

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:** 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:** Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc  
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-02-04-19-2236*

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:  
6c. African Heritage Month Proclamation  
MOTION CARRIED

**3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

Fire Chief Janes was on hand to answer questions.

- Question on main apparatus bay floor
- Question on jaws of life equipment
- Question on window replacement
- Question on efficiency lighting replacement
- Comment that the jaws of life equipment will be replaced within this current year per last month's Council approval

b. RCMP

Cpl Deagle is away and was unable to attend the meeting. A written report was circulated.

c. Administration

Deputy Clerk Battist provided highlights from her report.

d. Public Works

Kyle Slaunwhite provided report highlights.

- Question on Pictou Academy water break
- Comment on the hard work of the public works staff recently with all the water breaks during difficult weather

e. Recreation & Parks

Highlights of the Recreation report were provided by Michelle Young.

f. Variance

Town Accountant Smith highlighted the Variance report.

- Surplus projection of \$13,000
- Question on Common Services
- Question on assessment
- Question on Fire and Police Services
- Comment about requesting review of RCMP contract

**4. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Riverview Home Corporation, ~~and deCoste Entertainment Centre~~; Hector Heritage Society; Pictou Business and Marketing; deCoste Centre and Source Water Protection

- M Houser submitted a written report.

b. Pictou County Sport Heritage – E Daley

- Looking into grants to hire people to help with succession planning
- Will be asking town for larger donation this coming year
- Looking to hire summer students
- Met with Mayors/Warden to discuss succession planning

c. Hector Arena – E Daley

- Lost \$1300 in revenue due to power outages
- Pinholes in sprinkler system – future planning will be required
- Zamboni recently needed \$4500 worth of maintenance
- Power usage down, ice rentals up, repair costs are up
- Ice will be removed on March 31
- Summer event rentals scheduled

d. PARL (Regional Library) – D Currie

- Fundraiser planned on March 3 at the NG Library called Dining Among the Stacks
- Equipment Lending Program expanded in partnership with Active Pictou County and local recreation departments

e. Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP) – D Currie

- Working on new intergenerational forum

- f. Regional Enterprise Network – D Currie
  - CEO announcement anticipated for April

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Vendors By-Law

MOVED: E Daley

*COC-02-04-19-2237*

SECONDED: D Currie

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve first reading of the Vendors By-Law.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. 2019-20 Town Capital Budget

MOVED: M Houser

*COC-02-04-19-2238*

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve the draft Town capital budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 with expenditures totaling \$1,577,080 (of which \$506,667 is to be borrowed and \$380,000 is to be transferred from 2019-20 Town Operating).

MOTION CARRIED

- c. African Heritage Month Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed February as African Heritage Month.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on non-profit groups needing a permit under the draft Vendors By-law
- Question on additional expenses of RCMP contract
- Question on tenders of consumables
- Question on budget for Pictou Place Library
- Question on Legislative Services area of Town Budget
- Question on Council remuneration tax changes
- Question on Town auditors
- Comment on quality versus quantity of recent paving in Town

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: D Currie

***COC-02-04-19-2239***

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Dan Troke  
CAO