

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
Kyle Slaunwhite, Public Works
Paul Janes, Fire Chief
Jonathan Daye, Town Accountant
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT: Michelle Young, Recreation
Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP

1. PRIVATE SESSION – PROPERTY MATTERS (6:00 pm)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER (6:30 pm)

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: M Houser

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) – Eric Stackhouse
Chief Librarian Eric Stackhouse and Executive Director Troy Greencorn from the deCoste Centre made a presentation on the proposed cultural hub that would include the library and deCoste Centre. The building layout was shared, the partnership of the building discussed, and capital and operational costs were outlined (\$6,959,572 capital; \$20,000 annual operating plus the expense of sprinkler maintenance, snow removal, sewer, water, taxes, and insurance).

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve a one-time contribution of \$275,000 towards capital costs and \$20,000 per year for operations for the new cultural hub to house the library/and deCoste Centre.
MOTION CARRIED

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Fire Chief Janes presented his report.

- Mayor Ryan thanked the Fire Department for their extra efforts when the Town was short on water this summer and for the efforts with Hurricane Dorian.

b. RCMP

Cpl Deagle was not available for the meeting. There were no questions.

c. Administrative

Deputy Clerk Battist and CAO Troke presented the Administrative Report.

- Question on wayfinding signage

d. Public Works

Kyle Slaunwhite presented a summary of his report.

- Question on leak doctor
- Question on CN Roof repairs
- Question on cleaning up brush after storm
- Question on how pressure zones are working with new water levels

e. Recreation & Parks

Michelle Young was unable to attend, but her report was circulated.

- Comment made that the Town could have allowed dogs to swim in the pool before it was drained this summer

f. Variance

Jonathan Daye presented his report that has a \$10,000 forecasted deficit.

- No questions

6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Pictou County Sport Heritage – E Daley

- Induction Ceremony to be held in October
- Succession Committee meeting later this month

b. Regional Enterprise Network (REN) – D Currie

- Working on a strategic plan that focuses on:
 - Supporting high growth start-up firms
 - Increasing number of firms in export trade
 - Improving employment rate for under-served populations

c. Hector Heritage Society – M Houser

- Geotechnical testing completed to see if land stable enough for a crane; no issues

7. PRIVATE SESSION

- a. Instruction was given to staff on two property matters:
 - Prepare a draft RFP for two parcels of town land – where the Visitor Information Centre is located (to be referred to as Lot D) and Pine Tree Road (referred to as Lot E)
 - The other property matter cannot be discussed at this time

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 70 Water Street – Property Owner Request for Reduction in Property Taxes Due to Fire Destruction

A written request was received from property owners Jeanette and Peter Douglas, 70 Water Street, regarding destruction of property by fire on April 15, 2019. It was recommended that Council approve the write down of the value of property taxes, as provided by Property Valuation Services, related to the building value of the associated account for six months, as well as the related BID, hydrant and sewer operating for fiscal year 2019/20.

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve adjusting the final tax bill by \$3,373.92 due to destruction by fire per Town policy.
MOTION CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: M Houser

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO