

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

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Dan Currie; Councillors Eric Daley, Malcolm Houser and Nadine LeBlanc

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER (6:30 PM)**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: DM Currie  
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

*COC-05-01-17-1859*

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:  
6b. PCAP Grant  
8b. Welcoming New Businesses  
9a. Pictou United Church  
9b. Heritage Trust of NS  
MOTION CARRIED

**3. DELEGATION**

Active Pictou County

Sally O'Neill made a general presentation on the purpose of Active Pictou County, the priorities, some of the highlights from the past year and plans for the coming year.

**4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

Fire Chief Janes highlighted:

- There is an increase in funding available through the grant program from the Province
- New washers were installed for onsite cleaning of bunker gear

b. RCMP

Not available

c. CAO

CAO Conrod reported he:

- is working on the final draft of the ICSP

- finalized plans of survey for lands around roundabout
- completed work related to clear title to current Pictou Academy property and other capital projects.

Question on Pictou Academy drawings and property.

d. Public Works

- Question on cost of fire hydrants and replacement timelines
- Question on cost-sharing of provincial roads running through Town
- Question on repair along Water St.

e. Recreation and Parks

M. Young reported on the projects she worked on over the past month, some of which included:

- Go Clean Get Green
- Saltscapes Expo
- Small Ports Planning
- Capital work at the pool
  
- Question on Market Square
- Question on 150 Celebrations

Mayor Ryan thanked M. Young and the Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee for their recent work on the various events and projects.

f. Variance Report

Will not be available until all work is completed for year-end.

**5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. School Renaming Committee

Councillor LeBlanc will sit on the committee as the town representative. The next meeting is May 9th.

b. Ship Hector Society

They received \$36,000 from the Canada 150 Fund to develop an educational video.

c. Pictou Business

The meeting was re-scheduled for next week.

d. deCoste Centre

The Gala was well attended with more than 160 people; funding from Canada 150 Fund has allowed for a busy lineup of shows this coming season.

e. Riverview Home Corporation

A new insurance tender has saved the corporation \$18,000 and more coverage is included.

- f. Town Economic Development  
Councillor Houser has been busy meeting with several interested parties on opening new businesses in Town

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. Integrated Community Sustainability Plan  
As a reminder, the next ICSP meeting will be held May 4th at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.
- b. PCAP Grant  
The Province will contribute 50% of eligible costs towards the treatment plant and pressure zones project to a maximum of \$207,173.

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION**

None

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Pictou Skatepark Funding Proposal

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: DM Currie

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MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve constructing and owning the facility and then leasing back to the Pictou County Skate Park Society (PCSPS); and to authorize the Recreation Coordinator to submit a request to the Sutherland Harris Memorial Foundation for financial support towards the build of a skateboard park in the Town of Pictou; and for the Town to submit a concurrent funding application to the Foundation related to upgrades and renovations to the Pictou Fisheries Training Pool.  
MOTION CARRIED

- b. Welcoming New Businesses  
Council agreed to formalize welcoming new businesses in Town. Staff are asked to bring forward ideas to the next Council meeting.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. CAiRN  
CAiRN will be welcoming two new families to the area very soon. Any involvement of the Town is welcome.
- b. Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia  
The opening exhibit of 150 pre-Confederation buildings will be at the Museum of Industry on June 8 at 7:00 pm.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on sidewalks being installed along Veterans Drive
- Question on VIC building status and operations for this year
- Question on PA building future usage
- Comment that Division Road stop sign removal along Wellington has created a speeding problem.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: DM Currie

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SECONDED: E. Daley

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Scott W. Conrod  
CAO