

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:35 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
Corey Smith, Town Accountant
Jim Chisholm, Public Works
Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT: Paul Janes, Fire Chief

1. PRIVATE SESSION – PROPERTY MATTERS (5:30 pm)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: DM Currie

COC-10-01-18-2177

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Fire Chief Janes was not available for the meeting; there were no questions.

b. RCMP

- Cpl Deagle reported the Emergency Services Demonstration Day held at McCulloch Education Centre was a success
- Question on increase in non-moving traffic and moving traffic
- Question on testing of cannabis impairment

As the Local Traffic Authority, Cpl Deagle reviewed his report to determine if the configuration of the intersection at Coleraine/Front/Water could be made safer and more driver-friendly. The report will be sent back to staff for implementation/recommendations.

c. Administrative

- Deputy Clerk Battist reported on requirements for Council to adhere to Bill 10 which made amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* to strengthen municipal accountability and transparency.
- She also highlighted vacancies on Committees of Council

d. Public Works Department

- Comment was made that staff did a good job of the re-location of the business directory

e. Recreation & Parks

- Busy with school swim lessons and an increase in private rentals this fall
- Resurfacing of asphalt on Jitney Trail taking place
- Working on a design of the skateboard park
- Another successful cruise visit occurred yesterday, with one more cruise set for next Friday

f. Project Management

- Staff are ready to go online with the water treatment plant; awaiting approval from NS Environment
- A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on October 19
- The Water Rate Hearing is scheduled for October 17 at 11:00 am in Council Chambers

g. Variance

C Smith presented highlights of the Operating Budget. He also indicated there will be a Tax Sale on October 30.

5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Hector Quay Society, Riverview Home Corporation, Pictou Business & Marketing Society and deCoste Entertainment Centre – M Houser

M Houser submitted a written report for the Hector Quay, Riverview Home, Pictou Business & Marketing Society and the deCoste Centre.

b. Police Advisory Board – N Le Blanc

- Emergency Services Demonstration was highlighted

c. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc

- Closed for the season
- Rental space available

d. Hector Arena – E Daley

- Successful exhibition; increase in numbers
- Getting ready for ice season
- Refrigeration system maintenance completed
- Zamboni is now wrapped in Home Hardware graphics

e. Construction Engineering Flight – E Daley

- Cam Beaton is settling in as the new chair of the committee

- Recruitment campaign continues
- f. PC Sports Hall of Fame – E Daley
 - Preparations are underway for planning of the 100-year anniversary
 - Succession planning has started up again
- g. McCulloch House and Regional Library – DM Currie
DM Currie submitted a written report for McCulloch House and the Library.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

Prior to implementing a Ditches and Culverts Working Policy, staff were given direction to review the status of ditches and culverts throughout the town and to incorporate town priorities into the Capital Plan.

The potential purchase of a town-owned lot was discussed, as well as scheduling an in-camera meeting to set minimum bids for the upcoming Tax Sale.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. Veterans Drive One-Way Street Review
A public meeting will be held on Monday, October 22 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Letter of Authorization and Resolution of Pre-Approval – General Fund Debenture Financing
MOVED: DM Currie *COC-10-01-18-2178*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That Council at their next regular meeting pass the following resolutions:

WHEREAS Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for \$157,664 was approved by the Minister on January 11, 2018;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states, that in accordance with the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, the mayor and clerk shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Town of Pictou borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$157,664, for a period not to exceed seventeen years, subject to the approval of the Minister;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Pictou in the amount that the mayor and clerk deem proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

AND

WHEREAS Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for \$256,752 was approved by the Minister on January 11, 2018;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states, that in accordance with the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, the mayor and clerk shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Town of Pictou borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$256,752, for a period not to exceed ten years, subject to the approval of the Minister;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Pictou in the amount that the mayor and clerk deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

MOTION CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on defibulators in other town buildings
- Question on water treatment plant pamphlet distribution
- Question on replacing pipes under streets before they are re-paved

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

COC-10-01-18-2179

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

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO