

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
Paul Janes, Fire Chief
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT: Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: E Daley

COC-01-07-19-2216

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Eastlink – Proposed Telecommunications Structure

A presentation was made by Steven Banks from Eastlink regarding their plans to improve communication services in the area. There are currently three towers owned by various companies in and just outside of the Town of Pictou; they would like to add a fourth tower behind the Public Works Building. Since the town has no process for consultation on radiocommunications, Eastlink is proposing to use Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada’s default notification process, which includes:

- directly notifying all landowners within a proximity of three times the tower height;
- newspaper ad; and
- 30-day notification period for comments and questions.

There was a question about the height of the tower – 60m is proposed; which is roughly half the size of the Rogers Tower on Division Road.

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: M Houser

COC-01-07-19-2217

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting, to instruct the CAO to proceed with the intention of entering into an agreement with Eastlink to lease land behind the Public Works Building on Brown’s Point Road for the purpose of installing a radiocommunication tower.
MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Chief Janes was on hand to answer questions.

- Question on the power plant used with the hydraulic tools

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: M Houser

COC-01-07-19-2218

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve spending \$37,785.55 (taxes included) on fire equipment.
MOTION CARRIED

b. RCMP

Cpl Deagle is away and was unable to attend the meeting.

- Question on Mandatory Alcohol Screening

c. Public Works

Kyle Slaunwhite provided report highlights.

- Question on pressure zone containments
- Question on Haliburton Road paving

MOVED: DM LeBlanc
SECONDED: M Houser

COC-01-07-19-2219

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to authorize the submission of an “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green – Environmental Quality Stream” funding application requesting \$161,333 (federal and provincial combined) for lift station upgrades.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Recreation & Parks

Highlights of the recreation report were provided by Michelle Young.

- Comment about Pictou making the list of top 20 small towns to visit in Canada

e. Variance

Town Accountant Smith highlighted the Variance report.

- Projecting \$4,800 surplus
- Question on salt and snow removal

5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

- a. Riverview Home Corporation and deCoste Entertainment Centre
 - M Houser submitted a written report for the Riverview Home and deCoste Centre
- b. Pictou Lobster Carnival – DM LeBlanc
 - New Year’s Eve Skate and Gift Card Bingo were successful
- c. Construction Engineering Flight – E Daley
 - Awaiting approval on two projects
 - Two board members need to be replaced
- d. Library – D Currie
 - Adopt-A-Library continues to be led by John Kennedy, who is now a retired RCMP officer
- e. Regional Enterprise Network – D Currie
 - The Board of Directors has been selected
 - Currently recruiting for a CEO

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Veterans Drive Review

CAO Troke prepared a report on Veterans Drive that was reviewed by the Local Traffic Authority. It included various options related to traffic calming and safety measures. It was noted that the only enforceable suggested measure is to install a three-way stop along the street.

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

COC-01-07-19-2220

MOTION: To recommend that Council instruct staff to remove existing barriers on Veterans Drive when the following three traffic calming measures are in place:

- One 30 km yellow speed sign installed in each direction
- One traffic calming neighbourhood sign installed in each direction
- A three-way stop installed at the intersection of Hector Avenue and Veterans Drive

MOTION CARRIED

b. Outdoor Rink

Consensus among Council was to install an outdoor rink at the CN Station for another year.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Tax Sale Follow-up

Eleven properties had no bidders during the last tax sale. Staff recommended a sealed bid process for some of these properties, along with setting a minimum bid. Staff will bring forward a report at the next Council meeting.

MOVED: M Houser *COC-01-07-19-2221*
SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

MOTION: For Council at the next regular meeting to instruct staff to conduct the next Property Tax Sale via sealed tender.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Water Utility Upgrades

MOVED: E Daley *COC-01-07-19-2222*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to pass the following:

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 (al) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Pictou to expend funds for the purpose water systems;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of June, 2017, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 11th day of January, 2018, borrowed from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) for the purpose set out above for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the authorized period of borrowing in the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs.
MOTION CARRIED

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Roddam and MacDonald

Correspondence was received from Roddam and MacDonald regarding Town policy related to lawyers receiving tax information. The Mayor noted that the current policy may be

reviewed during the upcoming budget deliberations. In the meantime, staff will review the daily practices to see if any modifications can be made.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment was made by a citizen that Partners Construction offer to pay for traffic calming measures along Veterans Drive still stands.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

COC-01-07-19-2223

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO