

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, Eric Daley and Malcolm Houser

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Troke, CAO
Michelle Young, Recreation
Kyle Slaunwhite, Public Works
Corey Smith, Town Accountant
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT: Paul Janes, Fire Chief
Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: DM LeBlanc
SECONDED: D Currie

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MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
7b. Council Remuneration
MOTION CARRIED

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Chief Janes was not present; a report was not available

b. RCMP

Cpl Deagle was unable to attend the meeting but met with the Mayor and CAO in advance of the meeting. Mayor Ryan highlighted a few points from the report.

c. Administrative

Deputy Clerk Battist highlighted her report.

- Question on Contractor Orientation module related to health hand safety

d. Public Works

Acting Superintendent Slaunwhite highlighted his report.

- Question on what “locates” means
- Question on plowing equipment
- Question about on-call duties
- Question on Well #17

e. Recreation & Parks

Highlights of the recreation report were provided by Michelle Young.

- Christmas Light Up had a great turnout and ran well
- Question on what Sport Tourism entails
- Question on next Veterans Park meeting date
- Comment that Christmas lights look nice

f. Variance

Town Accountant Smith highlighted areas with major variances.

- Over in RCMP – full complement of staff unanticipated
- Under in Transportation – due to Equipment and Maintenance areas
- Over in Environmental – additional costs related to marina and downtown beautification
- Under in Recreation – mainly because of fuel not being required during summer months at the former PA building
- Projection of \$5,500 surplus
- Question on CN Station expenses

4. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

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

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

b. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – DM LeBlanc

- 8 or 9 community trees will be on display

c. Pictou Lobster Carnival – DM LeBlanc

- Gift Card Bingo is on December 9
- New Year's Skate planned

d. Hector Arena – E Daley

- Parking lot and road newly paved
- Lost some coolant this summer, repairs completed
- Reconditioned Zamboni
- Ice rentals up 9% over last year
- Legion donated funding to help offset staffing
- Power has decreased

e. Pictou County Hall of Fame – E Daley

- Working on succession plan

f. McCulloch House & Genealogy Center – D Currie

- 150 years of Remarkable Nova Scotians Exhibit on now
- Gift shop has a nice Scottish selection
- Ongoing Darby lecture series

5. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

No meeting held

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Veterans Drive – Review of One-Way Street

CAO Troke presented an Information Note that he prepared. He is awaiting comments from the Local Traffic Authority before the report is tabled with Council.

- Question on whether there is enough space for a walk path

b. Council and CAO Expenses

It is now a requirement that Council and CAO expenses are publicly posted on a quarterly basis. A format was presented and agreed to by Council. Staff will post the expenses on the website in the coming days.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Eastlink Tower behind Public Works Building

Council is requesting that Eastlink attend an upcoming meeting to discuss timelines and public consultation plans related to a proposal to install a tower behind the Public Works building.

b. Council Remuneration

Staff were directed to prepare a report for the new year to provide options on pay increases that will help offset changes to federal taxes for councilors.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on how long it will take for the barriers to be removed from Veterans Drive
- Question on Haliburton Road curbing
- Question on Protection Services review (RCMP Contract)
- Question on cruise ship investment
- Question on sidewalk plowing along Veterans Drive

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: DM LeBlanc

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SECONDED: D Currie

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO