

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
Corey Smith, Town Accountant
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Jim Chisholm, Public Works
Kyle Slaunwhite, Project Manager
Paul Janes, Fire Chief
Greg Deagle, RCMP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: E Daley

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. CARMA Cat Rescue

Chair Helen Baudoux-McLaughlin, Treasurer Barb Campbell and Head of Fundraising Allison Marshall were present. Ms. Baudoux-McLaughlin reported on their mandate and provided some statistics on successes in Pictou.

b. Pictou County Solid Waste

Regional Coordinator Susan MacDonald made a presentation on film plastic. Nova Scotians are doing a great job recycling it, however buyers of the product are drying up. Unless new buyers are found, this product will accumulate in recycling facilities. Ms. MacDonald is asking the Town to support the push for a Province-wide ban of single-use plastic bags.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Paul Janes was unable to attend the meeting. CAO Troke highlighted the report.

b. Fire Inspections

There was no activity this past month.

c. RCMP

CAO Troke highlighted the RCMP report.

d. Public Works Department

J Chisholm was unable to attend the meeting. CAO Troke reviewed his report.

- Question on snow plowing budget
- Question on salt truck issue of repairs

e. Recreation & Parks

M Young highlighted her report and answered questions:

- Accessibility Audit for the pool completed
- Outdoor rink was dismantled today – an evaluation of this service will take place
- Question on marina lease
- Question on staff hours required for the outdoor rink

f. Variance Report

C Smith reported on the operational budget and answered questions. Reasons for variances include:

- General – under because of CAO vacancy
- Transportation – over in equipment repairs
- Question on costs related to Pictou County Solid Waste

g. Project Management

CAO Troke reviewed K Slaunwhite's report.

- Question on cost-share of the water treatment plant and meeting required deadlines

5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Hector Arena – E Daley

- Closing mid to end of March depending on tournaments

b. Riverview Home Corporation – M Houser

- Interviews for CEO next week
- Award from WCB for decrease in work-loss time

c. deCoste Centre – M Houser

- Will be working to fill a staff vacancy with retirement of Darlene MacDonald

d. McCulloch Museum & Genealogy Society – DM Currie

- Articles appear in Advocate each week
- Tartan Day plans underway
- Hector 250 preliminary planning

- e. Pictou Business and Marketing Society (PBMS) – M Houser
 - Plans underway for implementing several new programs and events

- f. Lobster Carnival – N LeBlanc
 - Updates to website completed
 - Two fundraisers coming up

- g. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc
 - Fishcake Fundraiser a success
 - March 13 – AGM

- h. PC Sports Hall of Fame – E Daley
 - Rent locked in for two years
 - Donation blitz taking place for operations
 - Discussions on whether the centre may remain open with curator stepping down in fall

- i. Construction Engineering Flight (CEF) – E Daley
 - No new projects presented last month
 - Work on building for fire code purposes
 - Opportunity Shop work should be started soon

- j. MAP – DM Currie
 - Plans continue for an inner-generational forum

- k. Cruise Committee – DM Currie
 - New cruise line company coming in June

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. Firearms and Pyrotechnics By-Law – First Reading

After reviewing the draft by-law, Council provided directive to staff on the following:

 - Allow sale of air rifles, fire crackers and firearms
 - Question on whether items already prohibited by law need to be mentioned in the by-law
 - Consideration of locations where it is appropriate to sell firearms
 - Allow Town staff to issue permits to explode or discharge air rifles, fire firecrackers or firearms when desired
 - Consider changing definition of air rifle to permit usage when it is not capable of causing harm
 - Add Offence Enforcement and Penalty section

MOVED: E Daley
SECONCED: N LeBlanc

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MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting approve first reading of amendments to the Firearms and Pyrotechnics By-law.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Commercial Development District Improvements By-Law – First Reading

MOVED: DM Currie

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SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting approve first reading of the Commercial Development District Improvements By-Law.

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted that this reading will replace the first reading from July 10, 2017.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pest Control

Raccoons, pigeons and rodent control were discussed. Council would like to emphasize the importance of the public not feeding these animals. The cost for pigeon pest control with one company is estimated at \$24,000. Council will consider this option during budget deliberations.

b. Film Plastic Ban

MOVED: N LeBlanc

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SECONDED: DM Currie

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting request the Province consider a provincial ban on single use plastic bags.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on Veterans Drive and Partners Construction related offer
- Question on commercial versus residential fireworks
- Question on air-guns used for construction purposes

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: M Houser

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SECONDED: N LeBlanc

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO