

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened 6:40 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
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: DM Houser

RTC-05-25-20-2410

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

4. PRESENTATIONS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – April 20, 2020

MOVED: N LeBlanc
SECONDED: DM Houser

RTC-05-25-20-2411

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

b. Committee of Council – May 4, 2020

MOVED: D Currie
SECONDED: E Daley

RTC-05-25-20-2412

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of May 4, 2020 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Special Council – May 4, 2020

MOVED: DM Houser
SECONDED: D Currie

RTC-05-25-20-2413

MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of May 4, 2020 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Motion – Proceed with Debenture Issuance – Various Capital Projects

MOVED: DM Houser ***RTC-05-25-20-2414***
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

MOTION: To proceed with a debenture issuance of \$2,906,154 for the Water Treatment Plant and \$404,333 for various capital projects.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Motion – Heritage Advisory Committee Appointment

MOVED: D Currie ***RTC-05-25-20-2415***
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

MOTION: To appoint John Blackwell to the Heritage Advisory Committee, as a member-at-large.
MOTION CARRIED

c. Motion – Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment

MOVED: N LeBlanc ***RTC-05-25-20-2416***
SECONDED: DM Houser

MOTION: To appoint Stacey Munroe and Dian Daye as members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.
MOTION CARRIED

d. Motion – Seven Day Notice: Financing Tax Policy

Council discussed the proposed COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy. The purpose of this policy is to support small businesses and residents struggling to pay their property tax bills due to COVID-19. It also provides cashflow for the Town. Other relevant points include:

- interest rate would be set at 1.35%
- should a taxpayer default on payments, they forfeit the low interest rate and proceed through regular tax collection processes and normal interest rates
- this is an application process with a July 15, 2020 deadline
- advertising and communication to residents will begin after the policy is approved

MOVED: DM Houser ***RTC-05-25-20-2417***
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

MOTION: That the following serve as the required seven (7) day advance notice to adopt a new Town Policy entitled “COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy”.
MOTION CARRIED

e. Town of Pictou Spring Cleanup

Given many restrictions continue to be in place due to COVID-19, Pictou Town Council has decided to conduct a Spring Cleanup based mainly on pickup of items not normally collected on regular garbage, recycling or leaf collection day. Large or bulky items that can be handled

by machine will be the focus of this cleanup, while smaller and loose items will continue to be collected in the usual manner. The goal will be to conduct the cleanup the third or fourth week of June.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

8. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports:

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre

Two meetings were held to review and pass the 2020-21 budget.

ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority

A package was shared for information purposes.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Administrative Office Re-opening

A slow re-opening plan will follow prescribed government suggestions. The plan is to open the office beginning June 8, 2020, in line with daycare re-opening dates. Public hours of operation will be from 10am to 2pm for the first week, with further expansion happening in the weeks after.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: DM Houser

RTC-05-25-20-2418

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO