

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 and Nadine LeBlanc

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO  
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works  
Michelle Young, Recreation  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Blake Sarson, Fire Department  
Cst. Kevin Morneault - RCMP  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**REGRETS:** Councillor Melinda MacKenzie

**1. PRIVATE SESSION – PROPERTY AND CONTRACT MATTERS (5:30 pm)**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair 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 two additions/deletions:  
5b. Abbey Harty – Darts Champion  
9b. Splashpad Project – Delete (Table until June)

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

*COC-05-02-22-2547*

**5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

a. Lyme Disease Awareness Month

The Chair proclaimed May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

b. Abbey Harty – Darts Champion

Pictonian Abbey Harty has won the title of Nova Scotia’s Junior Girls Dart Champion. She will represent Team Nova Scotia in the Canadian Youth Nationals in Toronto this May.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

a. 2023 Town Operating Budget

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve the 2023 Town operating budget with tax rates being set at \$1.69/100 of residential and resource assessments; \$4.34/100 of commercial assessments; and \$0.32/100 of commercial assessments contained within the Business Improvement District of the Town.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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**7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

b. Fire Department

- Question on broken break line
- Question on painting the department crest on building
- Comment on Fire Department helping with Go Clean Get Green

c. RCMP

- Question on what to do about seeing speeding vehicles at midnight – call 911
- Question about cars speeding on side streets and concern for safety – if an immediate concern call 911; non-emergencies call RCMP Office at 902-485-4333
- Question on filling RCMP Office Assistant vacancy

d. Administration

- Discussed burning within town limits – yard debris cannot be burned as it is not seasoned wood; can be taken to town dump when open or placed at curbside on June 1
- Spring cleanups and dump closure details on website and Facebook

e. Public Works

- Question on cost of patching – up 50% over last year
- Question on when patching will begin
- Question on how patching will be prioritized
- Question on Coleraine Street retaining wall repairs
- Question on West River Road patching
- Question on UV System at Wastewater Treatment Plant

f. Recreation and Parks

- Pool will be shut down for 2 months for pool repairs this summer
- Michelle Young and Troy Greencorn were thanked for their assistance with putting together several grants for the 2023 celebrations
- Luke MacDonald, Committee member, has been recruited to St. FX as a member of the track team

g. Variance

- n/a

**8. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

- a. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library (PARL), McCulloch House & Genealogy Centre – D Currie
  - Reports submitted electronically
- b. Pictou Lobster Carnival – N LeBlanc
  - Pancake Breakfast – May 14
  - Wrestling – June 3
- c. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc
  - New manager hired
- d. Ship Hector Foundation – S McNamara
  - Received draft plans for new interpretive panels
  - Green building will be used for retail this year
  - Donations appreciated at shiphector.ca

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**10. DISCUSSIONS**

- a. Sale of 85 Union Street

The Town has sold 85 Union Street to Alejandro Torres for \$18,000, with a buy-back clause after 3 years at 70% should no structure be built.
- b. Sale of 88 Union Street

The Town has sold 88 Union Street to Clifford MacDonald for \$8,000, with a buy-back clause after 3 years at 70% should no structure be built.

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

Discussion was held on entering into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for three properties and selling two surplus properties.

Purchase of Certain Land Located at 123 Water Street

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve the purchase of a portion of land behind the building located at 123 Water Street for \$100,000 from Jonathan Nicholas Gauvin and Shoshauna Alexie Gauvin for the purposes of a parking lot.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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The funding for this purchase will be taken from the Pictou Place Project, but the Town will own the land.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**13. QUESTIONS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO