

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: Dan Troke, CAO
Cst Barry Camp, RCMP
Corey Smith, Town Accountant
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Kyle Slaunwhite, Project Manager
Jason MacLeod, Fire Department
Jim Chisholm, Public Works
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. PRIVATE SESSION – CONTRACT & PROPERTY MATTERS (5:45 PM)

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

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: M Houser

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. Haliburton Road Speeds

Mr. Granville Miller made a presentation on the speeds along Haliburton Road. His opinion is that speeds have increased since the road was recently paved. He is wondering what measures are being taken for enforcement. The Mayor advised the RCMP are spending some extra time monitoring speed on this road.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Jason MacLeod was on hand to answer questions.

- The group purchased a breathing machine to be able to refill the air bottles on sight.
- Helped MADD with a road block over the holidays.

b. Fire Inspections

N Battist to work with P Janes on a mailout template for necessary fire inspections.

c. RCMP

Cst Camp attended the meeting on behalf of the RCMP.

- Question on enforcement of one-way section on Veterans Drive
- Question on whether RCMP have noticed an increase in speeds along Haliburton Road since it was paved

d. Administrative

Deputy Clerk Battist highlighted the Administrative Report. The Mayor reported on a few additional items that were completed:

- Sent a number of letters to politicians regarding effluent treatment plant for Northern Pulp
- Letter on support for Addictions Services remaining in the Town of Pictou
- Letter on request for increased funding for Public Libraries
- Question on survey of gymnasium by Pictou Academy lot

e. Public Works Department

J Chisholm was on hand to answer questions.

- He reviewed the four watermain breaks that occurred over the past couple of weeks
- Question on alarms related to standpipe and water levels
- Question on deCoste Centre maintenance
- Question on maintenance to salt truck

f. Recreation & Parks

M Young highlighted:

- A few events planned for the pool over the winter months
- Numbers were strong at pool this holiday season
- Newsletter dispersed at start of new year
- Multisport program off to good start – collaborative project of Pictou County Recreation Departments and other organizations
- Comment that newsletter was well done
- Question on dates of Winter Carnival – February 9-11

g. Variance Report

C Smith reported:

- Still working on overdue water and tax accounts
- Spending controls on fire department and transportation going well
- Tax Sale planned before year-end
- Question on Transportation Services and what it entails
- Question on whether we tender for fuel

h. Project Management

K Slaunwhite highlighted:

- The capital paving projects, WWTP HVAC and water treatment plant
- Gathered consumption data to complete the water model
- Question on tender closing date for SCADA system
- Question on generators used for wells during power outages
- Question on water model and consumption usage

6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Quay

- More than 12,000 visitors this year; best year since taken over from the Town
- Plans to take ship out of water for repairs
- New interpretation plaques have been placed around site

b. deCoste Centre

- Sold out performances last two months
- January, February and March – 16 shows planned; 2 sold out already
- Launched new website
- Vacation Dream Draw is sold out

c. Riverview Home

- Operates on a balanced budget
- CEO retiring
- Additional group homes being built in the community

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Off-Highway Vehicles By-Law Amendment

MOVED: E Daley
SECONCED: M Houser

COC-01-08-18-2036

MOTION: That Council during their next regular meeting approve first reading of amendments to the Off-Highway Vehicles By-Law to allow for the development of a policy that permits the CAO or designate to grant certain Event Permits that include off-highway vehicles.

MOTION CARRIED

Council instructed staff to develop a policy with the following considerations:

- Liability insurance for event
- Special event information signage
- Parking requests
- Adequate time to advertise event
- Registration and insurance of all participants
- Registered organizations

8. RECOMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

Instruction was provided to the CAO on matters related to lands at the roundabout.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Viola's Place Society

A request was made from Viola's Place Society for the Town to contribute to the capital purchase of a building to provide a homeless shelter (\$3333 requested).

Council will consider the request for next year's budget. They would like more detail around operations and questioned whether the purchase of an old church is the most economic choice.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment that sign on Jitney Trail permits off-highway vehicles from Norway Point to Browns Point Road
- Question on being charged for flushing system in house
- Question on HVAC tender
- Question on preventive maintenance with infrastructure
- Question on water pressure and watermain breaks
- Comment about disappointment that Council decision was not to support Viola's Place Society provided they meet certain conditions

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: N LeBlanc

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SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO