

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened 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
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. PUBLIC SESSION – PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5:30 pm)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (6:30 pm)

3. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm.

4. 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.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
6b. Emancipation Day – August 1

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

COC-08-02-22-2565

6. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Acadian Day

The Chair recognized August 15 as Acadian Day.

b. Emancipation Day

The Chair recognized August 1 as Emancipation Day.

7. STAFF UPDATE

A general staff report was circulated in the agenda package.

- Question on electric charging cars status – waiting for delivery of one item
- Question on purchase of new flag poles – poles just arrived and will be installed shortly

8. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc

- New manager, Cody Brookes
- Open Monday to Friday by donation

- b. Pictou Lobster Carnival – DM McNamara
 - Estimated \$55 to \$60,000 profit
 - AGM in January
 - Looking for new executive and volunteers
 - Council commended the Pictou Lobster Carnival Committee for their efforts and this year’s success

- c. PARL – D Currie
 - Official announcement of Cultural Hub project today; within next 6 weeks construction should begin

- d. Hector Arena – M MacKenzie
 - Received \$50,000 from Provincial government

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Development Agreement Amendment – 222 Welsford St

MOTION: To table a decision until existing garbage bin enclosure requirement is satisfied.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-08-02-22-2566*

- b. deCoste Project Financing

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular Meeting to approve the Pictou Cultural Hub construction project of up to \$10 million in external funds.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-08-02-22-2567*

 - Question on town contribution – \$275,000
 - Question on staff burden for completing the financing

- c. ACOA – Rediscover Mainstreet Funding

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular Meeting to approve use of Rediscover Mainstreet funds in the amount of \$35,000 for community improvements and 2023 initiatives.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-08-02-22-2568*

 - Question on who will be leading this project
 - Question on whether businesses will be consulted
 - Comment that this funding was received after the budget was passed, but it will be cost-neutral to the Town

- d. Thriving Communities Fund

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular Meeting to approve the use of Thriving Communities Fund in the amount of \$218,500 for waterfront improvements and 2023 initiatives.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-08-02-22-2569*

e. **Broidy Park – Recreation Building**

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular Meeting to approve the reallocation of Capital funds from the CN Station Building to be used to move the former VIC building to Broidy Park so it may be used as a recreation/community space.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

COC-08-02-22-2570

- Question on placement and how that impacts splashpad location
- Question on moving costs
- Question on upgrades – roof including insulation required
- Question on building size and parking footprint, and blocking view of certain features of the park
- The exact location will be discussed

10. DISCUSSIONS

a. **Sale of Lot 8, 9 & 10 Hector Avenue**

The CAO is announcing the sale of Lot 8, 9 and 10 at Hector Avenue to Somerled Properties for \$25,000, as part of a minimum 6 multi-unit housing development, and to have an Occupancy Permit within 4 years, or a 70% buy-back clause.

b. **Sale of 92 Cottage Street**

The Deputy Clerk is announcing the sale of 92 Cottage Street to Kevin and Barb Slaunwhite for \$15,200, as part of a minimum single-unit build, and to have an Occupancy Permit within 3 years or a 60% buy-back clause.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment that people are not stopping at the corner of Welsford and Denoon St near the construction site.
- Question as to why more heavy trucks have been driving along Cottage Street lately – likely skatepark project related

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO