

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Special Council meeting convened 9:10 am 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
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Meeting Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. TOWN BUDGET 2017-18

The CAO reviewed the updated proposed budget.

Deputy Mayor Currie declared a conflict regarding the New Caledonian Curling Club and left the room during discussions.

Consensus was to change the exemption (write-down) for the curling club from 9 to 12 months a year at the residential rate.

Deputy Mayor Currie returned to the meeting.

Council also agreed on the following:

- not to increase the Council honorarium
- to leave funding for the three crossing guards positions, but have the locations examined to see if they should be relocated
- to prepare an RFP for sale of the CN Station
- Grants to Organizations – agreement on all recommendations with the exception of:
 - William Austen request - \$0;
 - Youth Centre - \$1000 with oversight and pre-approval of spending to be completed by N. Battist;
 - Hector Arena - \$15,000 for operations and capital for this year only.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA

Meeting with Minister Mombourquette

Discussion was held around items to be discussed with Minister Mombourquette related to property and financial matters.

Deputy Clerk Job Description

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: DM Currie

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MOTION: To accept the Deputy Clerk job description as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

4. MEETING WITH MINISTER MOMBOURQUETTE (Minister of Municipal Affairs)

Items discussed included:

- the Town still waiting for conveyance of land at roundabout
- offering a thank you for PCAP funding for water treatment plant
- school building turnovers and closures – the process, the negative message it sends, the lack of consideration to the impact on municipalities with school turnover and turnover costs
- consideration of equalization grants and services towns are responsible for versus rural units
- the Town’s population growth strategies

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO