

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: Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc; Councillors Dan Currie, Melinda MacKenzie and Shawn McNamara

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 8a. Christmas Updates
- 8b. Welcome Initiative Update
- 8c. Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors
- 9a. Ernst and Young – Northern Pulp

CARRIED

RTC-12-21-20-2491

3. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – November 16, 2020

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of November 16, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-12-21-20-2492

b. Committee of Council – December 7, 2020

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of December 7, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-12-21-20-2493

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Pictou Exploratory Society Request

Council gave direction to staff to review the former PA building condition estimates and studies completed by staff and the Province, providing a series of options so that previous work is not repeated.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

7. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre

Report distributed with agenda package

- ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
Report distributed with agenda package
- iii. Riverview Home
Report distributed with agenda package

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Christmas Updates

Councillor MacKenzie shared some updates on Christmas initiatives:

- A drone video of town Christmas lights has been recorded and will be shared on social media on Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm
- A video was recorded and shared of Susan Moland’s property, which is just outside of Pictou – there are more than 95,000 views to date
- Business wreath competition – winners are Sharon’s Family Restaurant, Water Street Bakery and Harbour House Ales & Spirits

b. Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors

MOTION: To approve sending a letter to the NS Department of Health asking them to consider banning the sale of energy drinks to minors.

CARRIED

RTC-12-21-20-2494

c. Marina Operations

Given that the current lease will be expiring, direction was given to staff to prepare a briefing note on options for future operations.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Ernst and Young – Northern Pulp

Mayor Ryan entered into the record a letter he sent to Ernst and Young requesting that the Town be identified as a key stakeholder in ongoing actions regarding Northern Pulp. Although Ernst and Young’s involvement is more related to finances of creditors, Mayor Ryan pointed to the environmental, health and financial interest to the Town and its residents in the request.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO