

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: Councillors Eric Daley, Malcolm Houser and Nadine LeBlanc

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Troke, CAO
Corey Smith, Town Accountant
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Kyle Slaunwhite, Project Manager
Paul Janes, Fire Chief
Bronwyn Duffy, Town Solicitor
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Dan Currie
Jim Chisholm, Public Works
Greg Deagle, RCMP

1. PRIVATE SESSION – CONTRACT & PROPERTY MATTERS (5:30 PM)

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

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

A moment of silence was held to honour members of the Humboldt Broncos who were killed in a bus crash.

Brian Kellock and Nina Davey were honoured earlier in the day at the Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony in Halifax – Brian as Pictou’s Volunteer Representative of the Year and Nina as Nova Scotia’s Youth Volunteer.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: E Daley

COC-04-09-18-2088

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. Federal Government Update – MP Sean Fraser

MP Sean Fraser also acknowledged the Humboldt tragedy and the outstanding volunteers in our community.

The primary purpose of MP Fraser’s presentation was to speak about an announcement planned for April 10 regarding new federal funding opportunities. The Phase 2 Federal

Infrastructure Program includes funding for public transit; green initiatives; community, culture and recreation; rural and remote communities; and enabling accessibility.

MP Fraser also took the opportunity to speak about the proposed replacement of the effluent treatment plant for Northern Pulp. The Town had previously sent a letter to the Provincial and Federal ministries asking for a complete environmental assessment of the project and that there be no risk to the fishing industry. MP Fraser spoke to the matter from a federal perspective. The federal government does not get involved until a proposal is filed. The decision is based solely on whether the level of pollutants proposed to be released into the water meets the federal guidelines outlined in the Fisheries Act. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency may also get involved by completing an assessment that is independent of government. MP Fraser ended his time with pointing out that although it may appear no action is being taken on a file, it is normal and necessary for time being needed to assess projects.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Paul Janes was on hand to answer questions and hear comments related to:

- Question on priming pump that was replaced under warranty
- Question on training from static water supply
- Annual banquet was a success

b. RCMP

CAO Troke highlighted the RCMP report.

c. Administrative

Question on Active PC renewal.

d. Public Works Department

J Chisholm was not available. K Slaunwhite and CAO Troke aided in presenting the report and answering questions, which included:

- Question on cost of boiler at CEF
- Question on Well #8 failure

e. Recreation & Parks

M Young highlighted her report and answered questions:

- Received funding for four automated doors
- Received an increase in Canada Day funding
- Planning volunteer events – provincial and local
- Go Clean Get Green plans underway
- Accessibility Report completed on the physical component of the pool building – an audit related to visual needs and staff training for providing services will be separate
- Question on skatepark project

f. Variance Report

C Smith reported on the variance report:

- Projected \$80,000 surplus
- Working on tax sale for summer
- Question on garbage collection

g. Project Management

K Slaunwhite highlighted his report:

- Working on 2019 capital budget
- Working on new water model
- Question on when pressure zone work will begin

6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Hector Arena – E Daley

- Closed end of March
- Small profit realized this fiscal year
- Radiator repair on Zamboni completed
- Several events coming up

b. PC Sports Hall of Fame – E Daley

- Working on succession plan
- Received a flag from Brody Blair

c. Lobster Carnival – N LeBlanc

- Ham Dinner fundraiser coming up
- New website just launched

d. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc

- Annual cleanup work party tomorrow
- Prepping for summer opening
- Room upstairs being rented more frequently

e. Regional Economic Committee – Mayor Ryan

- Will disband once Regional Enterprise Network (REN) established

f. Hector Quay Society – M Houser

- The ship will now be removed from the water this fall for repairs

g. DEANS – M Houser

- Annual gala is this week at Glasgow Square
- AGM is scheduled for June 4th in Tangier

h. deCoste Entertainment Centre – M Houser

- The annual gala “Phantom of the Opera Ballet” was well attended with over 360 in attendance
- Possible facilities improvements meeting to be held with the Town this week

- i. Riverview Home Corporation – M Houser
 - Search for a new CEO continues; hopes are to have someone in place by the end of May

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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

MOVED: N LeBlanc *COC-04-09-18-2089*
SECONDED: E Daley

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

- b. Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Heating Ventilation and Cooling

MOVED: E Daley *COC-04-09-18-2090*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting accept Change Order 1 at a cost of \$26,904 + HST, which includes all code upgrades at the WWTP.
MOTION CARRIED

- c. Inter-Municipal Services Agreement (IMSA) – Regional Enterprise Network (REN)

The Mayor highlighted an agreement with all six municipalities to develop and implement a regional economic strategy.

MOVED: N LeBlanc *COC-04-09-18-2091*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting approve entering into an IMSA with the five municipal units of Pictou County for the purposes of establishing a REN.
MOTION CARRIED

8. PRIVATE SESSION

The Mayor reported that the REN IMSA was discussed. An update was also provided on a tender (contract matters).

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Spring Cleanup

MOVED: E Daley *COC-04-09-18-2092*
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting approve a 2018 Spring Cleanup for the Town.
MOTION CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. 2018 Union of NS Municipalities (UNSM) Priorities – UNSM

Ten items have been suggested by the UNSM. Council was in agreement with the suggestions. They also wanted to add the financial strain of surplus buildings being handed over to towns by provincial authorities.

b. Deer Population – Town of Truro

For information purposes, a letter was circulated relating to the increase in the deer population in and around towns. It was noted that domestic feeding of wildlife is not healthy for animals in the long run.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on local archery group as it related to the Firearms and Pyrotechnics By-Law
- Comment on snow removal expenses
- Question on WWTP Heating Ventilation and Cooling tender

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

COC-04-09-18-2093

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO