

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
Jason MacLeod, Fire Department
Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP

ABSENT: Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. PRIVATE SESSION – PERSONNEL, CONTRACT & PROPERTY MATTERS
(5:30 PM)

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: DM LeBlanc
SECONDED: D. Currie

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MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
8a. Eastlink Tower
11a. Northern Pulp

MOTION CARRIED

4. PROCLAMATIONS

a. Gaelic Nova Scotia Month – May 2019
Mayor Ryan proclaimed May as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Danny MacGillivray – CHAD Transit
Mayor Ryan \$21,500 to CHAD Annually
Mr MacGillivray gave an update on CHAD and a review of their operating budget

- Question on fixed route pilot project
- Question on routing in County and Town
- Elaborate on funding formula
- Comment – excellent service to fill huge need when transit system failed

- Put on Town website early morning service

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Jason MacLeod reviewed the Fire Department report on behalf of Chief Janes.

- Question on water tower level, confined space, toxic smoke from fire and evacuation plans
- Question on communication and internet issues
- Comment about the efforts with the recent fire on Water Street
- Comment that new fire hall windows look great

b. RCMP

Cpl Deagle highlighted his report.

- Staffing levels have not changed, staff going through block training
- Police Advisory Board is planning Spring Fling available at Saturday event
- Building – Compressor replaced in HVAC system

- Question on new stop sign at corner of Scotiabank building
- Question on whether crosswalks can be painted yellow – Crp Deagle will look into this

c. Administration

Deputy Clerk Battist was unable to attend the meeting. CAO Troke highlighted:

- Openings on Committees of Council
- Details of Spring Cleanups
- Visitor Information Centre is being leased by Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS) for the year
- An engineer was hired to review building structure as it relates to weight of books from library – no concerns
- Active Pictou County (APC) projects
- Preparations for Collective Agreement are underway
- Association of Municipal Administrators of NS (AMANS) Conference planning well underway – being hosted this June in Pictou County
- Question on whether administration always reports on APC

d. Public Works

Kyle Slaunwhite reviewed his report.

- Question what quantifies normal water level in tower
- Question on how water conservation is promoted
- Question on sewage in harbor
- Question on asphalt patching

e. Recreation & Parks

Michelle Young highlighted her report.

- Comment on new brochure and street banners

7. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

- a. Pictou County Sport Heritage – E Daley
 - Volunteers needed
 - Future plans and succession plan
 - Induction ceremony in fall
- b. Police Advisory Board – E Daley
 - taking part in Spring Fling
- c. Construction Engineering Flight (CEF) – E Daley
 - Lady of Lords Project
 - Recruitment challenge
- d. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – DM LeBlanc
 - Getting ready for upcoming tourist season
- e. Pictou Lobster Carnival – DM LeBlanc
 - Entertainment announced
 - Summer student recruitment
 - Fundraising ongoing
- f. Riverview Home Corporation; Hector Heritage Society; Pictou Business and Marketing; deCoste Centre and Source Water Protection
 - M Houser submitted a written report
- g. Regional Enterprise Network (REN) – D Currie
 - Office located on Provost St in New Glasgow
 - Another staff person will be coming to present to Council in the near future
- h. Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP) – D Currie
 - Recognized owners of pubs and other establishments for their safe drive programs
- i. Hector Arena – D Currie
 - Closed for the season

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. Eastlink Tower

Eastlink has completed required consultations; there were no filed objections with the proposed tower, so Eastlink will continue with the Town to negotiate lease of lands.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

a. Job Description – Superintendent of Public Works

The job description for the Superintendent of Public Works was reviewed.

MOVED: M Houser

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SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve the job description for the Superintendent of Public Works.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Collective Agreement Contract

Discussions regarding the CUPE Collective Agreement were held. There is nothing public to report.

c. Property Matter

Another property matter was discussed. There is nothing public to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Northern Pulp

An email was received from Northern Pulp regarding testing that will begin next week on the bird population in the proposed area of the pipe route.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on Planning Committee Vacancy
- Question on equipment replacement for fire department
- Question on the bird testing
- Question on a meeting regarding pipe
- Question on when the Ship Hector is coming out of the water
- Question on whether the Town owns the rink

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: M Houser

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SECONDED: D Currie

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO