

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:** Councillors Dan Currie, Nadine LeBlanc and Melinda MacKenzie

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO  
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works  
Michelle Young, Recreation  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Addie Maccallum, RCMP  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**REGRETS:** Deputy Mayor Shawn McNamara  
Paul Janes, Fire Dept

**1. PRIVATE SESSION – PROPERTY 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 three additions:  
5a. Transgender Day  
5b. World Autism Day  
5c. Tartan Day

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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**5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

a. Transgender Day  
March 31 was acknowledged as Transgender Day of Visibility.

b. World Autism Day  
April 2 was acknowledged as World Autism Awareness Day. Citizens are asked to look at how we can create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential by increasing understanding and acceptance.

c. Tartan Day  
Tartan Day is April 6. Citizens are invited to celebrate the rich Scottish heritage of our community.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

- Q on whether new communication building is in use

b. RCMP

- Staff Sergeant Maccallum was thanked for the presentation made to business owners related to theft and keeping property safe
- Question on serious crimes

c. Administration

- Question on accessibility plan presentation timeline

d. Public Works

- Question on water breaks and water tower levels

e. Recreation and Parks

- Provided updates about new tools on website – Subscribe feature for alerts, accessibility tool
- Pool March Break programs were full, school bookings re-starting
- Go Clean Get Green is April 23
- Springmazing Race – registration open
- Callout for Nominations for Volunteer of the Year
- Question on why floor hockey group can no longer access the school gym – operations department being cautious with use as the floor is reaching age of replacement

f. Variance

- Question on RCMP salary retro-costs

**8. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Hector Arena – M MacKenzie

- Received \$2500 from the New Horizons for Seniors Program for the dehumidifier
- Optimistic they will have the money to purchase the ice making machine and dehumidifier for the rink
- Ice coming out next week

b. Heritage Advisory Committee – M MacKenzie

- Committee is interested in working on the Victory Heights project

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to appoint Tabitha Coleman to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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- c. deCoste Entertainment Centre – M MacKenzie
  - Promoting the Arts are for Everyone Program to community groups who would benefit from free passes to the deCoste
  - Member Appreciation Week coming up
- d. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library (PARL), McCulloch House & Genealogy Centre – D Currie
  - Reports submitted electronically
- e. Pictou Lobster Carnival – N LeBlanc
  - Meeting more frequently
  - Fund raising event at Legion April 30 – Foxy Family Feud
  - Weekend pass pre-sales sold-out but more will be available at the deCoste Centre
- f. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc
  - Interviews for Manager/Curator completed
  - AGM – April 12

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

a. Sale of Hospital Hill Property (Beeches Road)

It was reported that this property was sold to Pictou Beeches Development Inc for \$60,000, on conditions that 12 affordable units be built by June 2025 and 12 more units be built by June 2028. If these conditions are not met, buy-back conditions are laid out in the buy-back agreement that has been registered on the property.

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

Discussion was held on four land related matters.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Expropriation Document – Yorston Water Lot between Ship Hector/Marina Bar & Grill

This vacant land has not changed hands since the turn of the 1800s. As part of the Expropriation process, the municipality must approve the expropriation by the applicant.

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve the expropriation by the Town of Pictou certain land located in Pictou County and more particularly described in Schedule A and shown on the Plan marked Schedule B, such schedules which are attached to and from part of the Expropriation Document, the expropriation being for the municipal and public purpose of waterfront development in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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b. Issue Expression of Interest (EOI) – 28 Creighton Street

Direction was unanimously given to the CAO to issue a call for EOI for this lot for the purpose of commercial development.

c. Issue Expression of Interest – Moving Visitor Information Centre Building

Direction was unanimously given to the CAO to issue a call for EOI for the purpose of removal of the former Visitor Information Centre building; within the document it should state that the EOIs will be evaluated on financial components, future location and future usage.

d. Mentoring Plus Program

CAO Slaunwhite shared that the purpose of this program is to utilize the skills of retirees to mentor young people entering the workforce. The Town is being asked to support the program, with no financial commitment.

Council unanimously agreed to support the program (with no financial commitment).

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED

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James R. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO