

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

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Daley, Malcolm Houser and Nadine LeBlanc

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Conrod, CAO
Michelle Young, Recreation/Minute Recorder
Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP
Kyle Slaunwhite, Project Manager
Nicole MacDonald Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Mayor James Ryan
Paul Janes, Fire Dept
Jim Chisholm, Public Works

1. PRIVATE SESSION – PERSONNEL AND CONTRACT MATTERS (5:30PM)

2. CALL TO ORDER (6:30PM)

Deputy Mayor Currie called the meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

COC-06-05-17-1872

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department
Not available

b. RCMP
Cpl Deagle commented that the decrease in total occurrences is mainly related to the theft from vehicles last year and staff shortages resulting in fewer self-generated occurrences. A presentation will also be made on fentanyl use at Pictou Academy on June 6, 2017.

c. CAO
CAO Conrod reported:

- the final draft of the ICSP is complete;
- work has been completed on several by-laws; and

- water treatment plant and commercial highway development work is ongoing.

d. Public Works

The report was included in the agenda package. J. Chisholm was unable to attend the meeting.

e. Recreation and Parks

M. Young highlighted her work over the past month.

- Minor repairs to the breakwater compared to other years
- Bike Week events are coming up
- Cruise Symposium is next week in Montreal

- Question on street banners
- Question on ramp at marina

f. Variance Report

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

6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Police Advisory Board

Questions brought up at the last meeting related to speed limits on Division Road and why St Andrews Street is one-way for one block.

b. CEF

Are still recruiting personnel and are looking at hiring retired personnel to fill vacancies.

c. Pictou County Hall of Fame

Received a \$500 grant from the County of Pictou and are asking the Town for same; working to re-develop their website; putting together a selection committee.

d. Hector Arena

Are in a favourable financial position; will be changing over to a new refrigeration system this summer that is more environmentally friendly and efficient.

e. Northumberland Fisheries Museum

The museum is now open for the season.

f. Pictou Lobster Carnival

The Committee is into weekly meetings now; volunteers are needed the weekend of Carnival.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Commercial Assessment Phase-In By-Law

CAO Conrod reviewed the next steps for the By-Law. Council provided clarification on two matters:

- Rebate formula – Council is in agreement with the rebate beginning with 90% in Year 1, with two 50% rebates in Year 5 and 6

- Qualifying threshold – to remain at \$10,000

b. Street Banners

Matter was dealt with under the Parks and Recreation Report.

c. Wastewater Treatment Plant HVAC Design Services

There is still no heat in the plant and there are a number of ventilation and code compliance issues.

MOVED: M Houser

COC-06-05-17-1873

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To recommend to Council to accept Eastpoint Engineering’s proposal to provide design services for heating and ventilation systems at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$17,910 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

d. Water Treatment Plant Equipment

MOVED: M Houser

COC-06-05-17-1874

SECONDED: N LeBlanc

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to move to allow CBCL Limited to enter into discussions and negotiations with treatment equipment suppliers; including allowing the Town to issue a purchase order to cover the cost and delivery of industry prepared shop drawings.

MOTION CARRIED

e. Crosswalk Safety

MOVED: E Daley

COC-06-05-17-1875

SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: To recommend that Council table the recommendations in the staff report until budget deliberations.

MOTION CARRIED

f. Vendors By-Law

To be tabled at a future special meeting.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

a. ABL Environmental Consultants

MOVED: M Houser

COC-06-05-17-1876

SECONDED: N LeBlanc

MOTION: To recommend that Council pay 70% or \$13,482 of an outstanding invoice to ABL, based on the settlement percentage received for the waste water treatment plant.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Option Agreement – Lot C

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

COC-06-05-17-1877

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to enter into an agreement with Parsons Investments with stipulations per recommendation report.
MOTION CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pictou North Colchester Exhibition Request

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

COC-06-05-17-1878

MOTION: For staff to present at the next regular Council meeting a report that in part addresses:

- the legalities of amending the Firearms and Pyrotechnics By-Law;
- the process and timelines involved; and
- an estimate of time requirements.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Discharge of Fireworks during Tall Ships Visit

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

COC-06-05-17-1879

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to delegate authority to the Mayor and CAO to set the date and time the fireworks are to be discharged during the June-July Tall Ships 2017 event, for this one event only.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Budget Meetings

The next budget meeting will be held on June 12, 2017.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on proposed new crosswalk signs
- Question on unsightly and dog complaint
- Question on feeding feral cats

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: N LeBlanc
SECONDED: E. Daley

COC-06-05-17-1880

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Dan Currie
Deputy Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO