

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 Nadine LeBlanc; Councillors Dan Currie and Malcolm Houser

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Troke, CAO
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Kyle Slaunwhite, Project Manager
Jason MacLeod, Fire Department
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT: Councillor Eric Daley
Corey Smith, Town Accountant
Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP

1. PUBLIC SESSION – PUBLIC HEARING (6:00 PM)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: N LeBlanc
SECONDED: M Houser

COC-11-05-18-2194

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
8a. Marina Breakwater
MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

- Jason MacLeod highlighted the fire department report.
- He also indicated the department was successful in receiving a \$20,000 grant from the Province to be used to purchase breathing apparatuses.

b. RCMP

- Cpl Deagle is away on training
- Mayor Ryan highlighted the RCMP report

c. Administrative

- Deputy Clerk Battist highlighted her report
- Question on location of AMANS Spring Conference

d. Recreation & Parks

- Highlights were provided by Michelle Young
- There is a page on the Town website dedicated to Christmas events that begin next week
- Question on status of working group for Veterans Park location and other plans

e. Public Works

- Jim Chisholm retired on October 31, 2018 after 32 years of service.
- His report was highlighted by CAO Troke.

f. Project Management

- Tests indicate 100% removal of iron and manganese to date
- Annual water flushing will take place November 20 & 21 – discoloration and low pressure is anticipated
- Waterline on Pine Tree Road in service as of today
- Question on what GUDI means and purpose of testing
- Question on other location of new pressure zones
- Question on ability of Town to host an open house of the water treatment plant on a weekend
- Question on guardrail replacement

g. Variance

On behalf of Corey Smith, CAO Troke reported:

- New columns have been added to the report – “Year-end Forecast” and “Forecast Surplus/Deficit”
- For forecast purposes, there is a small deficit of \$3,000 as of September 30, 2018
- Question on “Regional Planning” and “Culture - Other Initiatives”

5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

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

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

b. Police Advisory Board – DM Le Blanc

- A forensic officer was a guest speaker at the last meeting

c. Pictou Lobster Carnival – DM LeBlanc

- AGM was held on October 30
- Upcoming Fundraisers – Christmas Basket Tickets, New Year’s Eve Skate and Gift Card Bingo

d. Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP) – D Currie

- Inter-generational forum being reviewed
- Cannabis review being studied for control recommendations
- MAP Provincial Committees meeting coming up

- e. McCulloch House & Genealogy Center – D Currie
 - Coming Up: 150 years of Remarkable Nova Scotians Exhibit
 - Old Fashioned Christmas Decorations – November 17 & 18
 - Several Darby Lectures scheduled over the next few months
- f. Hector Arena – D Currie
 - Ice is operational – one little problem was sorted out
 - Indoor walkway available

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

No meeting held

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Veterans Drive – Review of One-Way Street

A public participation meeting was held giving the citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns on the topic.

A number of traffic calming and safety suggestions were made by councilors.

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: M Houser

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MOTION: To recommend that Council reopen the section of Veterans Drive between the intersection with Dunromin Terrace and the Legion parking lot to two-way traffic upon installation of traffic calming measures.

MOTION CARRIED

A report will be presented at the next Regular Council meeting, provided no issues arise.

b. Expressions of Interest – Former Pictou Academy Building

Staff reported:

- The Expression of Interest closed on November 1
- No formal business plans were submitted
- One written submission was submitted in confidence
- Other parties have expressed verbal interest
- No decisions have been made; Council is still interested in speaking with interested parties and will follow up with the written proponent

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Marina Breakwater

Damage to decking on the breakwater occurred over the weekend. With the crane operators strike, it cannot be removed in the traditional manner for the time being. Other options are being considered.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Northern Pulp

The Mayor entered into public record the following:

- On October 22, the media reported Northern Pulp had a revised proposed pipe route that would go along the TCH 106 to Caribou Harbour crossing over the Town’s watershed supply.
- On the afternoon of October 24, the Town wrote Northern Pulp about the plans and lack of communication with the Town.
- On the afternoon of October 24, the Northern Pulp manager contacted the Mayor directly and apologized for the lack of communication; a related letter was forwarded to the Town on October 26
- On November 1, the Town responded to indicate any plans to install pipe across the Town’s watershed would be unacceptable.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on well generator maintenance
- Question on number of operators that received water treatment plant training
- Comment that municipalities cannot reduce speeds below 50, but may be able to enact bylaw to reduce speeds at bus stop locations
- Comment that breakwaters can withstand winter weather in water so long as locking pins are removed
- Question on Superintendent’s retirement
- Comment on options for Veterans Drive traffic calming
- Comment of appreciation for the Town corresponding with Northern Pulp
- Question on whether Northern Pulp letter can be sent to Environment and Climate Change Minister, Premier MacNeil, Tim Houston, Friends of Northumberland Strait and Clean the Mill Group
- Question on whether Pictou Academy could be used for new library or another town use

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: M Houser

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SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO