

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
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 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:
9a. Certified Bird Friendly City Application

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Caladh Marquee and Pictou Lobster Carnival

The Chair acknowledged the culmination of hard work by staff in preparing Caladh Marquee and Caladh Avenue for the Canada Day events and the Pictou 2023 summer long activities. The Pictou Lobster Carnival volunteers were thanked for their efforts in planning and preparing for the event coming up this weekend.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Fire Department

- n/a
- Question on date of open house – will be announced soon
- Old Rescue truck will be up for tender soon

b. RCMP

- Full complement expected this fall

c. Community Development

- Great job on preparations for the new space and the events over the weekend

- d. Public Works
 - Street sweeper started being used this week by staff
- e. Parks and Recreation
 - Day Camps filled within 24 hours – the program will be reviewed in the fall, looking at ways it can be expanded and inclusive
- f. Variance
 - GIC investments are doing well

7. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

- a. Heritage Advisory Committee – DM MacKenzie
 - Panels and Victory Heights work continues
 - Question on whether more members can serve on the Committee
- b. Neighbourhood Watch (not an Appointment Committee – update only) – DM MacKenzie
 - A number of safety items were brought up that were not directly related to this program and may be better suited for the Police Advisory Board or other departments
 - Block Parents
 - “Next Door” app
 - Anonymous reporting to RCMP
- c. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Councilor LeBlanc
 - Open 10 to 4 daily by donation
 - Catherine Beaudette has an exhibit on display
 - Green Room for Pictou Lobster Carnival entertainers is upstairs
- d. Pictou Lobster Carnival – Councillor LeBlanc
 - Takes place this weekend
- e. Regional Library (PARL) – Councillor Currie
 - Circulated electronically
- f. McCulloch Genealogy Centre, Pictou County Partnership – Councillor Currie
 - AGM held in June
 - 50th year of centre event held in June
 - Getting ready for September events around the Hector 250 celebrations

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Nova Scotia Housing Accelerator (NSHA) Fund

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to give the CAO permission to apply to the NSHA Fund; and to approve the Action Plan which project 161 new units with a calculated reimbursement of \$4.517M based on the initiatives set within the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP).

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

COC-07-04-23-2675

b. Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

A draft was presented in January. It was made public, with no comment or input. Council comments from the January meeting were added to the document.

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular meeting to accept the ICSP.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

COC-07-04-23-2676

c. Prince Edward Island Ferries

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to recommend writing a letter to the Minister of Transport, with cc to Sean Fraser, Lawrence MacAulay, and the Premiers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, expressing their disappointment in the current state of ferry service, asking for the replacement process to be sped up, and to consider replacement of the Confederation now.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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9. DISCUSSIONS

a. Certified Bird Friendly City Application

A team is required to execute the program. This can be part of the mandate of the Climate Action Committee. Council gave permission to the Deputy Mayor to apply to this program.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO