

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2014

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Town Council meeting 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
Bronwyn Duffy, Town Solicitor
Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: C. Beaton *RTC-12-15-14-1396*
SECONDED: DM Munroe

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
5 b. Response to Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review Consultative Report
MOTION CARRIED.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – November 17, 2014

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-12-15-14-1397*
SECONDED: L. Vigneault

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of November 17, 2014 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

b. Committee of Council – December 1, 2014

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-12-15-14-1398*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOVED: That the Committee of Council minutes of December 1, 2014 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

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c. Source Water Protection – December 10, 2014

MOVED: L. Vigneault
 SECONDED: DM Munroe

RTC-12-15-14-1399

MOTION: That the Source Water Protection minutes of December 10, 2014 be approved as circulated.
 MOTION CARRIED.

d. Public Hearing – December 10, 2014

MOVED: C. Beaton
 SECONDED: DM Munroe

RTC-12-15-14-1400

MOTION: That the Public Hearing minutes of December 10, 2014 be approved as circulated.
 MOTION CARRIED.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTESa. NSUARB Application – Municipal Boundary ReviewSummary of Councillor Comments:Councillor Vigneault

- Councillor Vigneault solicited random citizens for their opinion; they were generally apathetic to the ward system and liked the fact that councillors live in the same neighbourhood as the elected people
- Even with a ward system, the community can still be looked at as a whole on a day-to-day basis
- On the point about voting based on age, it is up to residents to vote for candidates they want to represent them
- Without the ward system, the community is disenfranchised

Councillor Naylor

- The community should be voting for the best councillors; it should not be based on where candidates live
- If a resident does not feel comfortable in approaching councillors in his/her ward, there are plenty of means to communicate with other members, including speaking before Council at monthly meetings

Deputy Mayor Munroe

- All residents solicited by Deputy Mayor Munroe feel wards divide the Town and would like to see them abolished; they feel the community is too small for a ward system and that there is opportunity for greater unity working together as a whole

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- Deputy Mayor Munroe is voting based on the opinion of citizens, rather than her personal opinion

Councillor Beaton

- During campaigning for council, Councillor Beaton indicated for all canvassers that brought up the topic of wards, all agreed the Town should be acting as a whole and that status-quo was not right for our town

Mayor Joseph Hawes

- Feels residents should be voting for the four best candidates and mayor

Public Comments

Mr. Don Livingston was present, but declined comment, with the sentiment that he provided his viewpoint during the Public Hearing.

Solicitor Comment

Solicitor Bronwyn Duffy clarified the role of the NSUARB as it relates to this application.

MOVED: L. Vigneault *RTC-12-15-14-1401*
 SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve filing an application with the NSUARB that recommends maintaining the current number of councillors at four.
 MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED: C. Beaton *RTC-12-15-14-1402*
 SECONDED: DM Munroe

MOTION: To approve filing an application with the NSUARB that recommends dissolving existing polling districts (altering the current two ward system to an elected at large system).
 MOTION CARRIED.
 1 nay: L. Vigneault

b. RFP for Offsite Signage – Project Coordinator

MOVED: DM Munroe *RTC-12-15-14-1403*
 SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve hiring Rachael McLean as Project Coordinator for the Offsite Signage Project.
 MOTION CARRIED.

c. Source Water Protection Committee Composition

MOVED: L. Vigneault *RTC-12-15-14-1404*
 SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve that the committee be comprised of two Town Councillors, two County Councillors, two Public Stakeholders (one Town and one County) and the ODRC of the Pictou Utility. In addition, the attendance of at least 4 members would be required for purposes of a quorum.
 MOTION CARRIED.

5 NEW BUSINESSa. Pictou Legion New Year's Levy

MOVED: DM Munroe *RTC-12-15-14-1405*
 SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve partnering with the Legion to host this year's New Year's Levy, which includes cost-sharing 50-50 with a \$300 cap.
 MOTION CARRIED.
 2 nays: L. Vigneault, B. Naylor

b. Response to Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review Consultative Report

MOVED: L. Vigneault *RTC-12-15-14-1406*
 SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor and CAO to forward the response letter as presented.
 MOTION CARRIED.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

None

7 PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Comment on being impressed with Council's approach to the Municipal Boundary Review.

8 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: C. Beaton *RTC-12-15-14-1407*
 SECONDED: L. Vigneault

MOTION: That the meeting adjourn.
 MOTION CARRIED.

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APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO