

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 Nadine LeBlanc; Councillors Dan Currie, Eric Daley and Malcolm Houser

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: M Houser *RTC-12-17-18-2209*
SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
6b. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Aberdeen Hospital Renovations
7a. Pictou Lobster Carnival – New Year’s Eve Fireworks
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – November 19, 2018

MOVED: D Currie *RTC-12-17-18-2210*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of November 19, 2018 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Recreation and Parks – November 27, 2018

MOVED: E Daley *RTC-12-17-18-2211*
SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes of November 27, 2018 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Committee of Council – December 3, 2018

MOVED: D Currie *RTC-12-17-18-2212*
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of December 3, 2018 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. NS Utility and Review Board Water Rate Model Approval
The proposed Water Rate Model that was submitted by the Town to the NS Utility and Review Board has been approved. The new model will take effect in January.

5. REPORTS

- a. Municipal Corporations Reports:
 - i. Pictou County Wellness Centre
The meeting was originally scheduled for today but was postponed.
 - ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
No meetings were held in the past month.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Various Capital Projects

MOVED: M Houser
 SECONDED: D Currie

RTC-12-17-18-2213

MOTION: **WHEREAS** Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65 of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Pictou to expend funds for the capital purpose of:

- lands and buildings required for a municipal purpose;
- vehicles and machinery for a municipal purpose;
- streets, culverts, retaining walls, sidewalks, curbs and gutters;
- wastewater facilities and stormwater systems; and
- playgrounds, pools and other recreational facilities;

AND WHEREAS the specific amounts and descriptions of the projects are set out below:

CN Roof	\$110,000
Paving	\$ 50,000
Sanitary Sewer Lines	\$ 33,333
WWTP – Code	\$ 21,000
Heavy Equipment	\$180,000
Trails/Accessibility	\$ 10,000

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Four Hundred Four Thousand and Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$404,333) for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Town borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Four Hundred Four Thousand and Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$404,333) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Aberdeen Hospital Renovations

MOVED: DM LeBlanc

RTC-12-17-18-2214

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: **WHEREAS** the Pictou County Shared Services Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) was incorporated on April 1, 2010 pursuant to Section 60 of the Municipal Government Act;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Board of Directors on the 1st day of June, 2015, the Board of Directors postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 17th of September, 2015, borrowed from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Six Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,800,000) for the purpose set out above for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS the scope of the project has changed, and the estimated cost of the project is now \$8,171,750.00;

AND WHEREAS the Authority has already issued a debenture in the amount of \$6,271,750.00 for this project;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to borrow an additional One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,900,000.00) to complete the project;

AND WHEREAS the Authority has requested the Town of Pictou, a municipality that executed the instrument of incorporation of the Authority, to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 88 of the Municipal Government Act, provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Town of Pictou does hereby approve the borrowing of One Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,900,000) by the Authority for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the borrowing by the Authority and the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the guarantee, the Town unconditionally guarantees repayment of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand and Seventy Dollars (\$143,070.00) of the principal and interest of the borrowing of One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,900,000.00) for the purpose set out above; and

THAT upon the issue of the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, the Mayor and Clerk of the Town do sign the guarantee attached to the Temporary Borrowing Resolution of the Authority and affix hereto the corporate seal of the Town.

MOTION CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Pictou Lobster Carnival

For information purposes, staff issued a permit to the Pictou Lobster Carnival giving them permission to discharge fireworks at the Hector Arena on December 31, 2018 at 8:00pm.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment that a summary of the water rate model changes would be helpful for the public

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: M Houser

RTC-12-17-18-2215

SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO