

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 Malcolm Houser, Eric Daley and Nadine LeBlanc

**ALSO PRESENT:** Corey Smith, Town Accountant  
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**REGRETS:** Dan Troke, CAO

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: M Houser ***RTC-06-18-18-2136***  
SECONDED: DM Currie

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:  
4d. RFP – Pictou Roundabout Lands – Sale of Lot A  
6b. Horse Complaint  
7a. School Programs  
MOTION CARRIED

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Council Minutes – May 14, 2018

MOVED: DM Currie ***RTC-06-18-18-2137***  
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of May 14, 2018 be approved as circulated.  
MOTION CARRIED

b. Committee of Council Minutes – June 4, 2018

MOVED: DM Currie ***RTC-06-18-18-2138***  
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of June 4, 2018 be approved as circulated.  
MOTION CARRIED

c. Recreation and Parks Minutes – June 7, 2018

MOVED: N LeBlanc  
SECONDED: E Daley

***RTC-06-18-18-2139***

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes of June 7, 2018 be approved as circulated.  
MOTION CARRIED

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. Former Pictou Academy Building – Expression of Interest COC-06-04-18-2130

MOVED: DM Currie  
SECONDED: M Houser

***RTC-06-18-18-2140***

MOTION: To approve the Call for Expression of Interest of the former Pictou Academy, based on having an October 31, 2018 deadline with the option of closing submission intake sooner should a suitable proposal be presented.  
MOTION CARRIED

b. Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games – Sponsorship COC-06-04-18-2131

MOVED: N LeBlanc  
SECONDED: DM Currie

***RTC-06-18-18-2141***

MOTION: To donate \$750 to the event under the Pictou County umbrella.  
MOTION CARRIED

c. Approval – Destruction of Documents Policy COC-06-04-18-2132

MOVED: M Houser  
SECONDED: E Daley

***RTC-06-18-18-2142***

MOTION: To approve a new Town Policy entitled “Destruction of Documents”.  
MOTION CARRIED

d. RFP – Pictou Roundabout Lands – Sale of Lot A

MOVED: DM Currie  
SECONDED: M Houser

***RTC-06-18-18-2143***

MOTION: To approve the sale of Lot A to Vernon D’Eon Fishing Supplies Ltd. for \$100,000 (PID #65222671) at approximately \$1.03 per square foot, plus the transfer of a parcel of land to the Town from the purchaser encompassing 2.92 acres located at 216 Pine Tree Road (PID #65057184).  
MOTION CARRIED

**5. REPORTS**

a. Municipal Corporations Reports:

- i. Pictou County Wellness Centre  
No meetings held since last Regular Council meeting.
- ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority  
A meeting was held on May 28; however, approval of the May 16 minutes was deferred.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. 2018-19 Town Operating Budget

MOVED: DM Currie

*RTC-06-18-18-2144*

SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That the final draft Town operating budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 with expenditures totaling \$5,791,873 (\$4,799,481, plus \$496,431 in financing and transfers and \$495,961 in education) be approved with tax rates being set at \$1.64/100 of residential and resource assessments, \$4.34/100 of Commercial Assessments; and \$0.32/100 of Commercial Assessments contained within the Business Improvement District of the Town; and, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to release sewer capital charges at a flat rate of \$112.53 and sewer operating charges at a rate of \$187.86 based on the methodology described by by-law; and, that the rate of \$156.20 be charged per dwelling unit for Curbside Collection; and 10.6 cents per \$100 of assessment for Fire Protection (Hydrant Rental) and that tax bills be due and payable 60 days from date of issuance; and that amounts past due be charged interest at the rate of 18% per annum; and that new cost recovery fees be introduced for the provision of tax account information asked for by any party in writing in the following amounts:

- A fee of \$10.00 per tax account, per tax billing for the provision of tax information to financial institutions in relation to the payment of tax accounts in which they have a mortgage interest (not warranted);
- A fee of \$10.00 for the provision of a tax bill reprint or a tax account statement (not warranted); and
- A fee increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for the provision of a tax certificate; and

further that it is the sole responsibility of the party seeking the information to determine whether a Tax Certificate is necessary.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Horse Complaints

Councillor LeBlanc questioned whether the dog by-law includes horses; which it does not. Staff will attempt to reach out to known horse owners to discuss road usage courtesy.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

c. School Programs

Mayor Ryan indicated no changes in curriculum have been planned to date; however, he has a meeting with Superintendent of Schools Gary Adams at the end of the month. He continues to work on setting up a meeting with the Minister of Education.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on pigeon control
- Question on Lot A

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: N LeBlanc  
SECONDED: E Daley

***RTC-06-18-18-2145***

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

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Nicole Battist  
Deputy Clerk