

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: Cst Kevin Murphy, RCMP
Kyle Slaunwhite, Project Manager
Paul Janes, Fire Chief/Fire Inspection
Jim Chisholm, Public Works
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Michelle Young, Recreation
Corey Smith, Town Accountant

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

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

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: DM Currie

COC-11-06-17-1998

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Fire Chief Janes highlighted:

- Some unforeseen issues with pumps on Truck 11
- Projector screen wall paid for by Society
- Upcoming: Remembrance Day Services

- Question on repair cost to Truck 11
- Comment that Lobster Dinner was good
- Question on collection of old radios

b. Fire Inspections

Several inspections are confirmed for November

c. RCMP

Cst. Kevin Murphy was in attendance and highlighted the RCMP report.

- Question on cannabis legislation and how it might be managed from RCMP perspective

d. Administrative

Deputy Clerk Battist provided an update on various financial, operational and human resource tasks, as well as by-laws and policies.

e. Public Works Department

J. Chisholm was on hand to answer questions.

- Question on fire hydrant
- Question on equipment tender
- Question on street patching
- Question on Caladh Ave lighting

f. Recreation & Parks

M. Young was unable to attend. Highlights of her report included:

- New floor tile in reception area and family change room at pool
- Accessibility audit will be completed in January of the pool
- New roofs on marina kiosks
- Waiting for grant requests to install automated doors in town-owned buildings
- Comment that deCoste should be also considered (Library design considers these upgrades)
- Christmas Light-up plans underway – December 1st

g. Variance Report

C. Smith was unable to attend but provided a written report.

- Question on regional library expenses

h. Project Management

K. Slaunwhite highlighted his report:

- Water treatment plant construction area is fenced in
- WWTP HVAC tender should be ready in November
- NSUARB approved capital spending of water treatment plant

- Question on communicating to unsuccessful tenderers
- Question on water main testing on Haliburton Road
- Question on timeline to complete water model

5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. CEF

- Trenton Park and HHQ – approved projects for the coming year
- Recruitment ongoing

b. Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame

- Looking to fall under Shared Services
- Rent locked in for two years at current location
- Colin White is the next inductee

c. PAB

- PAB Conference at Pictou Lodge this past fall
- A new full-time officer will soon be assigned to the Pictou detachment
- RCMP training at CN Station this Friday

d. MAP

- Committee reviewed marijuana legislation and prepared considerations/feedback for the Province
- Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Program for high schools in planning stages

e. Hector Arena

- A few initial problems with LED lights but working great now
- Rotary Club helped to update walking path

f. Northumberland Fisheries Museum

- Closed for the season
- Strategic planning meeting tomorrow
- Small venue rental option

g. Lobster Carnival

- AGM held in October
- Added three directors-at-large positions

h. Riverview Home

- No vacancies in group homes
- Looking at changing some beds to geriatric beds
- Looking to build some small group homes throughout the county

i. deCoste Centre

- Business and audience development plan – with outside consultant
- Revenue up over 100% from last year
- Started a speaker series
- Maintenance concerns with eavestrough, sprinkler system and a few other issues – J. Chisholm is asked to follow-up

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Roundabout Update

- Received deeds for Lots A, B & C
- RFP released in April but extended to October 31st
- In-camera Council session to have full review of RFPs – November 14
- Will follow-up with Parsons on Lot C Option Agreement

b. Off-highway Vehicles By-Law – Application Timeline

Council directed staff to prepare amendment options to shorten the special event application timeline. They also directed staff to develop a list of possible events that may be requested.

7. RECOMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

a. Water Computer Monitoring

MOVED: N LeBlanc
SECONDED: DM Currie

COC-11-06-17-1999

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting instruct staff to issue a change order for the inclusion of SCADA, PLC and Pressure Zone programming, pending solicitor input.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Seven-Day Notice – December Holiday Closure Policy

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: M Houser

COC-11-06-17-2000

MOTION: That the following serve as the required seven (7) day advance notice to adopt a new Town Policy entitled “December Holiday Closure”.
MOTION CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Deputy Mayor Appointment – 2017-18

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: E Daley

COC-11-06-17-2001

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting approve the appointment of Dan Currie as Deputy Mayor for the second term.
MOTION CARRIED

It was noted that DM Currie would continue to have signing authority.
D. Currie declared a conflict and abstained from voting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on when Pictou Academy will be turned over to Town
- Comment that Ken MacDonald is a good contact with the ATV Association of NS
- Comment that nice to see the deeds come forward from NSTIR for roundabout lands – long overdue from previous Council

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

COC-11-06-17-2002

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Nicole Battist
Deputy Clerk