

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. PRIVATE SESSION – CONTRACT MATTER (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 *RTC-01-23-17-1765*
SECONDED: N. LeBlanc

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
8b. Veterans Drive
8c. Tour of Northern Pulp
MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Town Council – December 19, 2016 *RTC-01-23-17-1766*

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: E. Daley

MOTION: That the Regular Town Council Minutes of December 19, 2016 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Recreation and Parks – January 3, 2017

MOVED: N. LeBlanc *RTC-01-23-17-1767*
SECONDED: E. Daley

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks Minutes of January 3, 2017 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Committee of Council – January 9, 2017

MOVED: M. Houser
SECONDED: DM Currie

RTC-01-23-17-1768

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of January 9, 2017 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Special Committee of Council – January 16, 2017

MOVED: M. Houser
SECONDED: E. Daley

RTC-01-23-17-1769

MOTION: That the Special Committee of Council minutes of January 16, 2017 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Common Taxi By-Law COC-01-09-17-1762

MOVED: M. Houser
SECONDED: DM Currie

RTC-01-23-17-1770

MOTION: To pursue a common or uniform by-law provided that the following points be included within a review of the draft:

1. The Police Chiefs confirm that their proposed provisions 39 and 40 are intended to address the previously expressed inter-jurisdictional concerns;
2. That the draft wording for provisions 39 and 40 be vetted through a Municipal Solicitor; and
3. A legal opinion be obtained on the authority to enact a common by-law versus the adoption of six individual but identical by-laws (bearing in mind this aspect may have a bearing on the inter-jurisdictional issues).

MOTION CARRIED
2 nays – Councillors Daley and LeBlanc

b. Phase-in Commercial Assessment By-law COC-01-09-17-1762

MOVED: M. Houser
SECONDED: E. Daley

RTC-01-23-17-1771

MOTION: That staff are instructed to develop a Commercial Assessment Phase-In By-law.
MOTION CARRIED

6. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

Discussion was held around design tenders for the water treatment plant and pressure zones.

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: E. Daley

RTC-01-23-17- 1772

MOTION: To approve authorizing the Mayor and CAO to negotiate and execute an agreement with CBCL for the design of a water treatment plant and pressure zones.
MOTION CARRIED

7. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporations Report

i. Pictou County Shared Services Authority Inc.
No meetings were held in the last month.

ii. Pictou County Wellness Centre
Recommissioning Update – it was reported that several adjustments were made to the heating and cooling systems that should reduce overhead costs and an oversight committee is being established to allow for faster implementation of recommendations.

Question on how the public is charged for curbside collection.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Scheduling of Final Orientation Sessions
No further sessions are required at this time.

b. Veterans Drive
Staff have been asked to bring back a report on traffic counts or recommendations for traffic options for Veterans Drive at the February Committee Meeting.

c. Tour of Northern Pulp
Rescheduled to February 29, 2017

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment that the previous Council agreed to close street as a dead-end or make it a one-way street.
- Question on routes from ferry to Jitney Trail and water way for Trans Canada Trail.
- Question on whether incentives could be allowed for current commercial property owners in the downtown area.
- Question on plans for spring cleanup.
- Comment about reinstating outdoor skating rink.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: N. LeBlanc
SECONDED: E. Daley

RTC-01-23-17-1773

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO