

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  
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works  
Michelle Young, Recreation/Community Development  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Wayne Robinson, Fire Department  
Addie Maccallum, RCMP

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

*COC-01-09-23-2629*

**3. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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. PRESENTATIONS**

a. Ignite Atlantic

Wes Surette, Monica Rivers and Allie MacKenzie presented an overview of the services provided by Ignite Atlantic and some of the resources they have access to. They are a rural innovation hub that exposes youth to entrepreneurship, supports startups and works with traditional industries to grow and expand.

- Question on transportation services to their onsite location
- Question on how they are funded
- Question on whether they have funds available to help with startup

**5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

The Fire Chief was unable to attend due to training.

- Special thanks to the Department for organizing the New Year’s levee and their commitment to ongoing training

b. RCMP

The Staff Sergeant was unable to attend; no questions

c. Administrative (Active PC)

- Question on location of afterschool program – McCulloch Education Centre, begins January 23

d. Public Works

- Question on GUDI wells
- Question on Gut Bridge rebuild
- Question on what to do if streetlights go out – call the Town Office
- Question on tractor tender

e. Recreation and Parks

- Pictou 2023 website launched, dedicated event calendar with 20 events to date, sign up form for volunteers
- Question on where larger events will be held given the deCoste will be closed – another location is being worked on

f. Variance

- Where can someone look at their assessment? [www.pvsc.com](http://www.pvsc.com)
- Question on major reasons for \$127,000 variance

**6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Councillor LeBlanc

- Polar dip fundraiser successful
- Upstairs available for rentals

b. Regional Library and McCulloch House – Councillor Currie

- highlighted library and McCulloch House reports that were shared in agenda packages

c. Blue Christmas Event – Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

- Plans to offer event again

d. Pictou Lobster Carnival – Councillor McNamara

- Two successful fundraisers – Gift Card Bingo and New Year’s Eve Skate

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

a. Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program

MOTION: For Council at their next Special meeting to authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into and execute an agreement with the GICB Program for the purposes of the project titled deCoste Cultural Hub Construction; and further, Council supports the project and commits to provide its share (\$1,422,000) toward the \$14,922,000 project cost.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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b. Emergency Generator – Water Utility

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve the purchase of a 75,000-kW mobile generator from United Rentals for \$32,935 plus HST (to be taken out of the water depreciation fund).

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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- Question on whether it has warranty – yes
- Question on whether it is a mobile unit – yes
- Question on current location of well sites and lift stations
- Question on what reserve this funding is coming from – water depreciation fund
- Question on whether we will keep the current generator – yes, until it is no longer serviceable

8. DISCUSSIONS

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO