

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, Malcolm Houser and Nadine LeBlanc

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

DM Currie noted the contributions made to the community and the Town by former Chief Bedford who recently passed away.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: N LeBlanc *RTC-03-19-18-2072*
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
3b. Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month
5e. Accessibility Update
6 i. PCSSA
6ii. PCWC
8b. FCM Conference
MOTION CARRIED

3. PROCLAMATION

a. Purple Day for Epilepsy
MOVED: DM Currie *RTC-03-19-18-2073*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That March 26, 2018 be proclaimed Epilepsy Day in Pictou.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month
MOVED: E Daley *RTC-03-19-18-2074*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That April 2018 be proclaimed Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month in Pictou.
MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Recreation & Parks – February 22, 2018

MOVED: N LeBlanc

RTC-03-19-18-2075

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes of February 22, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Regular Council – February 26, 2018

MOVED: DM Currie

RTC-03-19-18-2076

SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of February 26, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Committee of Council – March 5, 2018

MOVED: N LeBlanc

RTC-03-19-18-2077

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of March 5, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Upcoming Public Consultation Meetings

i. Pictou Academy Building

The Meeting will be held April 11 at 7:00 pm in the Pictou Academy Small Gym. People will have the opportunity to tour the former Pictou Academy building from 6:00-6:45 pm. A short survey will be issued prior to the meeting to direct discussions for the evening. People can submit comments via email after the meeting.

ii. Integrated Community Substantiality Plan (ICSP)

A date will be determined in the future.

b. First Reading – Amendments to the Firearms and Pyrotechnics By-Law COC-03-05-18-2068

Council tabled the draft. Council wanted stronger wording related to the permit holder taking more responsibility around liability and more clarification around the definition of causing bodily harm in provision 7.

c. First Reading – Commercial Development District Improvements By-Law COC-03-05-18-2069

MOVED: M Houser *RTC-03-19-18-2078*
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To approve first reading of the Commercial Development District Improvements By-Law.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Film Plastic Ban COC-03-05-18-2070 *RTC-03-19-18-2079*

MOVED: DM Currie
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To request that the Province consider a provincial ban on single use plastic bags.
MOTION CARRIED

e. Accessibility

As part of ongoing accessibility work, the Town received grant money to install four doors – two at the Town Office and two at the pool. The total cost of the project is approximately \$16,093, with Town cost of \$2837.

MOVED: DM Currie *RTC-03-19-18-2080*
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

MOTION: To approve the installation of automated doors at the Town Office and pool.
MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporations Reports:

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre

A written report was circulated by the Mayor.

- Three new community members have been appointed to the Board – Diane Cameron, Kevin Tulak and Travis Gunn
- The Board will be requesting NS Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) consider recommendations from a report on road safety around Exit 23
- A draft policy on overdue accounts was introduced

MOVED: M Houser *RTC-03-19-18-2081*
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: For the Town to write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and NSTIR to support the request to improve pedestrian safety near Exit 23.
MOTION CARRIED

- ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
No meeting held in the past month

7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

The Town continues to work on roundabout land developments, but there is nothing to report publicly at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Health Services in Pictou West

Another family doctor is leaving the Town of Pictou soon, which will leave us at 1.4 physicians. As a community, there may be things we can do to help with retention. A collaborative care hub model is being suggested as a pilot in Pictou by some health professionals. The Mayor will continue working with this group.

Another matter relates to services currently located in the Town of Pictou, specifically Dialysis and Restorative Care, and Addictions Services. There is a possibility that these services may be moved out of Pictou.

Council gave the Mayor permission to draft a letter to the NS Health Authority related to these concerns. The Mayor will also ask the Authority to consider consulting with Council prior to major decisions as they may be able to provide supports.

b. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference

For the first time in at least 30 years, FCM will be held in Halifax. Current policy allows the Mayor and one councillor to attend each year. With the close vicinity, the Mayor and two councillors would like to attend this year.

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: E Daley

RTC-03-19-18-2082

MOTION: To allow the Mayor and two councillors to attend the FCM Conference in Halifax for this year only.
MOTION CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment that some people have to travel to Halifax for dialysis because of a five-year wait in Pictou
- Question on Veterans Affairs contract renewal
- Question on whether an exit interview was conducted with doctors who left or are leaving the community
- Comment that Council should be firm with dialysis issue

- Question on financial contributions of PC Wellness Centre
- Comment that clean air and water may help retain doctors

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: N LeBlanc

RTC-03-19-18-2083

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO