

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 6:30 pm at the CN Station – 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
Michelle Young, Recreation Manager
David Nicholson, Finance
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Paul Janes, Fire Dept
Addie MacCallum, RCMP

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

2. 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 as presented.
CARRIED

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5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6. PRESENTATIONS

Paul Wills, Municipal Finance Corporation, and Ross MacDonald from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing presented a Debt Affordability Model.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

No one from the Fire Department was available; no questions.

b. RCMP

No one from the RCMP was available; Council thanked the RCMP for the presentation made to business owners related to theft and keeping property safe.

- c. Administration (Active PC)
 - Question on accessibility plan and after school programming
- d. Public Works
 - Question on cold patching
 - Question on what to do if someone would like a pothole fixed
 - Question on closing date for the temporary hire
- e. Recreation and Parks
 - Website: training happening mid-March and can be launched after training takes place
 - Cruise: behind the scenes work happening even with industry down; first cruise visit in May
 - Pool schedule is filled with March Break programming
 - Question on restrictions at pool
- f. Variance
 - Question on RCMP retro pay
 - Question on asking federal government to pay the retro pay

8. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

- a. Ship Hector Foundation – DM McNamara
 - \$75,000 donation made; more than \$300,000 raised so far
 - Visit www.shiphector.ca for updates
 - Ship maintenance continues over the winter
- b. Hector Arena – M MacKenzie
 - The rink received \$25,000 from the New Horizons for Seniors Grant
- c. Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP) – M MacKenzie
 - Working on municipal harm reduction checklist
- d. Heritage Advisory – M MacKenzie
 - Researching other municipalities to get ideas on heritage advisory and promotion
 - Wondering about Victory Heights project next steps
- e. deCoste Entertainment Centre – M MacKenzie
 - Planning spring lineup
- f. Pictou Recreation and Parks – M MacKenzie
 - Spring Fling and Volunteer Week plans underway
 - Always looking for volunteers
- g. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) – D Currie
 - Included in Council package
 - One card borrowing system to be up and running in next month or so

- Virtual care project assists people with barriers to access healthcare system
- Covid testing kits distribution site

h. Opportunity Shop – N LeBlanc

- New executive elected
- Reviewed bylaws and made changes

i. Pictou Lobster Carnival

- Lineup announced
- Looking for volunteers
- Sponsorship letters out

j. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc

- Searching for Museum Curator/Manager
- Working on strategic planning

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Sale of Lot 1 on Elliott Street

This property was sold to Lindsay Amber Fitzgerald for \$11,000 with a commitment to build within five years.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

a. Sale of 164 Oak Street

This property sold to Sung Hee Kim for \$12,500 with a commitment to build within five years.

b. Three other land matters were discussed. The CAO was given instruction to:

- negotiate a Development Agreement
- enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement of 170 Oak Street
- enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement of 88 Union Street

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Write-Off – Accounts Receivables

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to write off 25 doubtful accounts receivables in the amount of \$8,831.12.

CARRIED

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b. Temporary Borrowing Resolution MFC Debenture

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to pass the following motion:

WHEREAS clause 66 (1) of the Municipal Government Act (the “Act”) provides that a municipality may borrow to carry out an authority to expend funds for capital purposes conferred by the Act or another Act of the Legislature; and

AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(a) of the Act provides that where a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (the “Minister”), that the sum shall be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures, in one sum or by installments, as determined by the council;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states, that in accordance with the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, the mayor and clerk, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for was approved by the municipal council on 20 September 2021;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Town of Pictou borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$901,618.70 for a period not to exceed 15 years, subject to the approval of the Minister;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Pictou in the amount that the mayor and clerk deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

CARRIED

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12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Pictou Lobster Carnival Funding Request
Deputy Mayor McNamara and Councillor LeBlanc recused themselves.

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to recommend contributing \$7,500 to the Pictou Lobster Carnival for the next 3 years.

CARRIED

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Deputy Mayor McNamara and Councillor LeBlanc rejoined the meeting.

b. deCoste Centre Funding Request

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to continue with a \$25,000 annual operating grant and not require the completion of an annual grant application.

CARRIED

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13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

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APPROVED

James R. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO