

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: Cpl Darren Young, RCMP
Corey Smith, Town Accountant
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Kyle Slaunwhite, Project Manager
Paul Janes, Fire Chief/Fire Inspection
Jim Chisholm, Public Works
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: M Houser

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Northumberland Fishermen's Association

A presentation was made by Wayne Noel regarding the proposed effluent treatment facility for Northern Pulp. On behalf of the organization, Wayne asked the Town to consider three items (see presentation).

b. Friends of the Northumberland

A presentation was made by Jill Graham-Scanlan. Ms. Graham-Scanlan is a member of the Friends of the Northumberland Strait and spoke to her personal connection to the Northumberland Strait. She asked Council to pass three resolutions (see handout).

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: DM Currie

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MOTION: To recommend to Council that a letter be written to the NS Environment Minister, and the Federal Ministers of the Environment and Fisheries and Oceans, requesting a review of the environment assessment process being employed to assess the Northern Pulp proposal for effluent treatment. This request supports the completion of an Environment Assessment Report and the possibility of a Class 2 environmental assessment to insure that the best possible solution for effluent treatment, disposal and monitoring is used and the fishing industry on the Northumberland Strait is not placed at risk.

MOTION CARRIED

1 Nay – N LeBlanc

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

- Thanks was given to the Fire Department for their involvement with the Christmas Light Up
- Question on bunker gear cleaning
- Question on meaning of RIT – advanced fire fighter rescue training

b. Fire Inspections

No questions

c. RCMP

Cpl Young highlighted the RCMP report. Checkpoints will increase during the month of December.

- Question on Operation Red Nose Program
- Question on Mental Health Act calls

d. Administrative

Deputy Clerk Battist highlighted the Administrative Report.

- Question on Diamond Software Upgrades

e. Public Works Department

Most of J. Chisholm’s work this month was related to Haliburton Road project.

- Question on hydrant replacements

f. Recreation & Parks

M. Young highlighted:

- Increase in numbers at the pool
- Looking at bringing back outdoor rink this winter
- Christmas Light Up went well; addition of parade was enjoyed

g. Variance Report

C. Smith reported:

- Roughly \$30,000 in arrears was collected under Water Utility
- Over in Protective Services due to bunker gear purchase
- Over in Transportation because of paving
- Over in Environmental Services because of breakwater repairs
- Planning Tax Sale before year-end
- Question on Water Shut Offs
- Comment about the good work being done on overdue water accounts

h. Project Management

K. Slaunwhite highlighted his report:

- The walls are up on the WTP building
- WWTP HVAC tender to close in December
- Working on water model
- Question on flat rate and shadow bill water modeling

5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Lobster Carnival

- Successful Bingo fund raiser
- Upcoming – New Year’s Eve Skate fund raiser

b. Northumberland Fisheries Museum

- Community of Christmas Trees – 14 entrants
- Successful recent fundraiser

c. CEF

- Three community projects on the go – Trenton Campground, Pictou Foodbank, Stellarton Airwing Club
- A couple new recruits, but recruitment is ongoing

d. Sports Hall of Fame

- Looking for backup for curator
- Denied request to be under PCSSA umbrella
- NS Sports Hall of Fame Induction – Colin White
- Local Induction planned

e. Hector Arena

- Darla MacKeil is the new chair
- Renovations to one change room
- Two new receivers and valves in plant

f. PARL

- Library can assist with wi-fi hot spot along waterfront/downtown area

g. McCulloch House

- Decorated with old-fashioned Christmas theme
- Darby talks have been held on occasion – worth attending
- Gift Shop has an assortment of Scottish items for sale

h. Regional Economic Committee

- Inner Municipal Services Agreement for PC REN ongoing
- Question on whether the committee would continue once REN is in place

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

7. RECOMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Salt Hauling Tender

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

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MOTION: That Council during their next regular meeting award the Salt Hauling Tender to PC Bulk Carriers at a price of \$14.90/tonne, plus HST.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Salt Truck Tender

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

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MOTION: That Council during their next special meeting approve the purchase of a Freightliner 108SD with Larocelle box (salt truck) for \$140,693.40 plus HST (no blade) from Nova Truck Centres.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Service Truck Tender

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: DM Currie

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MOTION: That Council during their next special meeting approve the purchase of a 2012 Ford F-150 (service truck) for \$15,985, taxes included.
MOTION CARRIED

DM Currie asked for an analysis of leasing versus purchasing Town fleet, for next year's budget or before the next vehicle purchase.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. **RCMP**

A letter was received from the RCMP thanking the Town for the use of the CN Station for recent training.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on tender process
- Question on REN
- Question on library project expansion at deCoste Centre

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: N LeBlanc
SECONDED: M Houser

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Nicole Battist
Deputy Clerk