

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 Dan Currie; Councillors Nadine LeBlanc, Melinda MacKenzie

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO  
Corporal Ward, RCMP  
Michelle Young, Community Development  
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works  
Sally O’Neill, Recreation  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder  
Wayne Robinson, Fire Chief

**ABSENT:** Councillor Shawn McNamara

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: To approve the agenda with two additions:  
• 8a. Nova Scotia Coastal Protection Act  
• 8b. Notice of Sale – Oak Street Properties

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

***COC-11-06-23-2711***

**3. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

a. Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Cenotaph on Saturday, November 11 beginning at 10:45 am.

The Chair also acknowledged Veterans Week held from November 5-11, noting that 2023 is the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations Peace Keeping.

b. Municipal Awareness Week

The Chair declared November 6-12 as Municipal Awareness Week in Pictou.

c. Transgender Awareness Week

The Chair declared November 13-19 as Transgender Awareness Week in Pictou.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

a. 2023 Year in Review

Michelle Young, Community Development Manager and Linda Townsend, 2023 Project Manager were in attendance to give a brief overview of the summer. They shared a video presentation that captured the 2023 celebrations.

Ms. Young commended the team in pulling together this year long event and thanked the following people:

- the Public Works Department
- Reuben Burge, new owner of Pier C
- Paul Logan, Logan's Daily Catch/North Nova Seafoods
- Partners Construction
- Troy Greencorn and his staff at the deCoste Centre

**5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Fire Department

- Fire Prevention Week – members attended McCulloch Education Centre and Starting Blocks Daycare
- Halloween – members were on site to give out treats
- A Pumper 11 photo has been selected for the 2024 Fort Gary's Calendar photo contest

b. RCMP

- Foot patrols were conducted throughout the month
- Online Safety and Fraud Prevention workshop presented to the New Horizons Seniors Club
- Resourcing levels are improving
- New Street Crime Unit started in Pictou County

c. Community Development

- 5 cruise ships were scheduled for this year with one cancellation due to weather; in the process of evaluating how things went; there is a Product Development Workshop this month and 2 debriefs (1 in Halifax and 1 in Charlottetown)
- Full Moon Halloween Market on October 28 was well attended
- Question on what they Legacy Projects are – Hector Monument refurbish at Market Square, Public Art Unveiling, Caladh Avenue Clan Signage and Interpretative Panels at Brown's Point and Victory Heights
- Question on status of flagpole – flagpole is in place, the old one will be removed when crane is available

d. Public Works

- Gut Bridge Tender deadline is November 28
- Question on why flushing hydrants takes so long – they flush until the water fully clears
- Question about removal of gravel on roads from hydrant flushing – street sweeper will remove in the next couple of weeks

e. Parks and Recreation

- Recreation Committee working on Holiday Planning

- Christmas Light Up will take place on December 1

f. Variance

- \$174,000 projected surplus
- When is the next Tax Sale? – February 14, 2024

**6. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

a. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Councillor LeBlanc

- Members are selling tickets on scallops

b. Pictou Lobster Carnival – Councillor LeBlanc

- AGM was held and the new executive members are:
  - Glen Jackson – Chair
  - Tony Wood-Keller – Vice Chair
  - Nikki Toole-Hebert – Treasurer
  - Debbie Weatherbie – Secretary
  - Members at large – Kent Corbett, Marion MacDonald and Matthew Landry
- always looking for more volunteers

c. Opportunity Shop – Councillor LeBlanc

- the revised by-laws were completed
- Attended last meeting with the committee before resigning

d. deCoste Centre – Councillor MacKenzie

- First meeting for Strategic Planning held

e. Christmas Planning – Councillor MacKenzie

- Next meeting is November 15 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers
- Licensed establishments have been encouraged to offer a festive non-alcoholic drink/ mocktail for the month of December
- Information will be given out to participating businesses for the Christmas Treasure Hunt

f. Regional Library, McCulloch Genealogy Centre and Pictou County Partnership – Deputy Mayor Currie

- Report shared in agenda packages

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

a. Sustainability and Climate Change Committee Policy – 7 days’ Notice of Intent to Consider

MOTION: That the following serve as the required seven (7) day advance Notice of Intent to consider the Policy titled “Sustainability and Climate Change Committee Policy”.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

*COC-11-06-23-2712*

b. Pictou County Transit

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to affirm their commitment to Pictou County Transit to provide bus service to and from the Town of Pictou; this commitment being a 3-year period with a maximum figure of \$43,500 per annum.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-11-06-23-2713*

\$5 from each sale will reduce the commitment required from the Town of Pictou.

c. Snowplow Purchase

MOTION: For Council at their next regular meeting to pre-approve a 2024-25 budget figure of \$250,000, which will allow for the immediate release of a tender to purchase a snowplow truck, with expected delivery for late 2024.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *COC-11-06-23-2714*

The reason for this request is because delivery wait times are currently approximately 12 months.

**8. DISCUSSIONS**

a. Nova Scotia Coastal Protection Act

The Ecology Action Centre has requested the Town write to the Province requesting they do not delay adopting the Coastal Protection Act Regulations. The Province felt more consultation was required with property owners before passing the regulations.

Council consensus was for the Mayor to write a letter to the Provincial Government asking them to provide a clear implementation timeline once the consultation is completed.

b. Notice of Sale – Oak Street Properties

The Town has sold 184 and 192 Oak Street to Lisa Bruff and John Aucoin for \$10,000 each, with a commitment to build 2 single family dwellings (1 for each lot) within 3 years (to pull permit) or the Town can execute a 70% buy back.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO