

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  
Kyle Slaunwhite, Project Manager  
Greg Deagle, RCMP  
Jim Chisholm, Public Works  
Paul Janes, Fire Chief  
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

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

**2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: M Houser  
SECONDED: E Daley

*COC-05-07-18-2110*

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:  
8b. Former PA Building  
MOTION CARRIED

**4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

Paul Janes commented that the brigade has been completing sprinkler pre-plan training of building throughout the Town. He answered questions related to:

- Michelin pre-pal training
- Trenton Connector grass fire

b. RCMP

Cpl Deagle reviewed his report. He pointed out:

- the main reasons for certain file increases in numbers relates to patrols of Veterans Drive and spot checks
- Northern Pulp protests have been respectful and peaceful
- participated in presentation at Pictou Academy on impaired driving and cyber bullying
- enhanced patrols of new water treatment facility area are taking place
- comment was made about ensuring safety of all participants at future Northern Pulp Protests

c. Administrative

Deputy Clerk Battist reviewed her report. She also answered questions on:

- fire brigade insurance
- Office Support Position

d. Public Works Department

J Chisholm answered questions related to:

- watermain break on Haliburton Road
- ditching in the Heights

e. Recreation & Parks

M Young highlighted report highlights.

- vision-audit of pool for people and vision impairments
- seasonal maintenance staff began work in April
- attended Saltscapes Expo
- cruise ships start arriving in June
- a number of events and community projects ongoing
- discussions on Veterans Park have begun

f. Project Management

K Slaunwhite highlighted his report and answered questions.

- all treatment tanks have been delivered and are ready for installation at the Water Treatment Plant
- Water Model Rate will be presented at the May Regular Council meeting
- Question on reclassification of wells
- Question on security of Water Treatment Plant in the long-term

**5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Police Advisory Board (PAB) – E Daley

- Spoke about the new Highlanders Club in community
- MADD presentation at Pictou Academy
- Discussion around radar and speed signs

b. Construction Engineering Flight (CEF) – E Daley

- Personnel working on projects throughout Province
- Recruiting ongoing; 10 new recruits
- Mural in Board Room to commemorate the Black Battalion

c. PC Sports Hall of Fame – E Daley

- Plans underway to develop new web page and seek new sources of funding
- Succession planning active again

d. MAP – DM Currie

- Intergenerational forum coming up
- Concern over cannabis laws

- e. Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) – DM Currie
  - Antigonish library is a vibrant and amazing facility
  - 6 students hired for summer placements
  - Library Walk this Wednesday
  - AGM – June 24 in New Glasgow
  
- f. Hector Quay Society – M Houser
  - Volunteers are busy with maintenance projects to prepare for upcoming season
  - Pursuing fund raising campaign
  
- g. deCoste Entertainment Centre – M Houser
  - LED lights now throughout building
  - Working on heating upgrade possibilities and purchase of a chair lift
  - New shows being added all the time, with many sellouts
  
- h. Riverview Home Corporation – M Houser
  - CEO recruitment continues
  
- i. DEANS – M Houser
  - Annual gala was a sell out – Tall Ships Pictou won Festivals and Events Award; Al Bosse won Fleur Mainville Ambassador award
  
- j. Pictou Business – M Houser
  - Building Façade Improvements Program ready to launch
  - 3 new festivals/events scheduled for this season
  
- k. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc
  - Busy with bus tours, school visits and hiring students
  
- l. Lobster Carnival – N LeBlanc
  - Constantly fundraising – Pancake Breakfast and a wrestling event coming up

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- a. Aberdeen Hospital Emergency Access Road

MOVED: DM Currie

*COC-05-07-18-2111*

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting approve that the Deed Transfer Tax pay the Town of Pictou’s share of the expense related to this Access Road, so long as all six municipalities contribute and all members of the Deed Transfer Tax agree.

MOTION CARRIED

2 Nays – M Houser; N LeBlanc

**7. PRIVATE SESSION**

a. Visitor Information Centre (VIC) – update

MOVED: M Houser  
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

*COC-05-07-18-2112*

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting approve the purchase of the building known as the VIC and surrounding land (being a portion of PID #65094971) for \$1 plus survey and appraisal fees.  
MOTION CARRIED

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

a. 2018 Capital Budget

Project Manager Slaunwhite presented a draft capital budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

MOVED: DM Currie  
SECONDED: E Daley

*COC-05-07-18-2113*

MOTION: That Council at their next special meeting approve the draft Town capital budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 with expenditures totaling \$1,922,080 (of which \$404,333 is to be borrowed and \$295,000 is to be transferred from 2018-19 town operating)  
MOTION CARRIED

Council noted that \$404,333 is to be the maximum borrowed; however, should any capital projects come in under budget, they would like to see that funding invested in additional paving.

b. Former PA Building

Council directed staff to prepare an Expression of Interest document for the building and land.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on when operating budget will be presented
- Comment that there will be no planned council meetings in August, unless necessary
- Regular Council will take place next Monday
- Question on crosswalks at Water and Church Street
- Question on paving tender
- Question on operations for hospital access road
- Question on original loop road hospital access road
- Question on cost of Beeches Road paving and infrastructure project
- Question on cost of VIC
- Question on cost of land purchased for hospital access road

- Question on Ship Hector repair status

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: N LeBlanc  
SECONDED: M Houser

*COC-05-07-18-2114*

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

---

James J. Ryan  
Mayor

---

Dan Troke  
CAO