

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened 6:35 pm at the deCoste Entertainment Centre on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

PRESENT: Councillors Dan Currie, Nadine LeBlanc, Melinda MacKenzie and Shawn McNamara

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Troke, CAO
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. PRIVATE SESSION – PROPERTY MATTER (6:00 pm)

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with two additions:
9c. Policing at Northumberland High School
9d. Pictou North Colchester Exhibition Request

CARRIED

RTC-11-16-20-2479

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Audit Committee – October 19, 2020

MOTION: That the Audit Committee minutes of October 19, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-11-16-20-2480

b. Regular Council – October 19, 2020

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of October 19, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-11-16-20-2481

c. Recreation and Parks – October 27, 2020

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes of October 27, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-11-16-20-2482

A final decision on the format of the Christmas Light-up event will be decided tomorrow.

d. Special Council – November 2, 2020

MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of November 2, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-11-16-20-2483

e. Special Committee of Council – November 4, 2020

MOTION: That the Special Committee of Council minutes of November 4, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-11-16-20-2484

f. Special Committee of Council – November 5, 2020

MOTION: That the Special Committee of Council minutes of November 5, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-11-16-20-2485

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. CN Station Capital Work

- Question on work that needs to be completed to the second floor – heat source, windows, bathroom work
- Question on whether the downstairs windows have been replaced – 2 need a second pane to reduce heat loss
- Comment that the updates and future desired purpose be shared with the public

MOTION: To approve an additional \$35,000 to complete upgrades to the first floor of the CN Station in this fiscal year.

CARRIED

RTC-11-16-20-2486

7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

a. Land Purchase

The Town is proceeding with the purchase of 6 lots of land along the waterfront. This purchase gives the Town control over lands and future development along the waterfront.

8. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports (circulated prior to meeting)

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre

- \$50,600 forecasted 2021 deficit
- Ongoing exploration of energy cost efficiencies
- At the recent AGM, Mayor Ryan was appointed Chair, Mayor Dicks Vice Chair and it was reported there was a \$320,000 deficit (4.03% is the Town of Pictou’s share)

ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority

No regular meetings since September 21, 2020 AGM; next meeting November 23, 2020 – new chair and vice chair to be selected

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Deputy Mayor Terms of Office and Appointment

Council agreed to continue with the model used by the former Council with terms being one year. The Mayor asked that each councillor consider serving a term. Preference is for the order to be determined by consensus; where consensus is not possible a straw poll will be used to select remaining Councillors.

MOTION: To appoint Nadine LeBlanc as Deputy Mayor for the first year of this Council's four-year term.

CARRIED *RTC-11-16-20-2487*

A list of committee appointments was previously shared.

b. Update of Signing Officers

MOTION: To approve that Nadine LeBlanc be granted signing authority.

CARRIED *RTC-11-16-20-2488*

c. Policing at Northumberland High School

The School Liaison position is vacant due to a leave of absence. This vacancy is noticeable as there are daily occurrences where RCMP involvement is appreciated. In the meantime, officers go there on a daily basis to assist with traffic control; they also share in other duties on a part-time basis. These liaison positions are specially funded by the Province.

d. Pictou North Colchester Exhibition Request

MOTION: To approve a one-time grant to support annual expenses of the Pictou North Colchester Exhibition in the amount of \$2,400.

CARRIED *RTC-11-16-20-2489*

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you note was received from Jacqueline Lavoie for her award as the Representative Volunteer of the Year for Pictou.
- Pictou United Church also extended a thank you to Town Council and staff for replacing the curb near the church.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question about water lots being purchased by the Town

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO