

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

**REGRETS:** Wayne Robinson, Fire Department

**1. PRIVATE SESSION – CONTRACT AND PERSONNEL MATTERS (5:30 pm)**

**2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER**

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

**3. 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.

**4. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

*COC-06-05-23-2662*

**5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

a. June is Recreation Month

The Chair acknowledged June 2023 as Recreation Month.

b. Pride Month

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c. National Indigenous History Month

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d. D-Day

The Chair recognized June 6 as D-Day.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

- Gratitude was conveyed to the professionals that have been working to put out wildfires in our province
- Question on whether there will be a meet and greet to see the new truck – in the works
- Question on removal of current rescue vehicle plan – the Lafrance will be repurposed into a rescue truck and continue to be used as a pumper

b. RCMP

- Question on assaults doubling – some are anomalies, increase in calls on Elliott Street facility and in the prison in the County
- Congratulations was extended to Staff Sergeant Maccallum on his promotion
- Question on signage being purchased and installed around the County
- New devices and body cam were demonstrated
- DM MacKenzie is organizing a meeting to see if the community is interested in leading a Neighborhood Watch program

c. Community Development

- Question on where people can get the waterfront entertainment guide – Town Office, various locations, on Pictou 2023 website

d. Public Works

- Expect street sweeper to arrive next week
- Question on cleanup – it is complete; people are asked to remove remaining items before they become unsightly
- Acknowledgement of street patching and line painting
- Crosswalks and parking lots will be completed once things dry up
- Brush dump is closed and is full again

e. Parks and Recreation

- Question who can attend the NS Tattoo – anyone
- Question on when the equipment will be installed at Veterans Drive and Broidy Park – waiting on arrival of equipment
- Question on re-scheduling the fishing derbys – unknown

f. Variance

- Question on whether Cultural Hub project appears in Operational Budget – the short answer is no

**8. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Heritage Advisory Committee – DM MacKenzie

- Discussed goal to update historic buildings plaques around town

- Congratulations is extended to Tabitha Coleman in winning the 2022 Built Heritage Award for Commercial Buildings from the Heritage Trust of NS
- b. Hector Arena – DM MacKenzie
  - Successful year despite late start
  - Received a donation from the Sutherland Harris Memorial Hospital Foundation
  - Archery event was a success and Jiu Jitsu is going on now
  - RCMP Musical Ride will take place in August
- c. deCoste Centre – DM MacKenzie
  - Construction continues
- d. Pictou County Sports Heritage – Councillor McNamara
  - Induction anniversary ceremony October 21, 2-4 pm at Westville Civic Building, Tickets \$20
  - Big announcement at Trenton Annex on June 17
- e. Construction Engineering Flight (CEF) – Councillor McNamara
  - Recruitment is top priority
  - Focusing on small jobs while numbers are low
- f. Ship Hector Society – Councillor McNamara
  - Vern Shea hired as full-time project coordinator
  - Progression on ship and site
  - Open for visitors
  - AGM – June 14, 4pm Council Chambers
- g. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Councilor LeBlanc
  - Open 7 days a week 10 am-4 pm, 4 summer students hired
  - RFPs being accepted for small orange building (old hatchery) for rental usage
- h. Pictou Lobster Carnival – Councillor LeBlanc
  - Wrestling at Hector Arena June 22
  - Volunteers needed for event weekend
- i. McCulloch Genealogy Centre, Pictou County Partnership, Regional Library (PARL) – Councillor Currie
  - Circulated electronically

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION**

a. 76 Front Street

MOTION: For Council at their next Special meeting to authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into an agreement to purchase 76 Front Street.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

***COC-06-05-23-2663***

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

a. New Vehicle Purchase

Staff reported the immediate need for a replacement pickup truck due to inspection requirements.

MOTION: For Council at their next Special meeting to approve funding the purchase of an additional truck out of debt from the Water Budget for \$55,592 plus HST.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-06-05-23-2664*

b. Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) Funding Application – East End Water Distribution Improvements

MOTION: For Council at their next Special meeting to authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into and execute an agreement with the PCAP for the purposes of the project titled East End Water Distribution Improvements; and further, Council supports the project and commits to provide its share (\$51,371) toward the \$102,742 project cost.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-06-05-23-2665*

c. Construction Engineering Flight (CEF) Chair

Cam Beaton has stepped down as Chair. He was thanked for his years of service.

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve the appointment of Roy Byrne as Chair of the CEF.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-06-05-23-2666*

**11. DISCUSSIONS**

a. Review of Council Representatives on Committees

Staff presented an overview of the committees Council serves on to ensure representation continues to be in alignment with Town priorities and mandates. Council consensus was for the following:

- For Council members to resign from the Municipal Alcohol Project, Pictou County Sport Heritage Hall of Fame and the Winifred Grant Opportunity Shop
- For staff to discuss with the County of Pictou the possibility of jointly reducing elected official representation from two to one for both Source Water and the Hector Arena
- The creation of two new Committees of Council – Business Advisory and Climate Change/Sustainability (staff to prepare policies over the coming months)

b. Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) of 22-2 Caladh Avenue

Staff are announcing the PSA of Lot 22-2 Caladh Avenue to 3310451 Nova Scotia Limited for \$30,000 with a 2-year buyback at 70% repurchase price.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Clan Donald

Council gave direction to staff to work with Clan Donald to move the Clan Donald cairn from the former VIC site to the green space on Caladh Avenue near Depot Street.

**13. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO