

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:30 pm in Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Blake Sarson, Fire Department
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works
Michelle Young, Recreation Manager
David Nicholson, Finance
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Cst. Daron Peach, RCMP

1. **PRIVATE SESSION – LAND MATTERS (5:30 PM)**
2. **PUBLIC HEARING – 67 CALADH AVENUE (6:00 PM)**
3. **PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER (Immediately Following)**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

4. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

It was acknowledged that Town Council was meeting in the unceded territory of Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded land of the Mi’kmaq people.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
6a. Certificate of Recognition

CARRIED

COC-11-01-21-2484

6. **PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

a. **Certificate of Recognition**

Councillor Currie was presented a certificate of recognition from the NS Federation of Municipalities for 26 years of dedicated service in municipal government in the Province of Nova Scotia.

7. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. **Fire Department**

- Question about fire alarm
- Question about training

b. RCMP

The RCMP sent regrets; the report was circulated electronically and at the meeting.

- Question on events of the past weekend

c. Administration

- Question about Active Pictou County partnership

d. Public Works

- Question on Water Street repaving project timelines
- Question on Water shutoff project
- Question on Town dumping area
- Comment that access to town dump needs to be thought out
- Question on Well #17 & #18

e. Recreation and Parks

- Website re-design and waterfront operations were discussed
- Question on kiosk leases
- Question on paying bills online via website extension
- Christmas socials and events coming up; planning underway; public ideas welcome

f. Variance

- Question on commercial taxes variance

8. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Ship Hector Foundation – DM McNamara

- Fundraising campaign underway; visit shiphector.ca for details

b. Pictou Lobster Carnival – DM McNamara

- Ham & Salad Dinner and Dessert – November 19
- Question on whether containers can be compostable

c. Heritage Advisory Committee – M MacKenzie

- New chair appointed
- Looking at best practices from other towns
- New banners displayed along Front Street to promote heritage district

d. deCoste Centre – M MacKenzie

- Community fundraising starting to unfold

e. Opportunity Shop – N LeBlanc

- Permitted to open to the public now; Tuesday afternoons; Star Gift Program

f. PARL, McCulloch Genealogy Centre, Cruise Committee, Regional Enterprise Network – D Currie

- Shared in agenda packages

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Variance Request – 67 Caladh Avenue

Councillor Currie recused himself from this agenda item.

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to uphold the decision to allow a variance from the Front Yard Set-back requirements of the Land Use By-law, from the required 10 feet set-back to 2 feet to the property owner of 67 Caladh Avenue.

DENIED *COC-11-01-21-2485*

b. Fire Truck Funding

Question on funding sources, Firefighters Society and vehicle specifications

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve funds of \$600,000 from the 2022/23 capital budget to be used for the purchase of a new lead fire truck.

CARRIED *COC-11-01-21-2486*

c. Heritage Advisory Committee – Appointment

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to appoint Brendan Nichol as a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

CARRIED *COC-11-01-21-2487*

d. Street Closure – Dawson’s Lane

MOTION: That the following serve as the required seven (7) day advance notice to adopt a new Town Policy titled “Street Closure – Dawson’s Lane”.

CARRIED *COC-11-01-21-2488*

10. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

Discussion was held around two pieces of property listed for sale by the Town of Pictou.

Direction was given to CAO Slaunwhite to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the preferred proponent of the property referred to as Old Hospital Hill, Denoon Street.

Council also requested additional information on a second piece of property.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Hector Arena Funding Request

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve an additional \$2000 to the Hector Arena in this fiscal year (\$13,000 was previously awarded during budget deliberations).

CARRIED *COC-11-01-21-2489*

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on Hospital Hill property
- Question on staff reports
- Question on new sidewalks along Water Street and deficiency checks
- Comment on traffic along Dawson's Lane and Willow Street extension

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO