

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 Malcolm Houser; Councillors Dan Currie, Eric Daley and Nadine LeBlanc

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dan Troke, CAO  
Kyle Slaunwhite, Public Works  
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

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

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

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: N LeBlanc  
SECONDED: DM Houser

***RTC-02-24-20-2368***

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:  
10a. Heritage Advisory Committee Recommendation  
MOTION CARRIED

**4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Recreation & Parks – January 16, 2020

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

***RTC-02-24-20-2369***

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes of January 16, 2020 be approved.  
MOTION CARRIED

b. Regular Council – January 20, 2020

MOVED: DM Houser  
SECONDED: D Currie

***RTC-02-24-20-2370***

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of January 20, 2020 be approved.  
MOTION CARRIED

c. Tax Sale – January 22, 2020

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: DM Houser

***RTC-02-24-20-2371***

MOTION: That the Tax Sale minutes of January 22, 2020 be approved.  
MOTION CARRIED

d. Committee of Council – February 3, 2020

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

***RTC-02-24-20-2372***

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes be approved with one correction – Correspondence response from Zach Churchill letter was from Jill Piers, Early Childhood Education Advisor, Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development.  
MOTION CARRIED

e. Recreation & Parks – February 4, 2020

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

***RTC-02-24-20-2373***

MOTION: That the Recreation & Parks minutes of February 4, 2020 be approved.  
MOTION CARRIED

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. Pictou Splash Pad

The Pictou Splash Pad group submitted correspondence mainly related to operational expenses, based on information from Antigonish. Annual operations may cost:

- \$3,500 – Water
- \$ 800 – Surface spray
- \$2,000 – Draining and winterizing

Council was supportive of this project moving forward and agreed that Broidy Park is a good location. They are awaiting a staff report that encompasses all information pertaining to the project before an official decision can be made. The report is to contain information related to the group’s request of:

- endorsement of the project
- location – Broidy Park and location specific information
- having Town staff serve as project manager
- having the Town assume ownership and operations

It should also provide details on:

- daily, annual and long-term commitments – both financial and staff time
- water consumption, with research on recycling the water versus in-and-out process
- Construction costs re: drainage, water, sewer, site preparation, site construction plan drawings

b. Capital Budget 2020-21

MOVED: DM Houser

***RTC-02-24-20-2374***

SECONDED: D Currie

MOTION: To approve the Town Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021 with expenditures totaling \$2,753,706 (of which up to \$971,089 is to be borrowed and \$360,000 is to be transferred from 2020-21 Town Operating); conditional on outside grants to support the breakwater/market wharf project.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Early Childhood Education Program

Pre-primary is being offered at McCulloch Education Centre beginning in the Fall of 2020. As a result, the Grade 7s & 8s will move to Pictou Academy to allow for more space in the elementary school.

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

Mayor Ryan reported that two leases were discussed during Private Session.

a. Town Administration Building

Staff were given direction to proceed with a lease in the Town Administration Building.

b. RCMP Building Lease

MOVED: D Currie

***RTC-02-24-20-2375***

SECONDED: DM Houser

MOTION: To give the CAO permission to proceed with signing a 3-year building lease with the RCMP plus the opportunity for two, one-year extensions that would end on March 31, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

**9. REPORTS**

a. Municipal Corporation Reports:

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre

Mayor Ryan circulated a summary of the meeting.

ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority

No meetings

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Heritage Advisory Committee Recommendation

MOVED: N LeBlanc

***RTC-02-24-20-2376***

SECONDED: DM Houser

MOTION: To approve allowing the requested alternations of 98 Water St, which include the addition of two dormers to the existing one dormer, as recommended by the Heritage Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Additional work includes interior work at the rear of the building and an addition. These are not considered to be substantive, in that they have no impact on the architectural presence of the building or the building's public façade.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Gary Adams, CCRCE Regional Executive Director of Education

Correspondence was received from Gary Adams related to Pre-Primary implementation at McCulloch Education Centre and the related to changes to school grades that will be housed out of the school.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on street sweeper
- Question on number of children permitted on a splash pad
- Question on waterfront enhancement

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: E Daley

***RTC-02-22-20-2377***

SECONDED: N LeBlanc

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Dan Troke  
CAO