

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened 6:30 pm in Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Troke, CAO
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Councillor Dan Currie

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

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

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: DM LeBlanc *RTC-01-21-19-2224*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following addition:
6. Recommendations/Reports from Private Session
MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – December 17, 2018

MOVED: M Houser *RTC-01-21-19-2225*
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of December 17, 2018 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Committee of Council – January 7, 2019

MOVED: E Daley *RTC-01-21-19-2226*
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of January 7, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Recreation and Parks – January 8, 2019

Distributed for information purposes as there was no quorum.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Eastlink – Proposed Telecommunications Structure COC-01-07-19-2217

MOVED: E Daley ***RTC-01-21-19-2227***
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: To instruct the CAO to proceed with the intention of entering into an agreement with Eastlink to lease land behind the Public Works Building on Brown’s Point Road for the purpose of installing a radiocommunication tower.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Fire Department Capital Expenditure – Equipment Purchase COC-01-07-19-2218

MOVED: M Houser ***RTC-01-21-19-2228***
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To approve spending \$37,785.55 (taxes included) on fire equipment.
MOTION CARRIED

c. “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Infrastructure-Environmental Quality” Stream funding application COC-01-07-19-2219

MOVED: DM LeBlanc ***RTC-01-21-19-2229***
SECONDED: M Houser

MOTION: To authorize the submission of an “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Infrastructure-Environmental Quality” Stream funding application requesting \$161,333 (federal and provincial combined) for lift station upgrades.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Veterans Drive Review COC-01-07-19-2220

MOVED: DM LeBlanc ***RTC-01-21-19-2230***
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To instruct staff to remove existing barriers on Veterans Drive when the following three traffic calming measures are in place:

- One 30 km yellow speed sign installed in each direction
- One traffic calming neighbourhood sign installed in each direction
- A three-way stop installed at the intersection of Hector Avenue and Veterans Drive

MOTION CARRIED

e. Tax Sale Follow-up COC-01-07-19-2221

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: DM LeBlanc

RTC-01-21-19-2231

MOTION: To instruct staff to conduct the next Property Tax Sale via sealed tender; that it be completed before March 31, 2019, with a minimum bid of \$500 per property.
MOTION CARRIED

f. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Water Utility Upgrades COC-01-07-19-2222

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: M Houser

RTC-01-21-19-2232

MOTION: For Council to pass the following:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65 (al) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Pictou to expend funds for the purpose water systems;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of June, 2017, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 11th day of January, 2018, borrowed from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) for the purpose set out above for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the authorized period of borrowing in the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs.
MOTION CARRIED

6. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

Council discussed specifics of contract negotiations of the Eastlink Proposed Telecommunications Structure. The details will be shared publicly at a later date.

MOVED: DM LeBlanc
SECONDED: E Daley

RTC-01-21-19-2234

MOTION: To authorize the CAO to negotiate and execute a land lease with Eastlink for the purposes of installing a telecommunications tower provided conditions that were discussed in-camera are met.
MOTION CARRIED

7. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporations Reports:

- i. Pictou County Wellness Centre
No meetings were held since the last Regular Council meeting.
- ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
The November 13, 2018 approved minutes were circulated for information purposes; the January 21, 2019 meeting was summarized in a written report that the Mayor circulated to Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Upcoming Meetings
February Regular Council will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on when letters will go to current property owners regarding the tax sale
- Question on single use plastic bag ban
- Question on whether Sports Heritage Hall of Fame could be moved to Pictou

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: M Houser
SECONDED: E Daley

RTC-01-21-19-2235

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO