

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 8:07 pm via Zoom Teleconferencing on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works
Michelle Young, Recreation Manager
Jonathan Daye, Accountant
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Paul Janes, Fire Department
Addie MacCallum, RCMP

1. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

He began by acknowledging that we are in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq People. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Mi’kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

He also conveyed that our community continues to mourn the discovery of the bodies of 215 children on the grounds of a former residential school site in BC.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED

COC-06-07-21-2575

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

A written report was circulated in the agenda packages. The Fire Chief had another fire related call and was unable to attend.

b. RCMP

A written report was circulated with agenda packages.

- Compliments were expressed on the new report format

c. Administration

A written report was circulated with agenda packages.

- Question about Dream Esteem program
- Question on Accessibility Committee

d. Public Works

A written report was circulated with agenda packages.

- Question on RRFPP meaning – flashing lights for crosswalks
- Question on process of assessing new well
- Question on visible civic numbers – owner responsibility, can purchase blue signs from neighbouring fire departments
- Question on cleanup order
- Comment about painting of crosswalks – there is a paint shortage, on back order
- Comment about sidewalk paint color and reflective strips

e. Recreation and Parks

A written report was circulated with agenda packages.

- Comment that plans are underway to potentially re-open on June 21, depending on provincial regulations
- Free access to YMCA for Town residents in July
- Swings and accessible pathways being ordered/installed at Veterans Drive

f. Variance

Not available; year-end being worked on

6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Municipal Alcohol Project – M MacKenzie

- Harm reduction checklist being worked on

b. Heritage Committee – M MacKenzie

- Communication with property owners about heritage district on Front Street
- New Chair needed as St Clair Prest has resigned

c. PARL, REN and Accessibility – D Currie

- Reports circulated in package

d. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – DM LeBlanc

- Secured 5 students grants for season

e. Ship Hector Foundation – S McNamara

- Fundraising Chair selected, campaign to start soon
- 2 new board members and 3 students hired

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Grants to Organizations

The deadline for applications has passed. A recommendation will be made at the next Regular Council meeting.

b. Public Sewers By-law Policy

MOTION: That the following serve as the required seven (7) day advance notice to adopt a new Town Policy titled “Public Sewers By-law”.

CARRIED *COC-06-07-21-2576*

c. Waterfront Masterplan RFP

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve spending up to \$7,000 from the Waterfront Reserve towards the Town’s share of the development of the Waterfront Masterplan.

CARRIED *COC-06-07-21-2577*

d. CN Station Capital

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve spending an additional \$25,000 from the Operating Reserve on capital improvements to complete the soffit replacement on the CN Station.

CARRIED *COC-06-07-21-2578*

e. Surplus of Town-owned Residential Properties

Council directed staff to develop a request for proposals (RFP) to sell Town-owned residential land.

Council and staff are asked to review the list to ensure there are no other desired town uses and that titles are clear. This RFP round will be for properties suitable for single dwelling units only.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. John Howard Society of NS

They have plans to undergo a project to create a transitional housing facility in the former Addictions Services building on Elliott Street. The target will be vulnerable men who are homeless and have been engaged with the criminal justice system, as well as vulnerable members of the community who are more likely to experience poverty, criminalization rationalization and marginalization.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO