

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened 6:45 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. 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 as presented.
CARRIED

RTC-01-18-21-2499

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Hector Quay Bed and Breakfast will be holding a Heritage Christmas Afternoon Tea each weekend during the month of January.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – December 21, 2020

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of December 21, 2020 be approved.
CARRIED

RTC-01-18-20-2500

b. Committee of Council – January 4, 2021

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of January 4, 2021 be approved with one insertion under 6e – that the breakwater was removed from the water.

CARRIED

RTC-01-18-20-2501

c. Tax Sale Minutes – January 12, 2021

MOTION: That the Tax Sale minutes of January 12, 2021 be approved with one correction – change 36 High Street to 36 Hill Street on second page.

CARRIED

RTC-01-18-20-2502

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Pictou Exploratory Society Request

Mayor Ryan and Councillor MacKenzie declared a conflict and sat in the gallery. DM LeBlanc took over as Chair.

Consensus by Council was to proceed with a working committee consisting of two councillors, two exploratory members and Superintendent Slaunwhite, as a resource person to review timing and associated costs via trade businesses; and report back to Council.

MOTION: To approve committing \$5,000 towards the work to gather costs associated with required upgrades to the former PA Building.

CARRIED *RTC-01-18-20-2503*

Mayor Ryan and Councillor MacKenzie rejoined the meeting. Mayor Ryan resumed the Chair.

b. CAO Resignation Update

MOTION: To appoint Nicole MacDonald as Acting CAO for a minimum of three months.

CARRIED *RTC-01-18-20-2504*

MOTION: To appoint Nicole MacDonald as a signing officer for the Town of Pictou.

CARRIED *RTC-01-18-20-2505*

c. Safe Restart Funding

The Province is holding a meeting on January 27 to provide details on how this funding can be spent; staff will wait until this meeting to provide spending recommendations.

d. First Reading – Sewer Bylaw Update

MOTION: To approve first reading of amendments to the Sewer Bylaw.

CARRIED *RTC-01-18-20-2506*

e. Approval – Accessibility Advisory Committee Policy

MOTION: To approve the Accessibility Advisory Committee Policy.

CARRIED *RTC-01-18-20-2507*

f. Crosswalk Safety

MOTION: To purchase and install two flashing crosswalks in fiscal year ending March 2021; with the locations to be determined by the Local Traffic Authority.

CARRIED *RTC-01-18-20-2508*

7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

a. Tax Sale

MOTION: To sell two properties (36 Hill and 138 Elm) by way of closed bid tender process.

CARRIED *RTC-01-18-20-2509*

b. Another land matter was also discussed, but no public information is available at this time.

8. REPORTS

- a. Municipal Corporation Reports
 - i. Pictou County Wellness Centre
Report distributed with agenda package
 - ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
Report distributed electronically
 - iii. Riverview Home
Report distributed with agenda package

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Food Bank Request

The group is outgrowing the space in the Town Administration Building. They are looking for a larger, accessible space that is rent-free.

Staff will brainstorm town owned or non-town owned space that may be available or ways community groups could support this need. Any ideas will be shared with DM LeBlanc.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Q on what amendments were made to the Sewer Bylaw in 2014 and 2017
- Q on what the property owner owns and is responsible for regarding pipes going to the sewer main
- Q on shared sewer pipes and who is responsible
- Q on clarification of plans for the former PA Building

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Nicole MacDonald
Acting CAO