

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Town 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: Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Scott Conrod, CAO

1 PRIVATE SESSION – PROPERTY MATTER (6:00 pm)

2 CALL TO ORDER

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

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: C. Beaton
SECONDED: DM Munroe

RTC-03-16-15-1447

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – January 19, 2015

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: L. Vigneault

RTC-03-16-15-1448

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of January 19, 2015 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Committee of Council – February 17, 2015

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: DM Munroe

RTC-03-16-15-1449

MOVED: That the Committee of Council minutes of February 17, 2015 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

L Vigneault abstained from voting as she was only in attendance for part of the February meeting.

c. Committee of Council – March 9, 2015

MOVED: C. Beaton ***RTC-03-16-15-1450***
SECONDED: DM Munroe

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of March 9, 2015 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Partial Tax Exemption Policies COC-02-17-15-1432

MOVED: L. Vigneault
SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To adopt two new Town Policies entitled “Northumberland Fisheries Museum and Heritage Association Partial Tax Exemption” and “The Hector Heritage Society Partial Tax Exemption”.
MOTION CARRIED

DM Munroe abstained from voting.

b. Annual Review OH&S Policy COC-02-17-15-1433

MOVED: C. Beaton ***RTC-03-16-15-1451***
SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To amend the OH&S Policy as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Planning Advisory Committee Citizen Appointment COC-02-17-15-1434

MOVED: DM Munroe ***RTC-03-16-15-1452***
SECONDED: L. Vigneault

MOTION: To approve the citizen appointment of David Steele to the Planning Advisory Committee.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Police Advisory Committee Citizen Appointment COC-02-17-1435

MOVED: DM Munroe ***RTC-03-16-15-1453***
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve the citizen appointment of Kevin Pettipas to the Police
Advisory Committee.
MOTION CARRIED

e. Water Account Write-Offs COC-02-17-15-1436

MOVED: DM Munroe ***RTC-03-16-15-1454***
SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To approve writing off the water accounts per staff recommendation report
for a total of \$4221.77.
MOTION CARRIED

f. Offsite Signage Project – Revised RFP COC-03-09-15-1439

MOVED: L. Vigneault ***RTC-03-16-15-1455***
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To revise the scope and project deliverables of the Offsite Signage –
Project Coordinator RFP for a total of \$10,000.
MOTION CARRIED

g. Building Caretaker RFP COC-03-09-15-1440

MOVED: DM Munroe ***RTC-03-16-15-1456***
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To accept the proposal from Betty Corbett for a total rate of \$28,875.00
for Year 1, with a \$16 per hour call-out.
MOTION CARRIED

h. Audit Services COC-03-09-15-1441

MOVED: C. Beaton ***RTC-03-16-15-1457***
SECONDED: L. Vigneault

MOTION: To approve the appointment of MGM & Associates as auditors for the
Town of Pictou for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.
MOTION CARRIED

i. Legal Services COC-03-09-15-1442

MOVED: DM Munroe *RTC-03-16-15-1458*
SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To approve the extension of legal counsel with MacIsaac, Clark & Duffy Barristers & Solicitors for the Town of Pictou ending March 31, 2016.
MOTION CARRIED

L Vigneault abstained from voting due to a personal conflict.

j. Police Advisory Board COC-03-09-15-1443

MOVED: C. Beaton *RTC-03-16-15-1459*
SECONDED: DM Munroe

MOTION: To approve a new Town Policy entitled “Police Advisory Board”.
MOTION CARRIED

k. Registration as a Fire or Emergency Services Provider Policy COC-03-09-15-1444

MOVED: L. Vigneault *RTC-03-16-15-1460*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To approve a new Town Policy entitled “Registration as a Fire or Emergency Services Provider”.
MOTION CARRIED

l. NS 55+ Games Request COC-03-09-15-1445

MOVED: L. Vigneault *RTC-03-16-15-1461*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: To pre-approve \$500 under the Grants to Organizations for the 2015-16 fiscal year to be disbursed to the Pictou County 55+ Provincials Society for the upcoming Nova Scotia 55+ Games taking place in Pictou County September 2015.
MOTION CARRIED

6 NEW BUSINESS

a. Recommendations from Private Session

Instruction was provided to staff on a property related matter.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

None

8 PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- C. Beaton – Would like to see the Town work toward approving this year’s budget by the first of July (working around the issue of not having the RCMP and Housing Authority invoices)
- C. Beaton – Asked if a response was received from the Province related the Mayor’s letter on the Pictou Visitor Information Centre closure
- Question on future usage of the store building at the HHQ

9 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: C. Beaton

RTC-03-16-15-1462

SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: That the meeting adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Nicole Battist
Deputy Clerk