

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

**PRESENT:** Councillors Cam Beaton and Alta Munroe

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Conrod, CAO  
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator  
Paul Janes, Fire Department  
Eldon MacDonald, Town Accountant  
Jim Chisholm, Public Works  
Cst. Dunlevy, RCMP  
Cpl. Shawn Reynolds, RCMP  
Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**REGRETS:** Deputy Mayor Lynn Vigneault  
Councillor Bob Naylor

**1. PRIVATE SESSION – CONTRACT & MATTERS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE (5:30 PM)**

Mayor Hawes reported that during the private session of the meeting, Council discussed a litigation matter that the Town is pursuing, but cannot report on publically for the time-being. Permission was also given to the CAO and Mayor to negotiate and sign a new RCMP and CEF Building Lease.

**2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER (6:30 PM)**

Mayor Hawes called the meeting to order.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: A. Munroe  
SECONDED: C. Beaton

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED

**4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

Fire Chief Paul Janes highlighted that:

- A major scenario training exercise was completed over the past month
- The annual Lobster Dinner will be held on August 6
- Effort is underway by the members to focus on building maintenance and spring housecleaning

There was a question on the possibility of a future fundraiser or initiative to install an elevator in the building. Fire Chief Janes indicated that this was explored before. There is not enough space for an elevator or chair lift; however a one-person lift will be investigated.

b. RCMP

Crp. Reynolds mentioned:

- There has been an increase in mental health calls for the detachment. An officer has been assigned to work with health professionals to learn more about methods to assist with developing positive outcomes.
- The annual performance work plan is now being reviewed. Last year's priorities were safe roads, safe communities, and being part of and getting to know the community better. If Council feels the priorities should change, they are encouraged to forward their comments.
- A liaison with Pictou Lobster Carnival will continue this year, with emphasis to be placed on improving safety
- Crp. Reynolds is being transferred to the Street Crimes Unit
- Newest member Ryan Mernaham was introduced, along with his trainer Jason Sutherland
- ICS 200 – EMO Training will take place on April 21, 2016 if anyone wants to participate
- A request was made by a councillor to watch speeding along the school zones on Wellington Street

c. CAO

CAO Conrod provided an overview of the items he has been working on. Among other priorities, amalgamation fact sheets are being developed and the lease for the RCMP and CEF buildings are being negotiated.

d. Public Works

Superintendent Chisholm was on hand to answer questions.

- Question on whether the salt truck is fixed
- Question on water main break on Haliburton Road

e. Recreation and Parks

M. Young indicated that:

- March Break Program for the pool had themed swims this year; all five days were at capacity
- Exploring fundraising projects that involve swims and non-profit groups
- Purchased sensory equipment for special needs clientele to offer specialized programming
- Working with Pictou Soccer to rebuild organization
- Attended Provincial Volunteer Awards with Mayor today; Sadie O'Hearn, Pictou's Volunteer Representative was also in attendance
- Developing a Healthy Eating Project with the Youth Centre
- The Town was awarded a Community Partner Award by Pictou Garden Club
- April 23 is the "Go Clean Get Green" day

f. Variance Report

Accountant MacDonald reported that projections show that the Town will be under budget by \$7000 for the year ending March 31, 2016. A question was asked why actuals for “Other Revenue” were so much higher than budgeted; the Fire Department paid off their entire share of fire truck loan for the coming years.

5. DELEGATIONS

The scheduled delegation was not in attendance.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. MOU on Municipal Reform – Update

The Steering Committee is in the midst a series of community presentations throughout county.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Question on status of Roundabout Project tender release date.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: C. Beaton  
SECONDED: A. Munroe

*COC-04-04-16-1647*

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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Joseph F. Hawes  
Mayor

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Scott Conrod  
CAO