

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Conrod, CAO  
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator  
Jim Chisholm, Public Works  
Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**REGRETS:** RCMP  
Eldon MacDonald, Town Accountant  
Paul Janes, Fire Department

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hawes called the meeting to order.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: B. Naylor  
SECONDED: A. Munroe

*COC-05-02-16-1658*

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED

**3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

Paul Janes was unable to attend the meeting.

b. RCMP

No one from the RCMP was in attendance.

c. CAO

Will be covered under New Business.

d. Public Works

The Roundabout tender will be placed on the Provincial Procurement website for a two-week period beginning this Friday.

- There was a question on when crosswalks would be painted.

e. Recreation and Parks

M. Young indicated that:

- There were 45 participants for Go Clean Get Green in addition to participation by local schools and community groups

- Participated in SaltScapes with several organizations from Pictou County
- Summer student interviews have begun
- There was a question on the number of cruise ship visits scheduled for this year

f. Variance Report

Staff are working on financial statements for the Town audit.

**4. STANDING COMMITTEES**

a. DEANS

- The Visitor Information Centre will be opening June 13 for 17 weeks
- June 1 – Discover Pictou County Night will take place
- Working on new marketing and fund raising events to offset the decrease in Provincial funding.

b. Pictou County Solid Waste Management Conference

- The Mayor attended this conference. He noted that the average cost of organics in Toronto is \$156/tonne compared to \$54/tonne in Pictou County
- There are a number of newer style green bins now on the market

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. Off-site Signage Plan

Deputy Clerk Battist provided an update on the plan. A tender will be released in the next two weeks.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. NSUARB Preliminary Decision

CAO Conrod provided a brief overview on the preliminary decision. The report is broken up into sections including financial, social, governance, infrastructure and planning.

A thank you was offered to Mayor Hawes, Councillor Beaton and CAO Conrod for all their dedication and hard work.

b. Closure of After-hours Outpatient Clinic

Council agreed that a letter should be forwarded to the Minister of Health on this matter. Concerns mentioned were speaking to the issue of the number of residency openings for non-Canadians in Canadian universities, the new system of doctors being paid salary versus per client, the closure of the Pictou West Evening Clinic and Council hearing about the matter in the media.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Minister Randy Delorey, Gaelic Affairs

Correspondence was received from Minister Delorey regarding “May is Gaels’ Month”.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: C. Beaton

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SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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Joseph F. Hawes  
Mayor

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Scott Conrod  
CAO