

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room at the Pictou Academy on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Malcolm Houser; Councillors Dan Currie, Eric Daley and Nadine LeBlanc

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Troke, CAO
Jonathan Daye, Town Accountant
Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP
Kyle Slaunwhite, Public Works
Paul Janes, Fire Chief
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT: Michelle Young, Recreation

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: N LeBlanc
SECONDED: D Currie

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MOTION: To approve the agenda with three additions:
9b Property Update – Roundabout
10a Webpage Item
10b Murray Family
MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Fire Chief Janes presented his report.

- Question on when upstairs lighting project will start
- Question on documents related to fire rating of the Town
- Question on number of active fire fighters

b. RCMP

Cpl Deagle was on hand to highlight his report.

- Break and enter theft have increased
- Mental Health Act files have increased – comment that the increase in cases demonstrates the impact of the reduction in mental health services in the health care system.

c. Administrative

Deputy Clerk Battist highlighted the Active Pictou County report and provided a summary of the Association of Municipal Administrators of NS (AMANS) Conference takeaways.

d. Public Works

Kyle Slaunwhite presented his report.

- Question on sidewalk plough
- Question on CN Station roofing tender

e. Recreation & Parks

Michelle Young was not available. CAO Troke highlighted her report.

- Comment that it is great to see the skatepark project moving forward and new interpretive panel on Caladh Avenue
- Comment about the free or nearly free brochure

f. Variance

Jonathan Daye reported a projected year-to-date deficit of \$69,000; with a year-end variance of \$5,000.

- A number of savings have been identified to curtail this number; and staff will continue to look at potential cost-saving measures
- Question on Protective Services review status
- Question on watering plants this summer and comment on the good job

6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Police Advisory Board – N LeBlanc

- A meeting was held but there was no quorum

b. Heritage Advisory Committee – N LeBlanc

- Focus has been bylaw updates

c. Pictou Lobster Carnival – N LeBlanc

- November 16 – Dance at Fat Tony’s
- December 15 – Gift Card Bingo
- New Year’s Eve Family Skate and Fireworks
- Selling tickets on Christmas Basket

d. Opportunity Shop – N LeBlanc

- AGM in January
- Long-time member Ruth Nelson passed away; a recognition will take place in the near future

- e. Hector Quay Society, Riverview Home Corporation; Pictou Business and Marketing Society; deCoste Centre and Heritage Advisory Committee – DM Houser
A written report was submitted.
- f. Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame – E Daley
- Recruitment for a new coordinator in progress
 - Induction was well attended
- g. Pictou County Genealogy & Heritage Society – D Currie
- Met October 8
 - Busy summer
 - September 15 – Hector Days celebrated
 - Halloween event – homemade treats given out
 - Christmas decorating will take place, as it would have been in the 1800s
 - General Hickman, a retired Dutch Seal General, gave a lecture on the wartime internment camps
 - Hector 250 Planning has begun
 - Will soon begin work on a 5-year strategic plan
- h. Regional Enterprise Network (REN) – D Currie
- October 30 – Oversight Committee Meeting
 - Updating Terms of Agreement to make agreements standardized and consistent across the Province
 - New staff member joining in a few weeks
- i. Municipal Alcohol project (MAP) – D Currie
- Meeting October 10
 - Alcohol Symposium planning ongoing – November
 - 175% increase in alcohol binge drinking in youth
 - Rising issue with vaping, especially among young people
- j. Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) – D Currie
- Pictou Place Hub public presentation held
 - Murray Family made a contribution at that presentation, which is a great kickstart to the corporate campaign
 - AGM – Westville – November 14

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

8. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

Mayor Ryan reported discussion was held on a request to purchase a piece of town-owned land. There is nothing further to report at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Heritage By-Law – Updated

Deputy Clerk highlighted the proposed amendments/updates from the 1982 bylaw.

- Question on Victory Heights becoming designated and whether there is funding.
- CAO spelled wrong

MOVED: DM Houser

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SECONDED: D Currie

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular Meeting to approve first reading of updates to the Heritage By-Law.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Property Update – Roundabout

Construction on Lot B will be the future site of McDonald’s Restaurant, Ultramar Gas Bar and On the Run Convenience with an anticipated May 2020 opening.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Webpage Item

Mayor Ryan reported that a solid business plan for the Cultural Hub is now up on the town website. A special thanks of acknowledgement has been made on the financial commitments made to date.

b. Murray Family

Mayor Ryan sent a letter to the Murray Family on behalf of Council thanking them for their recent contribution to the Cultural Hub project.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment on the new sidewalk and guardrail along West River Road

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: D Currie

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SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO