

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room at 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/Minute Recorder
Jonathan Daye, Town Accountant
Kyle Slaunwhite, Public Works
Jason MacLeod, Fire Department

ABSENT: Michelle Young, Recreation
Cpl Greg Deagle, RCMP
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: N LeBlanc
SECONDED: D Currie

COC-12-09-19-2344

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
8d Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) Municipal Spending Report
MOTION CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

Jason MacLeod was on hand to answer questions pertaining to the fire department report.

- Question on courses being offered
- Question on light replacement
- Question on election of officers

b. RCMP

Cpl Deagle previously met with CAO Troke who shared the following on his behalf:

- increased roadside checks are scheduled for the holiday season
- Cpl Deagle will be reaching out to Councillor Currie regarding the MAP committee work

c. Administrative

CAO Troke spoke to the administrative report on behalf of Deputy Clerk Battist.

- Question on office renovations
- Question on fire inspections

d. Public Works

Kyle Slaunwhite presented his report.

- Question on sidewalk plow
- Question on preparation of former Pictou Academy building for winter months
- Question on dry hydrants

e. Recreation & Parks

CAO Troke spoke to the recreation report on behalf of Michelle Young was not available.

- Question on the skatepark project

f. Variance

Jonathan Daye reviewed the variance report.

5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP) – D Currie

- Alcohol Symposium held in Amherst

b. McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre

- Meeting December 10
- McCulloch House has been decorated as it would have been for Christmas in 1815

c. Construction Engineering Flight – E Daley

- Meeting November 21
- Several small in-house projects have been completed
- Three new recruits; two being processed
- An award was given to Sgt Wynans
- A presentation was made by Tyson Bowen regarding PTSD and a plan is in progress for vets to support vets with a Quiet Retreat Park to be located within Pictou County
- Condolences were offered on the passing of CEF member Matthew Jamieson who was involved in a motor vehicle accident while on training in Ontario

d. Hector Arena – E Daley

- A few recent repairs completed
- A new program called First Shift gave six hours of introduction to hockey and gear for \$199
- Pinty's Curling event being held at the Wellness Centre, created a few extra ice rentals for the arena
- New advertising is in place
- The Board has looked at a proposal for a fitness centre at the rink

e. Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame – E Daley

- Mike Malcolm was hired as the new coordinator

- f. Hector Quay Society; Riverview Home Corporation; Pictou Business and Marketing Society; deCoste Centre and Heritage Advisory Committee – DM Houser
A written report was submitted.

- g. Pictou Lobster Carnival – N LeBlanc
- AGM – January
 - December 15 – Gift Card Bingo
 - New Year’s Eve Family Skate and Fireworks
 - Selling tickets on Christmas Basket

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

No meeting was held.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Well Decommissioning
For information purposes. Superintendent Slaunwhite informed Council of a directive by NS Environment requiring the Town to decommission four sites (old wells) that no longer met Health Canada Guidelines and were no longer used by the Town. The Town complied with this directive in November 2019. The cost of this work totaled approximately \$30,000; it was unplanned work that will be charged to the Capital Water Utility.
- b. RFP Award – CN Roof
For information purposes. Since the CN Roof RFP came within budget and was previously approved by Council, Superintendent Slaunwhite informed Council that the Town will be awarding the CN Roof Tender to MacCarthy Roofing for laminate shingle option for \$109,250 including HST.
- c. RFP Release – Lot D and E land development near roundabout
The RFP for Lots D and E near the roundabout has been completed and will be released. It was suggested to send packages directly to known interested parties. The RFP will also be placed on the Provincial Procurement website and the Town’s website.
- d. CFIB Municipal Spending Report
Deputy Mayor Houser spoke to the CFIB’s first Nova Scotia Spending Report that analyzes operating spending growth in NS municipalities and towns from 2010 to 2017. The Town of Pictou was ranked highest for fiscal sustainability based on 2010-2017 real operating spending per capita.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: D Currie

COC-12-09-19-2345

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO