

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: M. Houser
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

RTC-12-19-16-1748

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
4f. New Horizon's Purchase Agreement
4g. Letter to Minister Casey
6b. Hector Quay Society – Letter of Support
6c. African Night Proposal
7a. Crosswalk Safety
7b. Construction & Business Access
7c. TIANS Letter
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Town Council – November 21, 2016

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: E. Daley

MOTION: That the Regular Town Council Minutes of November 21, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Special Committee of Council – November 28, 2016

MOVED: M. Houser
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

MOTION: That the Special Committee of Council of November 28, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Committee of Council – December 5, 2016

MOVED: E. Daley *RTC-12-19-16-1749*
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of December 5, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Special Committee of Council – December 12, 2016

MOVED: DM Currie *RTC-12-19-16-1750*
SECONDED: M. Houser

MOTION: That the Special Committee of Council minutes of December 12, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Draft Request for Proposal for Commercial Highway Development COC-11-28-16-1741

MOVED: DM Currie *RTC-12-19-16-1751*
SECONDED: E. Daley

MOTION: To approve that staff prepare a draft RFP for Council consideration.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Technical Brief Relative to Lot C COC-11-28-16-1742

MOVED: M. Houser *RTC-12-19-16-1752*
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

MOTION: To approve that staff prepare a technical brief relative to the Town's land use controls and the future development of Lot C as soon as possible.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Police Advisory Board Policy – Approval

MOVED: E. Daley *RTC-12-19-16-1753*
SECONDED: M. Houser

MOTION: To approve adoption of the Police Advisory Board Policy.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Pictou Fisheries Training Pool – Fee Increases COC-12-05-16-1745

MOVED: DM Currie *RTC-12-19-16-1754*
SECONDED: E. Daley

MOTION: To approve individual fee increases related to rentals, public swims, water fitness classes, memberships and punch cards for the Fisheries Training Pool with such individual increases not exceeding 5%.
MOTION CARRIED

e. Recreation and Parks Committee Appointment COC-12-05-16-1746

MOVED: E. Daley
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

RTC-12-19-16-1755

MOTION: To approve two new member appointments to the Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee – Dave McMullen and Mike Feiner.
MOTION CARRIED

f. New Horizons Club Purchase Agreement

A title search was completed by the New Horizons Club which cannot conclude that the Town owns or ever owned the property known as Dawson Street. It is now up to the adjacent owners to sort out their options for possible ownership, as the Town has no jurisdiction over the matter.

g. School Review Process – Letter to Minister Casey

A letter was written and mailed out to Minister Casey regarding the Town’s position on the School Review Process.

5. REPORTS

a. Pictou County Shared Services Authority Inc. (PCSSA)

For Council’s information, a document was assembled describing the services that fall under the PCSSA; including Active Pictou County, Regional Emergency Measures, Pictou County Solid Waste, and the East River Environmental Control Centre. It was noted that Mayor Ryan has been elected Chair of the PCSSA and has also been appointed as the Authority’s representative on the solid waste Regional Chairs Committee.

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

RTC-12-19-16-1756

MOTION: To accept the report as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Pictou County Wellness Centre

A copy of the most recent audited financial statements were circulated. For Council’s information, the Chair is Trenton Mayor Shannon MacInnis and Vice-Chair is New Glasgow Mayor Nancy Dicks

MOVED: E. Daley
SECONDED: M. Houser

MOTION: To accept the report as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Scheduling of Final Orientation Sessions

The next orientation date will be convened on January 16, 2017.

b. Hector Quay Society – Letter of Support

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

RTC-12-19-16-1757

MOTION: To provide a letter of support for the Society’s application to the Nova Scotia 150 Forward Fund, an application to create a 40 minute video for education and promotional purposes.
MOTION CARRIED

c. African Night Proposal

A request had been received previously for the Town to support any potential overruns for this program – a two-hour event celebrating African heritage be held at the deCoste, which includes a performance by an African band. The Mayor reported the Town has agreed to the request, but indicated the financials are strong.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Crosswalk Safety

Gerard MacIsaac forwarded a letter about concerns with lighting near some town crosswalks. Council agreed to collect necessary information and revisit the matter.

b. Construction and Business Access

An owner feels her business is being affected by scaffolding along Scotiabank and would like to know if anything can be done to improve her visibility. Staff will look into this.

c. Tourism Industry Association of NS (TIANS) Correspondence

A letter was received from TIANS promoting the benefit of DEANS and the location of the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) being near the roundabout area.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on whether people need permits to block off or put scaffolding over sidewalks
- Question on whether AGM for Pictou County Wellness Centre was advertised

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: M. Houser
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

RTC-12-19-16-1758

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO