

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:35 pm via Zoom Video Conferencing 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, Accountant  
Kyle Slaunwhite, Public Works  
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator  
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: D Currie

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MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:  
8a. PA Grads  
8b. Marina Operations  
MOTION CARRIED

**3. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Questions

Department Reports were distributed in meeting packages. The following questions were asked:

- Question on status of unsightly premises
- Question on sidewalk plow purchase
- Question on fire door installment – main door for the fire department hall
- Question on elevator – motor may need replacing, which is an unplanned large expense
- Question on lawn mowing of parks and planting of flowers – we are 3 weeks later starting this year, as staff were on fire watch duties and one person has a learning curve, being new to the position
- Question on flower boxes along streets – several need to be removed
- Question on marina repairs – subsidence work should be completed this week; long term options continue to be studied
- Question on mowing of a property along West River Road – as this is private property, the owner was notified last year that the Town will no longer be mowing it
- Question on replacing windows at the CN Station – a private donation will replace some of these windows

- Question on water breaks and paving priorities
- Comment that center lines and crosswalks look good
- Question on which streets get center lines and which ones do not – the provincial requirements is that streets or roads that are 2 km or more must have a center line
- Comment on making crosswalks more visible – one flashing light has been purchased and will be installed soon; fluorescent tape on sign supports will be looked at
- Question on garbage cleanup – will begin June 22
- Question on annual maintenance at the pool – it is being completed now while the pool is closed
- Question on where new interpretative panels will be placed – still not finalized
- Question on placement of street banners – some blank spaces will be filled in with existing inventory
- Question on tax program financing policy – to be addressed at Special Council Meeting this evening
- Question on federal gas tax program – federal announcement re: COVID-19
- Question on resuming Police Advisory Board (PAB) meetings – will discuss restart with Sgt. McCallum

b. CAO Update

- Municipal Fall Election – At the request of the Returning Officer, CAO Troke asked Council if there was an interest to go with 100% e-voting; paper ballots will have an increase in logistics and costs associated with COVID-19 measures
  - Question on how many people chose to vote electronically last time
  - More details will be shared as they are available
- Question on when Council will begin meeting again – depends on directives from the Province; online meetings are still legal under the State of Emergency

**5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc

The Association of Nova Scotia Museums has given the museum accreditation status – there are only four museums in the entire province that have reached this goal.

- b. Deputy Mayor Houser and Councilor Currie’s reports were shared in the agenda packages; Councilor Daley has not had any meetings this past month

Questions

- Q on whether barricading is required on the waterfront during the lift of the Ship Hector – public will not be permitted on Market Wharf.
- Q on library reopening – staff started back today; limited access will begin June 8 or 15 depending on how the week goes

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

a. PA Grads

There are 38 graduates this year. Several ideas were discussed on how the Town might be able to recognize this year's grads. With larger gatherings still not permitted, no decision was made. The school may be working on future options and having a discussion with them was suggested.

b. Marina Operations

Federal restrictions do not permit marinas to be open or cruise ships to dock. Signs have been posted at the Hector Quay Marina. Staff are awaiting easing of restrictions, but there are no estimates of timelines at the moment.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: N LeBlanc  
SECONDED: D Currie

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Dan Troke  
CAO