

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular 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  
Nicole Battist, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: D Currie ***RTC-06-15-20-2423***  
SECONDED: DM Houser

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:  
10a. Marina Bar & Grill – Land Use Variance  
MOTION CARRIED

**3. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Council – May 25, 2020  
MOVED: N LeBlanc ***RTC-06-15-20-2424***  
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of May 25, 2020 be approved.  
MOTION CARRIED

b. Committee of Council – June 1, 2020  
MOVED: DM Houser ***RTC-06-15-20-2425***  
SECONDED: D Currie

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of June 1, 2020 be approved.  
MOTION CARRIED

c. Special Council – June 1, 2020  
MOVED: N LeBlanc ***RTC-06-15-20-2426***  
SECONDED: E Daley

MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of June 1, 2020 be approved.  
MOTION CARRIED

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. Municipal Election – E-Voting

The Returning Officer is recommending full electronic voting for the upcoming election (no paper ballot option). This mitigates social distancing concerns and decreases the risks of spreading the COVID-19 virus. In the last election, roughly 58% of eligible voters voted and more than 50% of these people used electronic mediums.

MOVED: DM Houser  
SECONDED: E Daley

***RTC-06-15-20-2427***

MOTION: To authorize using electronic and telephone voting only for the October 2020 municipal election.  
MOTION CARRIED

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

**8. REPORTS**

a. Municipal Corporation Reports:

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre

They are preparing a re-opening plan based on a possible September opening; the PC YM-YWCA, who is a tenant of the Wellness Centre, has opened its daycare services this week and is working on a gradual introduction of other programs in July and August.

ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority

Regular operating hours are back in effect; PC REMO updates for Mayors and Warden are now once a week. Everything appears to be running smoothly as services and retail resumes.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Capital Budget Item

Significant capital work at the wastewater treatment plant needs to be completed. \$20,000 was ear-marked in this year's capital budget to replace the aerators, however, when the work was further investigated, it was discovered that components were corroded, and the required job is larger than anticipated. The total project is roughly \$100,000, with 30% being covered by the user agreement with the County of Pictou, thus leaving the Town with \$50,000 capital pressure. By repurposing money from other capital projects, this pressure can be covered with no change to the bottom line.

MOVED: D Currie  
SECONDED: DM Houser

***RTC-06-15-20-2428***

MOTION: To reprofile \$50,000 from the 2020-21 capital waterfront projects to cover needed capital repairs at the wastewater treatment plant.  
MOTION CARRIED

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Marina Bar & Grill

The Marina Bar & Grill would like to build a deck on the grass area between the building and sidewalk. There is a required land setback that prevents this from happening without an approved variance from Council. Council expects that due process is followed and is requesting that Town Planner, Jeff Turnbull and other staff provide background information for consideration at the next meeting of Committee.

MOVED: D Currie  
SECONDED: DM Houser

MOTION: To, upon request, enter into an agreement with Tony Dolan to allow for temporary decking at the Marina Bar & Grill for the summer of 2020, and to consider similar requests from other town businesses (that allow for extended outdoor business spacing).  
MOTION CARRIED

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: E Daley  
SECONDED: DM Houser

*RTC-06-15-20-2429*

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Dan Troke  
CAO