

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:30 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
Kyle Slaunwhite, Public Works
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT: Jonathan Daye, Accountant
Paul Janes, Fire Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: DM Houser

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Ryan acknowledged the Pictou Academy Town of Pictou Prize Winners – Naomi MacMillan received the Gold Medal and Kyle McDowell received the Silver Medal.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Questions – Departments and CAO Update

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

- Q on contact for Police Advisory Board (PAB)
- Q on RCMP contract – contract and building lease were discussed
- Q on several unsightly properties
- Q on number of requests for outdoor business space – none received
- Q on what was picked up and rejected during the Spring Cleanup – in general, this cleanup was for larger items that are not normally picked up on regular garbage collection day; these larger items could be handled with machinery; smaller items that would have had to be picked up by hand were not, due to C-19 potential exposure
- Q on catch basins
- Q on paving and patching timelines
- Q on extension of sewer line along Wellington Street

- Q on Haliburton Road project – repairs to road, sidewalk and guardrail being completed
- Q on location of Council meetings in the future – a temporary location will need to be found as the Council Chambers space will soon be used by a new tenant
- Q on town office open hours during the state of emergency – all decisions are made to minimize risk of litigation and meet minimum insurance requirements during a state of emergency
- Q on cleaning for Public Works employees – they continue to use one truck per employee and each person is responsible for cleaning their own vehicle
- Q on collapsed culverts
- Q on boardwalk repairs – repairs required to fully open Market Wharf for the season have been completed
- Q on opening public washrooms during the pandemic – as with other municipal operations, all decisions are made to minimize risk of litigation and meet minimum insurance requirements during a state of emergency; at this time, no municipal unit in Pictou County has opened public washrooms
- Q on when cheques for grants to organizations will be mailed out – within 2 weeks
- Comment that Market Square and town beautification looks great – special thanks to Steel Pro for donating the labour and material for the steel graduation cap
- Q on jobs of various summer positions
- Q on sport groups requesting usage of fields and pool
- Q on pool operations budget with current closure
- Q on usage and comfort levels of aquatic users when the pool re-opens
- Q on budgeted residential taxes – \$8000 shortfall due to successful appeals
- Comment that the Town was notified by the Department of Housing to expect its share to more than double next fiscal year – Council request that they make a presentation in the fall to explain the formula

5. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Questions

Council reports were distributed in meeting packages. The following comment was made:

- Concern about speed of rollout of plans for REN in attracting new businesses – support has changed to supporting existing businesses, but a presentation will be made to Council soon

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: E Daley

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO