

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened 6:35 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

ABSENT: Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. PUBLIC SESSION – AUDIT COMMITTEE (6:00 pm)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan call ed the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: D Currie

RTC-09-16-19-2307

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following addition:
10b. Dorian Cleanup
MOTION CARRIED

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Right to Know Week – September 23 to 29, 2019

The Mayor proclaimed September 23 to 29, 2019 as Right to Know Week in Pictou.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – July 15, 2019

MOVED: DM LeBlanc
SECONDED: M Houser

RTC-09-16-19-2308

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of July 15, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Special Council – September 9, 2019

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: M Houser

RTC-09-16-19-2309

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of September 9, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) & deCoste Centre Cultural Hub Financial Support

MOVED: M Houser *RTC-09-16-19-2310*

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To approve committing up to \$275,000 towards capital costs related to the proposed Cultural Hub, pending support from federal and provincial sources.

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOVED: DM LeBlanc *RTC-09-16-19-2311*

SECONDED: D Currie

MOTION: To approve adjusting the final tax bill at 70 Water Street by \$3,373.92 due to destruction by fire per Town policy.

MOTION CARRIED

8. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports:

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre

Mayor Ryan provide an update from the July and August meetings. Usage is up, numerous repairs are being done to the centre and preparations for the Pinty’s Grand Slam continue.

ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority

Mayor Ryan provided a brief update on the Shared Services meeting which occurred earlier in the day. Items included land fill water monitoring, impacts of Hurricane Dorian, and the expansion of collection depots for waste oil in 2020.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Audited March 31, 2019 Financial Statements

MOVED: M Houser *RTC-09-16-19-2312*

SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: To approve the Audited March 31, 2019 Financial Statements as presented by MGM Chartered Accountants.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Dorian Cleanup

Deputy Mayor LeBlanc tabled that the Town consider doing a special cleanup to pick up trees and branches that fell during the Hurricane Dorian storm.

Public Works has been focusing on clean up of town properties and other storm related tasks, while being short-staffed.

Mayor Ryan acknowledged the good work of citizens helping each other, particularly Krista Fulton for her efforts to assist those who need debris hauled by truck.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment that water quality and pressure has been greatly improved
- Concerns around trailers being parked outside of the Exhibition grounds during the Exhibition

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: M Houser

RTC-09-16-19-2313

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO