

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

PRESENT: Councillors Alta Munroe, Cam Beaton and Bob Naylor

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod, CAO
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Lynn Vigneault

1. PRIVATE SESSION – CONTRACT MATTERS (6:00 PM)

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

3. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hawes called the meeting to order.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: B. Naylor ***RTC-04-18-16-1648***
SECONDED: A. Munroe

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented with one addition:
7c. Federal Funding Agreement – Water Treatment Plant
MOTION CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – March 21, 2016

MOVED: A. Munroe ***RTC-04-18-16-1649***
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of March 21, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Tax Sale – March 24, 2016

MOVED: C. Beaton ***RTC-04-18-16-1650***
SECONDED: B. Naylor

MOTION: That the Tax Sale minutes of March 24, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Recreation and Parks – March 29, 2016

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-04-18-16-1651*
SECONDED: A. Munroe

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes of March 29, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Committee of Council – April 4, 2016

MOVED: A. Munroe *RTC-04-18-16-1652*
SECONDED: C. Beaton

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of April 4, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Streetlights

Long-term options for borrowing will be discussed with Council at a later date. In the interim, temporary borrowing is required.

MOVED: B. Naylor *RTC-04-18-16-1653*
SECONDED: A. Munroe

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65(n) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Pictou to expend funds for the purpose of LED Streetlights;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Four Hundred and Thirty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$438,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and the Town borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Four Hundred and Thirty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$438,000) in total from any chartered bank, trust company doing business in Nova Scotia, or the Municipal Finance Corporation;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve Months (12) from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Sewer

The Town has had problems with conveyance of some pumping stations since installation. They have been redesigned and are all online and working. Because of these flaws a lawsuit has been filed against the designers. If the lawsuit is in the Town’s favour, all or most of the money will be repaid. In the meantime, the Temporary Borrowing Resolution has expired and needs to be renewed.

- c. MOVED: C. Beaton
SECONDED: B. Naylor

RTC-04-18-16-1654

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65(ak) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Pictou to expend funds for the capital purpose of wastewater facilities and stormwater systems;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 18th day of April, 2016, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 18th day of December, 2014, borrowed from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose set out above for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of borrowing in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MOTION CARRIED

d. **Federal Funding Agreement – Water Treatment Plant**

The Federal Funding Agreement for the design and build of the Water Treatment Plant has been received. CAO Conrod recapped that the federal share is \$1.6 M, the Provincial share is \$1.6m and the Town of Pictou Water Utility will be responsible for the final \$1.6 M. The estimated completion date is 2018.

MOVED: B. Naylor
SECONDED: C. Beaton

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MOTION: To authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the Federal Funding Agreement for the design and build of the Water Treatment Plant.
MOTION CARRIED.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on date Roundabout tenders will be released
- Question on expected date of completion of Roundabout
- Question on next steps after water treatment plant agreement is signed

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: A. Munroe
SECONDED: C. Beaton

RTC-04-18-16-1656

MOTION: That the meeting adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO