

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

REGRETS: Wayne Robinson, Fire Department

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. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
4c. Lupus Awareness Day

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

COC-05-01-23-2655

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

The Chair declared May 2023 as Gaelic Awareness Month in Pictou.

b. Lyme Disease Awareness Month

The Chair declared May 2023 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Pictou.

c. Lupus Awareness Day

The Chair declared May 10, 2023 as Lupus Awareness Day in Pictou.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Fire Department
 - Question on when truck will arrive – middle of May
 - Celebrating 190 years of protecting our community this year

- b. RCMP
 - Question on new Community Resource Officer – pilot project with existing resources; deals with non 911 emergencies, offers workshops ie, how not to be a victim of crime
 - Catalytic converters cannot be identified once cut off a vehicle – would like to see legislation requiring a record of sellers

- c. Public Works
 - Question on procuring electric vehicles for town use – about a 2 year delivery timeframe
 - Question on asphalt prices – 30% increase over last year, so less patching this year

- d. Parks and Recreation
 - Comment on Fitness Trails since Fiona – some sections can be repaired; re-routing may be a better option in some cases

- e. Community Development
 - No questions

- f. Variance
 - No questions

7. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

- a. Municipal Alcohol Project – DM MacKenzie
 - Harms Reduction list presented to Pictou Lobster Carnival

- b. Pictou Business and Marketing Society – DM MacKenzie
 - Discussed Sidewalk Café Bylaw and ideas for 2023 Celebrations

- c. Pictou County Sports Heritage – Councillor McNamara
 - 72 Induction nominees

- d. Ship Hector Society – Councillor McNamara
 - Hired full time project coordinator

- e. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Councilor LeBlanc
 - Preparing to open for season
 - Hatchery available for rent
 - Interviewing for summer students

- f. Pictou Lobster Carnival – Councillor LeBlanc
 - Several recent fundraisers
 - Early Bird tickets sold quickly; advanced tickets on sale now

- Looking for volunteers to help with event
- g. McCulloch Genealogy Centre, Pictou County Partnership, Regional Library (PARL) – Councillor Currie
 - Circulated electronically

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Grants to Organizations

Councillor Currie declared a conflict and excused himself from the discussion.

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular Meeting to approve dispersing Grants to Organizations totaling \$125,526, per staff report.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-05-01-23-2656*

Councillor Currie returned to the meeting.

9. DISCUSSIONS

a. 2023 Celebrations – Progress Overview

Community Development Officer Michelle Young provided an overview of the plans for the upcoming year of celebrations, centered around the 250th anniversary of the Ship Hector, and the 150th anniversary of the Town’s incorporation. The focal point will be Caladh Marquee, an event and placemaking site.

Questions/Comments:

- During the months of July and August, residents and visitors can gather 7 days a week at Caladh Marquee for live music
- Creating momentum, excitement and pride for our residents
- Will there still be entertainment at the marina? – yes, 2 days a week, similar to other years
- Question on how art piece is being funded – a portion from Heritage Canada is anticipated

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the public portion of the meeting.

13. PRIVATE SESSION – PROPERTY MATTERS

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO