

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 Melinda MacKenzie; Councillors Dan Currie, Nadine LeBlanc and Shawn McNamara

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. 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.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Remembrance Day

Council acknowledged November 11th as Remembrance Day and asked people to observe the day and attend a local service if they can.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Market Square – Heritage Advisory Committee

Tabled

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

- Question on communication equipment
- Question on our dispatch

b. RCMP

- Question on number of current officers

- Question on meaning of SUI – Still Under Investigation
 - Question on who to call when someone has a problem with an animal – try Department of Natural Resources or private sector
- c. Administrative (Active PC)
- Question on closing date for Recreation Manager position
 - Active Pictou County report was accidentally omitted from agenda package but will be circulated after the meeting
- d. Public Works
- Comment on excellent job of the hurricane property cleanup by staff
 - Question on Irving Property cleanup
 - Question on why the Market Wharf is closed and why people should not walk on it
 - Question on completion date of Denoon Street project; it was noted that the street is still closed
- e. Recreation and Parks
- The Provincial Volunteer Ceremony was held today – Sandra and Hugh Campbell recognized
 - Skatepark Grand Opening this weekend
 - Thanks to everyone involved in HarvFest, and to Tony Dolan for the use of Fat Tony’s
- f. Variance
- Question on savings rate
 - Question on costs incurred due to damage of hurricane and whether there will be disaster assistance

7. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

- a. Northumberland Fisheries Museum
- Had a successful Haunted House for Halloween
 - The curator is on site Tuesday-Friday from 10:00 am-4:00 pm
 - Question on room rental availability
- b. PARL
- 90,000 covid tests given to the public
 - Costs for Cultural Hub being updated
- c. McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre
- Sutherland Harris Foundation display
 - Black Battalion display
 - Escape Room opening soon for the winter
 - Theresa MacKenzie is presently Acting Director
- d. Pictou Lobster Carnival
Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Big Breakfast – November 19
- Gift Card Bingo
- Christmas Basket tickets
- Next meeting is November 15 at 7:00 pm; committee is looking for volunteers

e. Hector Arena

- Received a new compressor which failed and set them behind for the start up.
- Hoping to open on Wednesday
- \$30,000 lost revenue with late startup

f. PC Sports Heritage

- Building sold but new owner is still renting space on a month to month basis
- Looking for permanent space

g. Ship Hector

- Hoping boat will be in water September 2023
- People working all winter on boat

h. deCoste Centre

- Red Cross rented space post Fiona
- Satellite events for the fall and winter throughout the county

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Water Manual Update

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve the annual water manual update.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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b. Wastewater Manual Update

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve the annual wastewater manual update.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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9. DISCUSSIONS

a. Union/Cedar/Denoon Street Intersection

A proposal for the realignment of this intersection was presented. Staff are suggesting it be considered during budget deliberations next year. A budget estimate will be available in December.

b. Caladh Avenue Layout

A proposal was presented to change the Caladh Avenue layout. Key points:

- 2-way street along Market St, with U turn at corner of Market/Caladh
- One way between Market and Coleraine, running west
- Parking moved to north side of street, to make water more visible
- Two lanes from Coleraine to Depot, to accommodate traffic heading to pier

Questions:

- Question on proposed trail usage – bike lane, pedestrian, multi use trail
- Question on parking spaces – roughly the same number
- Question on U turn – it is essentially a cul-de-sac?
- Question on allowing more space for larger vehicles leaving the deCoste parking lot and turning onto Water Street – will be looked at
- Question on when this might start – not until after 2023

Council consensus for staff to consult with public on the concept before finalizing the drawings.

c. Sidewalk Cafés

Staff presented the idea of developing a Sidewalk Cafés Bylaw so that requests can be dealt with in a more timely way, using pre-determined requirements.

Council consensus was for staff to prepare a draft bylaw for consideration, taking safety, accessibility and land use setbacks into account.

d. January and February meeting dates

January 9, 23; February 6 and 21

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on whether a raised sidewalk will go at East End Grocery
- Question on making St Andrews Street a 2-way street

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO