

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:40 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  
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works  
Addie MacCallum, RCMP  
Michelle Young, Recreation Manager  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Paul Janes, Fire Department

**1. PRIVATE SESSION – LAND MATTERS (6:00 pm)**

**2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

**3. 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.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:  
5. Blaine Ferguson

CARRIED

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**5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Public appreciation was given to Blaine Ferguson for his ongoing efforts helping to maintain the Jitney Trail.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

a. Active Pictou County

Active Pictou County Coordinator, Sally O’Neill, presented highlights of work completed over the past year, the workplan for the remainder of the year and future priorities.

- A comment was made about the appreciation of efforts to positively receive \$100,000 in Connect 2 funding for a connector route between the Jitney Trail and roundabout
- Question about partners and after-school programming

**7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

Fire Chief Janes was unable to attend at the last minute.

- Question on squad van replacement and servicing in-house

a. RCMP

- Question on NEN meaning – North East Nova Traffic Services
- Question why warnings are better than giving tickets
- Question on SOTS meaning – Summary Offense Tickets
- Comment on speeding in some areas of town – environmental design may need to be looked at in problem areas
- Flashing speed signs – can they be considered in future planning?
- Question on mufflers installed after market

b. Administration

- Question on website launch and uploading of bylaws and policies

c. Public Works

- Question on delay of three-quarter ton truck – delayed arrival due to worldwide chip shortage
- Question on hiring of new operator – posted internally per CUPE contract
- Question on update of crosswalk crossing/light installation at East End Grocery and Dairy Bar

d. Recreation and Parks

- Question on swim lesson numbers
- Question on sheathing at the wharf

e. Variance

- Question on reserves, recreation budget and housing costs

**8. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Ship Hector Foundation – DM McNamara

- Ship Hector fundraising launch underway

b. Hector Arena – DM McNamara

- Looking at new funding sources to replace the refrigeration unit
- Recreation staff assisting with grant application for new refrigeration unit

c. Pictou Lobster Carnival – DM McNamara

- 436 meals sold at the Ham & Salad Dinner and Dessert; profit \$3500
- New Year's Skate fundraiser (approval to set off fireworks is required – contact Deputy Clerk)

- d. Regional Library, McCulloch House and Regional Enterprise Network – D Currie
  - Submitted reports electronically
- e. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc
  - Revising vision and strategic plan
- f. Heritage Advisory and deCoste Centre – M MacKenzie
  - Submitted reports electronically

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION**

A number of land issues were discussed, including:

- Hospital Hill – the proponent has a 2-month period to investigate development of the property, at which time the Town will enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement
- Denoon/Union – decision on sale was tabled until January 2022
- Other – not able to report publicly at this time

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

a. DEANS Funding Request

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve a \$4000 funding request from DEANS.

CARRIED

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**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**13. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on Hospital Hill property

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO