

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 Nadine LeBlanc and Melinda MacKenzie

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

REGRETS: Councillor Dan Currie
Paul Janes, Fire Department

1. PUBLIC SESSION – PUBLIC HEARING (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 6:36 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 as circulated.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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6. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Month

The Chair recognized September as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Month.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

n/a

b. RCMP

Sgt MacCallum reported they are still investigating the gut bridge fire and Pictou Lobster Carnival was the busiest matter for the summer.

- Question on noisy and fast vehicles
- Commended on fraud education

c. Administrative (Active PC)

- Question on what MPAL means – Municipal Physical Activity Leadership

d. Public Works

- Denoon Street scope of work was expanded due to lack of granular base below the asphalt; using contingency so not expected to be over budget
- Dan Campbell hired as Utility Manager
- Two operators hired – Greg MacKenzie and John Gribben
- Question on who owns the gut bridge
- Question on location of gut bridge replacement
- Question on Jitney Trail access at Norway Point
- Hot patching complete for year because budget expended; cold patching will continue
- Question on UV system at Waste Water Treatment Plant

e. Recreation and Parks

- Skatepark almost complete – it will be announced when the public can use it
- Pool re-opening September 17; two new hires, announcements will be made shortly
- Summer Musical Showcase – lots of great feedback this year
- Day Camp was filled each week
- Question on whether day campers used the former VIC
- Question on whether camper numbers can be expanded next year
- Question on replacing the swing set that was take down – a new one will not be in until January
- Question on Veterans Drive playground pieces being added

f. Variance

- Question on whether RCMP Administrative Assistant is working – not yet
- Question on RCMP vacancies and how it relates to budget
- Question on Environmental Services variance

8. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

a. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – N LeBlanc

- Still open, movie night tonight

b. Hector Arena – M MacKenzie

- Ice plant installed

- c. deCoste Centre – M MacKenzie
 - AGM held August 10
 - Cultural Hub tender to be made public on Thursday

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Reduction in Taxes Due to Fire – 167 St. Andrews Street

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular Meeting to approve reduction in taxes for 167 St Andrews Street, retroactive to the fire date of September 15, 2021 in the amount of \$434.80 for 2021-22 and \$860.39 for 2022-23 using the new PVSC assessment value.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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- b. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Various Capital Projects

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

WHEREAS Section 66 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that the Council of the Town of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose as authorized by statute;

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Pictou has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the *Municipal Government Act* and are so authorized to expend funds for capital purposes as identified in their capital budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of the Town of Pictou borrow a sum or sums not exceeding \$3,586,902 for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Council of the Town of Pictou to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the *Municipal Government Act* and that a sum or sums not exceeding \$3,586,902 in total be borrowed from time to time from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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10. DISCUSSIONS

a. Sale of 134 High Street

The CAO is announcing the sale of 134 High Street to Atlantic Pearl Homes for \$13,100, who will build a single-family unit within three years or a 70% buy-back clause.

b. Sale of 88 Patterson Street

The CAO is announcing the sale of 88 Patterson Street to Canadian Maritime Engineering Inc for \$150,000, with no buy-back clause.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on traffic flow of St. Andrews St and whether it can be made into a 2-way along the entire street
- Question on gut bridge and location of force main

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO