

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:30 pm via Zoom Video Conferencing 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  
Paul Janes, Fire Dept  
Cst Aaron Bishop, RCMP  
Michelle Young, Recreation Manager  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Michelle Young, Recreation Manager

**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 ancestral and unceded land of the Mi'kmaq people.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.  
CARRIED

*COC-01-10-22-2514*

**4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

- Council acknowledged the fire department and neighbouring departments for their efforts with a house fire fought on Christmas Day
- Question on delivery date of three-quarter ton truck
- Question on when recommendation will be made to Council regarding the new fire truck

a. RCMP

- Question on what's being done to pursue vehicle theft, firearms, car speeding, and business break-ins
- Comment that patrols on Beeches Road have resulted in more speeding tickets

- Question on whether the RCMP could do an education piece/prestation to businesses on how to reduce theft?

b. Administration

- Question on timeline of Accessibility Plan

c. Public Works

- Question on delay of getting sidewalks plowed in last storm – due to staff shortage
- Question on priority of plowing streets and sidewalks

d. Recreation and Parks

- No questions

e. Variance

- Question on RCMP and Public Housing deficit
- Question on overall budget variance

**7. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Ship Hector Foundation – DM McNamara

- Campaign gaining momentum

b. Pictou Lobster Carnival – N LeBlanc

- Entertainment being worked on for this year’s carnival
- New Year’s Skate canceled due to pandemic

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

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

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Amendments to Grant Program Policy – 7 days’ notice

- Recommended changes relate to reporting requirements for grant recipients over \$1000; recognition of town support; multi-year asks requiring a formal agreement; new deadline is earlier in the year – February of each year
- Question on whether general operating activities can be changed to allow grants for strategic initiatives
- Question on whether deadline can be later for this year only as organizations may not be able to meet due to COVID restrictions – after approval of the amendments, a resolution can be made to change the deadline for this year only

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve amendments to the policy titled “Grant Program”.

CARRIED

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO