

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  
Blake Sarson, Fire Department  
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-03-11-19-2248*

MOTION: To approve the agenda with two additions:  
5b. Northern Pulp Environmental Assessment  
5c. Eastlink Telecommunications Tower Consultation  
MOTION CARRIED

**3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

Blake Sarson was on hand to answer questions.

- Question on priorities of future desired purchases – the thermal image camera and Jaws of Life equipment

b. RCMP

Cpl Deagle was not available for the meeting.

- Question on jump in thefts from previous month

c. Public Works

Kyle Slaunwhite provided updates on some of his report items.

- Pressure valve zone not working near fire hall – looking at two possible reasons for this issue

d. Recreation & Parks

Highlights of the Recreation Report were provided by Michelle Young.

- Swim Meet was well attended by swim clubs from across the Province

- Applied for grant for Accessible Change Room at the pool
- Pictou Volunteer of the Year selected, but not yet public

e. Variance

Town Accountant Smith highlighted the Variance Report.

- Revenue is projected at being over budget
- Expenses are projected to be on budget
- First metered reading invoices will be issued in April
- Goal to submit draft budget first of April
- Question on RCMP Services, Environmental Services and HST Rebate

**4. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Pictou County Sport Heritage – E Daley

- Working with Rae Gunn on possible grants
- Applied for summer student grants

b. PARL (Regional Library) – D Currie

- Dining Among the Stacks – successful fundraiser

c. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc

- Victoria Thompson is the new general manager
- AGM is March 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm

d. Pictou Lobster Carnival

- In process of confirming entertainment line-up
- Working on website updates and sponsorship

e. Riverview Home Corporation; Hector Heritage Society; Pictou Business and Marketing; deCoste Centre and Source Water Protection

- M Houser submitted a written report

f. DEANS

- The annual gala is April 6, 2019

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

a. Council Honorariums

Staff were asked to research options to offset changes to federal tax deductions for councillors.

MOVED: D Currie  
SECONDED: E Daley

***COC-03-11-19-2249***

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve implementing an increase in honorariums that will bring Council up to the gross income levels prior to the January 1, 2019 Federal Tax Changes made to municipal officers' non-accountable expense allowance; this change would come into effect April 1, 2019.  
MOTION CARRIED

b. Northern Pulp Environmental Assessment

The Mayor indicated a response has been submitted to the Minister of Environment on the Northern Pulp Effluent Treatment Facility Project. The submission focused on the pipe being constructed inside the Town's watershed area; it also touched on particulate from the new treatment facility and the economic impact of construction during summer months.

The Town is awaiting a review by the Town Solicitor prior to publicly releasing the submission.

c. Eastlink Telecommunications Tower Consultation

The Mayor provided an update on the proposed Eastlink telecommunications tower. A tentative agreement has been reached. Eastlink will soon begin public consultations with nearby property owners.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. 2019-2020 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

Kyle Slaunwhite reviewed the purpose of the ICSP, the plan that was originally developed in 2017, a progress report, the proposed 2019-2024 plan, related financials and large project considerations.

b. Not-for-Profit Metered Water Billing

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: M Houser

***COC-03-11-19-2250***

MOTION: To approve that the Town of Pictou pay to the Pictou Water Utility the water for the first two quarters in fiscal year 2019-20 for the accounts outlined per staff briefing note; and that the Town pay for the installation of water meters at these properties.  
MOTION CARRIED

Since there are no water meters located at these properties, consumption data is not available. This information will be used to help inform the Town on future handling of these accounts. It was also noted that any for-profits or revenue-generating properties may be brought to Council for further consideration on a case-by-case basis; and that a review is to be completed before fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

c. Annual Approval – Occupational Health and Safety Policy

MOVED: D Currie  
SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

*COC-03-11-19-2251*

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular Meeting to approve the Occupational Health and Safety Policy.  
MOTION CARRIED

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on whether the ICSP will be posted on website
- Comment that the Town should increase debt to complete more projects sooner
- Question on sidewalk plough
- Question on Council cost-of-living increases
- Question on Norway Point Road construction
- Question on Council honorarium increases
- Question on breakwater

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: D Currie  
SECONDED: E Daley

*COC-03-11-19-2252*

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