

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Special Committee of Council meeting convened 6:30 pm in Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor Jim Ryan presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Dan Currie; Councillors Eric Daley, Malcolm Houser and Nadine LeBlanc

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod, CAO/Meeting Recorder
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order and Council continued to review topics included within the orientation binder.

2. RECREATION AND PARKS

Michelle Young reviewed a presentation of the Recreation and Parks Department. The presentation included an overview of:

- The Department's fulltime equivalent positions;
- The annual community events coordinated;
- Facilities maintained;
- Volunteer related activities;
- Programs;
- Communications and Marketing; and
- Special Projects

Highlights of the Committee discussion included:

- The perceived need to address inefficient systems at the Pictou Fisheries Training Pool. The Committee requested staff to follow-up with staff of the Nova Scotia Community College in regards to a capital upgrade program.
- Advancing applications to the Canada 150 program. The Committee asked the Recreation Coordinator to follow-up with the Recreation Committee in regards to the selection of a program(s) and the filing of funding applications.

Council thanked Ms. Young for her presentation and input and she then left the meeting.

3. DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT

Council reviewed and discussed:

- The enabling legislation under which the area rate is levied;
- A signage and wayfinding program (public and private sector components); and

- Bill 177 – Amendment to the *Municipal Government Act* enabling the phasing-in, over a period of up to 10 years, of an increase to the taxable assessed value of certain commercial properties.

Council concurred to consider the above within their four-year plan.

4. deCOSTE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE AND NEW MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Mayor Ryan reviewed recent discussions between representatives of the deCoste Board and the Town. Council concurred with the Mayor writing the Chairs of the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library and deCoste Boards, and the Warden of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, regarding the reengagement of the oversight committee; the intent of the correspondence being to determine if an operating plan could be developed and agreed to by the stakeholders. Council concurred that agreement on an operating plan would need to occur prior to commencing any capital work.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED

James R. Ryan
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO