

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
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Kyle Slaunwhite, Project Manager
Jim Chisholm, Public Works
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT: Paul Janes, Fire Chief
Greg Deagle, RCMP
Corey Smith, Town Accountant

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: N LeBlanc
SECONDED: M Houser

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MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
8c. McCulloch Education Centre Program Changes
MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

- Fire Chief Janes was unable to attend the meeting
- Question on what the annual drill entails

b. RCMP

- No one from the RCMP was available to attend
- A request was made that the Mayor bring to the Mayors/Warden the matter of cannabis legalization and creating consistency with local legislation in Pictou County

c. Administrative

- Question on new contract for fire inspection services

d. Public Works Department

- Question on breakwater

- Question on Spring Cleanup
- e. Recreation & Parks
 - M Young highlighted plans for pool summer shutdown, cruise symposium and Market Square development
 - Question on installation dates of banners and signs along West River Road, Water Street and Caladh Avenue
 - Question on Jitney Trail pathway upgrades
- f. Project Management
 - K Slaunwhite highlighted his report and answered questions
 - Question on standing offers
 - Question on potential delay of water treatment plant project

5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

- a. Pictou Lobster Carnival – N LeBlanc
 - Now meeting on weekly basis
 - Now focusing on event details
- b. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc
 - Opens tomorrow from 10-4 each day
- c. Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) – DM Currie
 - AGM in New Glasgow in June
 - Finance Committee working on budget
 - Usage is increasing
 - Pictou Place meeting held on upcoming work
- d. Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP) – DM Currie
 - Continue to discuss challenges with cannabis legislation
 - Inter-generational Forum held on May 23
- e. Hector Arena – E Daley
 - Balanced the books this past year
 - Building in great shape
 - Walking program well attended
- f. Construction Engineering Flight (CEF) – E Daley
 - Installing generator at Summer Street Industries
 - Air Force Club 110 Wing project nearing completion in Stellarton
 - Chair Lawrence LeBlanc planning to retire in the near future
- g. PC Sports Heritage Hall of Fame – E Daley
 - Meeting in future to discuss future operations/sustainability
 - Going to develop a new webpage

- h. Hector Heritage Quay – M Houser
 - Opened May 27
 - 51 bus tours booked to date
- i. Riverview Home Corporation – M Houser
 - New CEO hired
- j. DEANS – M Houser
 - Pictou VIC opens next Monday
 - AGM held today
- k. Pictou Business – M Houser
 - 14 to 16 façade improvements anticipated; some outside of the program
 - Workshop on façade improvements next Monday
- l. deCoste Entertainment Centre
 - Hosting Provincial Cultural Workshop this Thursday
- m. Regional Economic Committee
 - Inter-municipal Services Agreement (IMSA) signed by five units, with one outstanding due to a timing matter
 - Next step – goes to Municipal Affairs for approval
 - Nominees being worked on
 - Regional Economic Committee dissolved

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. Former Pictou Academy Building – Expression of Interest

A report from the meeting has been completed and is posted on the Town website. Next steps include calling for Expressions of Interest. Staff are asked to look at wording around setting a deadline for the fall, with the option to move forward sooner if a proposal is promising.

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

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MOTION: That staff prepare an outline for the next Regular Council meeting on the conditions of an Expression of Interest document for the Former PA Building.
MOTION CARRIED

7. PRIVATE SESSION

- a. Roundabout Lands

The Mayor reported on the following developments:

 - Lot C – in negotiations on a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Parsons Investments Ltd
 - Lot A – in negotiations with a developer

The Mayor also reported that discussions were held around:

- Policy changes to Public Works services
- Derelict properties management

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games – Sponsorship

MOVED: N LeBlanc

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SECONDED: DM Currie

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting approve donating \$750 to the event under the Pictou County umbrella.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Seven Day Notice – Destruction of Documents Policy

MOVED: N LeBlanc

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SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the following serve as the required seven (7) day advance notice to adopt a new Town Policy entitled “Destruction of Documents”, with one amendment – that East Hants be changed to Pictou in one provision.

MOTION CARRIED

c. McCulloch Education Centre (MEC) Program Changes

The Mayor reported that he was made aware of some changes scheduled to take place next year at MEC, including:

- The Grade 7 & 8s will not be offered technical education classes at Pictou Academy facilities in the upcoming year
- Classroom space at MEC is limited – the library will need to be used for classes next year; there is no space for pre-primary classes in the next few years

The Mayor prepared a letter asking for these programs to continue at PA until a permanent solution is found. He is also asking that the addition of a new gymnasium, presentation centre and classrooms be added to Pictou Academy allowing Grades 7 and 8s to return to that facility.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: N LeBlanc

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SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO