

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular 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 and Malcolm Houser

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Troke, CAO
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Councillor Nadine LeBlanc

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

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER (6:30 PM)

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: DM Currie *RTC-01-22-18-2040*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
8a. Petition – Veterans Drive
8b. Accessibility – Town Properties
MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – December 18, 2017

MOVED: E Daley *RTC-01-22-18-2041*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of December 18, 2017 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Committee of Council – January 8, 2018

MOVED: M Houser *RTC-01-22-18-2042*
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of January 8, 2018 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Recreation and Parks – January 16, 2018

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: M Houser

RTC-01-22-18-2043

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes of January 16, 2018 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Off-Highway Vehicles By-Law Amendment COC-01-08-18-2036

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: DM Currie

RTC-01-22-18-2044

MOTION: To approve first reading of amendments to the Off-Highway Vehicles By-Law to allow for the development of a policy that permits the CAO or designate to grant certain Event Permits that include off-highway vehicles.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Update – Commercial Assessment Phase-In By-Law & Amendments to the Secondary Planning Strategy

N Battist provided an update on the status of outstanding steps. Pending no major issues, the strategy and by-law can go to final reading at the March Regular Council meeting.

6. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporations Reports:

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre

Minutes of the January 15 meeting were circulated.

ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority

The AGM was held earlier today. Highlights from the meeting included the introduction of new board member positions, the transition process with the new management system, and presenting the financial statements.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

a. RFP – System Integration WTP

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: M Houser

RTC-01-22-18-2045

MOTION: To award the Water Treatment Plant Programming and SCADA contract to CBCL Consulting Engineers for \$75,017 + HST.
MOTION CARRIED

It was noted the lowest qualified bid was recommended.

The Town will also be reviewing policing needs, service models and associated costs over the coming months. Proposals for lands near the roundabout are still being considered.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Petition – Veterans Drive

A petition to re-open Veterans Drive as a two-way street was tabled by Councillor Houser.

MOVED: M Houser

RTC-01-22-18-2046

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That Council receive a petition for future consideration to re-open Veterans Drive as a two-way street.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Accessibility – Town Properties

Council has requested staff complete an assessment of town-owned buildings, facilities, infrastructure and other services in relation to accessibility.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Partners Construction – Veterans Drive

A letter was received from Partners Construction offering some suggestions for alternatives to traffic flow on Veterans Drive, along with an offer to pay for these suggestions. The letter was tabled for future discussions.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment that Council is to be commended for making accessibility a priority
- Question on Mayor’s position on banning plastic
- Comment by a resident that current RCMP contract works well and hopes that decision is based on more than saving money; also suggested that an ad-hoc committee be established to contribute to the review
- Question on RFP scoring matrix of development of lands at roundabout
- Question on status of Town purchase of VIC lands
- Comment that there is not enough space for vehicles and motorized wheelchairs on Veterans Drive
- Comment that another Veterans Drive petition will soon be presented
- Comment on location of a new Veterans Park
- Question on expiry of RCMP Service Contract

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: E Daley

RTC-01-22-18-2047

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO