

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: E. Daley ***RTC-11-21-16-1728***
SECONDED: M. Houser

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Town Council – October 17, 2016

The minutes were distributed for information purposes only and have been approved by the previous Mayor.

b. Recreation & Parks – October 25, 2016

The minutes were distributed for information purposes only and have been approved by the previous Mayor.

c. Special Council – November 7, 2016

MOVED: M. Houser ***RTC-11-21-16-1729***
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of November 7, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Special Council – November 8, 2016

MOVED: DM Currie *RTC-11-21-16-1730*
SECONDED: E. Daley

MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of November 8, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

e. Special Committee of Council – November 15, 2016

MOVED: N. LeBlanc *RTC-11-21-16-1731*
SECONDED: M. Houser

MOTION: That the Special Committee of Council minutes of November 15, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

f. Special Committee of Council – November 16, 2016

MOVED: M. Houser *RTC-11-21-16-1732*
SECONDED: E. Daley

MOTION: That the Special Committee of Council minutes of November 16, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Town Position on Pictou School Review COC-11-15-16-1722

Mayor Ryan reviewed the beliefs that Council used to formulate their position on the Pictou School Review.

In addition the Mayor outlined the Town’s position that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) has not met the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development policy requirement related to the defining of a “Community/Municipal Context”; namely, that the school catchment areas of the schools under review are not appropriately defined considering the Pictou West community of interest.

MOVED: E. Daley *RTC-11-21-16-1733*
SECONDED: M. Houser

MOTION: That Council supports a reconfiguration of P-12 education facilities within the Town of Pictou with the following qualifications:

- As the service center for the Pictou West community of interest, Town Council is opposed to any future review of Pictou schools that does not include West Pictou Consolidated and Scotsburn Elementary;
- That busing of students to schools located in the Town of Pictou be provided with the same levels of accommodation as busing students from Pictou to other schools;
- Pictou Academy be identified and promoted as a ‘small school’ option for any student in the Celtic Family of Schools and that appropriate transportation for students who could benefit from such an option be made available;
- That schools in the Town of Pictou be considered for specialty programming as has been the case for other schools; and
- That the Mayor be authorized to place the above on public record by writing to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the CCRSB.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Pictou Community New Horizons – Request to Purchase Land COC-11-16-16-1726

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: M. Houser

RTC-11-21-16-1734

MOTION: To approve to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with one or both of the abutting owners related to Lot “DS” (also referred to as Dawson Street) provided that:

- the Club be one of the Purchasers;
- 3297675 Nova Scotia Ltd be given a limited amount of time to consider a Purchase and Sale Agreement for a portion of Lot DS or to release their interest;
- all conveyance costs are the responsibility of the Purchaser(s);
- the Purchaser(s) be responsible for title search and survey work to determine the status of Dawson Street; and
- Purchaser(s) agree to taxable status for the land being transferred.

Should it be determined a street exists to proceed under s. 315 of the *Municipal Government Act* (Council determining same is surplus to Town use).

Should it be determined a lot and not a street, for the Town to proceed under s. 51A of the *Municipal Government Act* and offer to sell the land to the abutting owner(s).

MOTION CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/Approval of Council Committee Appointments

A draft list of Committee Appointments was read and reviewed.

MOVED: E. Daley ***RTC-11-21-16-1735***
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

MOTION: To accept Committee Appointments based on draft document included the Council package.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Scheduling of Additional Orientation Sessions

MOVED: N. LeBlanc ***RTC-11-21-16-1736***
SECONDED: M. Houser

MOTION: To move that dates for the next Orientation Sessions be November 28 and December 12.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Salt Hauling Tender

One bid was received from Pictou County Bulk Carriers for \$14.10 per metric tonne. Last year the rate was \$14.40.

MOVED: M. Houser ***RTC-11-21-16-1737***
SECONDED: E. Daley

MOTION: To approve that the Salt Tender be awarded to Pictou County Bulk Carriers at a price of \$14.10/metric tonne, plus HST.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Deputy Mayor Terms of Office and Appointment

Council agreed to continue with the model used by the former Council with terms being one year. The Mayor asked that each Councillor consider serving a term. Preference is for the order to be determined by consensus; where consensus is not possible a straw poll will be used to select remaining Councillors.

MOVED: N. LeBlanc ***RTC-11-21-16-1738***
SECONDED: M. Houser

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Dan Currie as Deputy Mayor for the first term.
MOTION CARRIED

e. Update of Signing Officers

MOVED: E. Daley
SECONDED: M. Houser

RTC-11-21-16-1739

MOTION: To approve that Dan Currie be granted signing authority.
MOTION CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Pictou County Christmas Fund

A request for a financial donation was received from the Pictou County Christmas Fund. A donation was approved by the former Council in this year's budget which will be forwarded.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

On behalf of the New Horizons, an expression of thanks was relayed for Council considering the sale of land near the New Horizons building.

Question on taxes and flat fees and why hydrant rental is not a flat fee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: N. LeBlanc
SECONDED: E. Daley

RTC-11-21-16-1740

MOTION: That the meeting adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO