

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Paul Janes, Fire Department
Cst Daron Peach, RCMP
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works
Michelle Young, Recreation Manager
David Nicholson, Finance
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It was acknowledged that Town Council was meeting in the unceded territory of Mi'kma'ki.

The first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was observed last week. A musical concert was held at the Pictou Waterfront where Chief Andrea Paul was present and provided remarks.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED

COC-10-04-21-2472

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

David Nicholson, the Town's new Manager of Finance, was introduced.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

- Question on hydrant water pressure
- Comment on how well fire fighters worked together at a recent fire
- Comment on dry hydrants

b. RCMP

- Question on motorcycle clubs
- Comment on amount of fundraising completed by RCMP for local organizations
- Question on jump in theft from last year

c. Administration

- Question on Dangerous and Unsightly process
- Question on connector trail from Jitney Trail to roundabout
- Question on RCMP Office Assistant Position

d. Public Works

- Water Street completion date is end of October, otherwise fines kick in
- Question on backup water supply in case of fire during water shutoff this week

e. Recreation and Parks

- Update on vaccine protocols provided
- Pictou County won most active county with Heartland Tour competition; \$2500 award awarded to Cape-to-Cape group
- Question on public washrooms
- Council requested that staff explore marina and kiosks leases for next year so that a decision can be made on operations
- Flower baskets looked great this year

f. Variance

- n/a due to change in staff

6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Ship Hector Foundation – S McNamara

- Kickoff for fundraiser today; John Oliver and Dave Sobey are chairs; \$2.4 M goal

b. Hector Arena – M MacKenzie

- Almost ready to open for the season; fundraising to replace refrigeration system is a priority

c. Regional Library – D Currie

- open with covid protocols

d. McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre

- AGM October 3, book launch and Culloden exhibit

e. Pictou Lobster Carnival – DM LeBlanc

- Fundraising ideas brainstormed
- Recruitment of new volunteers is a priority

f. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – DM LeBlanc

- Museum Manager has resigned from her position
- Numbers are down compared to last year; busiest weekend was Bluenose Visit

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Waterfront Plan Update

- Three major projects are progressing:
 - Breakwater – discussions on federal government funding continues
 - Ship Hector Foundation – fundraising kickoff has taken place
 - Library – hopefully momentum on funding now that elections are complete
- Upland almost complete with first draft of written report – a presentation will be made to the public at HarvFEST on the Harbour on October 16
- The Second Battalion monument to be updated by federal government next year

8. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

No meeting

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Hospitality Policy – Seven Day Notice

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

CARRIED

COC-10-04-21-2473

Staff were asked to reach out to other municipal units to see if they are considering including edibles or marijuana in similar policies.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on noise reader calibration/certification
- Question on bylaws and policies
- Question on Noise Bylaw updates
- Question on complaint process

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO