOVED: DM Munroe *RTC-10-19-15-1570*
SECONDED: L. Vigneault

MOTION: To approve the Effective Date of 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

All other officers are to use the dates of initial appointments as their start dates.

c. Returning Officer for Plebiscite COC-10-05-15-1563

MOVED: L. Vigneault *RTC-10-19-15-1571*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve 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

d. Municipal Economic Working Group Mandate COC-10-05-15-1564

MOVED: DM Munroe
SECONDED: C. Beaton

RTC-10-19-15-1572

MOTION: To approve the following 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

e. Second Reading – Repeal of Derelict Buildings and Unsightly Premises By-law
RTC-04-20-15-1474

MOVED: C. Beaton
SECONDED: L. Vigneault

RTC-10-19-15-1573

MOTION: To approve the Second Reading of the “Repeal of Derelict Buildings and Unsightly Premises By-Law”.
MOTION CARRIED

7 NEW BUSINESS

- a. E-voting for Plebiscite
Tabled for a Special Council meeting.

8 CORRESPONDANCE
None

9 PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Question on when Veterans Drive will be paved.
Question on when roundabout project will begin.
Question on Repeal of Derelict Buildings and Unsightly Premises By-law.
Comment was made that an increase in RCMP presence in the Heights would be appreciated by many citizens.

10 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: C. Beaton
SECONDED: B. Naylor

RTC-10-19-15-1574

MOTION: That the meeting adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Nicole Battist
Deputy Clerk