

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  
Wayne Robinson, Fire Department  
Addie Maccallum, RCMP  
Kim Ward, RCMP  
Michelle Young, Recreation/Community Development  
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

*COC-02-06-23-2629*

**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**

**5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department  
No questions

b. RCMP

- The Town's Solicitor Bronwyn Duffy has been appointed to the bench
- Cpl Ward was introduced
- Q about the judicial system and court backlog

c. Administrative (Active PC)

- Sally O'Neill has been hired as the Recreation Manager

d. Public Works

- Question on when we use salt vs sand
- Question on water breaks due to low temperatures

e. Recreation and Parks

- Town grant applications open
- Volunteer of the Year nominations being accepted
- Request for a public update on 2023 celebrations at a future meeting
- 2023 Celebrations – other organizations welcome to add events to calendar with some promotional support

f. Variance

- Projecting a surplus of \$38,000

**6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. PC Sports Heritage – Councillor McNamara

- 30 year anniversary
- Induction ceremony being planned
- New location being reviewed

b. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Councillor LeBlanc

- AGM February 15 at 6:00 pm

c. Opportunity Shop – Councillor LeBlanc

- New executive – Councillor LeBlanc is chair
- Updated by-laws
- Question on whether they may move to Food Bank building

d. Pictou Lobster Carnival – Councillor LeBlanc

- New executive – Shawn McNamara is chair, but serving as a community member, not a councillor

e. Regional Library – Councillor Currie

- Requesting extra funding from Province to assist with livable wages
- With library card you can access Hoopla app (free movies, audible books, etc.)

f. Hector Arena – Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

- Everything fixed with ice maker
- Power bills higher
- Chair Darla MacKeil resigned, Councillor Mary Elliott has taken on the role

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

a. 2023-24 Capital Funding Plan

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to approve the 2023-24 Capital Budget in the amount of \$27,887,000.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

***COC-02-06-23-2630***

It was noted that Council’s preference was for paving to focus on smaller projects, rather than one larger project, as outlined in Option #2, per staff presentation. Staff will summarize the projects and share with Council in a briefing note so they can provide a recommendation at a future meeting.

**8. DISCUSSIONS**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 8:06 pm.

**12. PRIVATE SESSION – PERSONNEL & CONTRACT MATTERS**

Nothing public to share at this time.

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO