

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/Minute Recorder  
Michelle Young, Recreation  
Kyle Slaunwhite, Public Works  
Jason MacLeod, Fire Department  
Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP  
Jonathan Daye, Town Accountant

**ABSENT:** Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk

**1. PUBLIC SESSION – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 pm)**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: D Currie  
SECONDED: E Daley

*COC-07-08-19-2296*

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following addition:  
8a. True Potential Fitness – Gym Equipment  
8b. 2023 Celebrations  
MOTION CARRIED

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

a. Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS)  
Wes Surette presented an update on tourism statistics and services provided by DEANS. He is also seeking continued financial support from the Town in the amount of \$4800.

**5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department  
Jason MacLeod was on hand for comments/questions.

b. RCMP  
Cpl Deagle was on hand for comments/questions.

c. Administrative  
CAO Troke presented the Administrative Report on behalf of Deputy Clerk Battist.

Councillor Houser asked if future reports could include general complaint statistics received by the Town.

d. Public Works

Kyle Slaunwhite provided a verbal report.

e. Recreation & Parks

Michelle Young provided several report highlights.

**6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Pictou Lobster Carnival – DM LeBlanc

- The event was a success

b. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – DM LeBlanc

- Held an open house during Pictou Lobster Carnival

c. Pictou County Sport Heritage – E Daley

- Hired a summer student
- Succession Committee – looking to get NSCC students to help develop a business plan; looking for a curator who will likely receive a stipend

d. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) – D Currie

- Library AGM held in June
- Chair for the second year is Mr. Blackwell
- 39,000 visits to Pictou Library; third busiest library in the region

e. McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre – D Currie

- AGM is July 14; lecture on D-Day is at 2pm

f. Regional Enterprise Network (REN) – D Currie

- New employee focusing on youth and looking for newcomers who can help with the skills shortage in Pictou County

g. Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP) – D Currie

- Met with Lobster Carnival Chair to discuss various work related to MAP; they have a comprehensive plan

h. Hector Heritage Society – M Houser

- AGM was June 28
- Looking to fill chair vacancy
- Expecting a final business plan soon
- Cost to remove the ship from the water is very high; looking for support
- New POS system producing great reports since opening on May 26; over 2000 through the site
- Offering ghost tours on Thursdays

- i. Riverview Home Corporation – M Houser
  - One vacancy
  - Positive cash flow reported but tracking slightly below budget
  - RFP for legal support issued for negotiations, once selection is complete – collective bargaining begins
  
- j. Pictou Business and Marketing – M Houser
  - Finance meeting held on June 21
  
- k. deCoste Centre – M Houser
  - Finance meeting held on June 26
  - AGM held on June 27
  - Unforeseen capital expense of \$8,000 for air conditioner

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- a. Wayfinding Signage

CAO Troke provided an overview of possible locations of the first three signs to be erected as part of the wayfinding signage. Councilors would like to focus on the sign at the proposed location of Lot A near the roundabout. They prefer the bottom of the sign to be used for highlighting community events, rather than key businesses. Further information on costing and discussions with the Lot A owner will be provided at an upcoming meeting.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. True Potential Fitness – Gym Equipment

A group of interested citizens were looking into purchasing the equipment owned by True Potential Fitness to open up a gym; however, the equipment has been sold.
  
- b. 2023 Celebrations

Councillor Houser indicated a small group of people have started planning for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Ship Hector and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Town. Mayor Ryan expressed interest in participating in the planning.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Pictou Community New Horizons 50+ Club

Council tabled the request.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on fire hall drainage
- Question on whether shoulders of the road are being fixed during the ditching program

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: M Houser

***COC-07-08-19-2297***

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

---

James J. Ryan  
Mayor

---

Dan Troke  
CAO