

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened at the CN Station – Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor Jim Ryan presiding.

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc; Councillors Robert Fry, Krista Fulton and Matt Harris

**Also Present:** Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO  
Curtis MacKinnon, RCMP  
Michelle Young, Community Development  
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works  
Sally O’Neill, Recreation  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**Regrets:** Wayne Robinson, Fire Chief

**1. Public Session – Call to Order**

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

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.

**2. Changes/Approval of Agenda**

Motion: To approve the agenda with two additions:  
9b. Coleraine Street  
12. Private Session – Personnel Matter

Moved, Seconded and Carried

*COC-01-06-25-001*

**3. Proclamations and Acknowledgements**

**4. Presentations**

**5. Departmental Reports**

a. Fire Department

- Report shared in Council package
- Question about fire on Harris Road and resulting water break from hydrant use

b. RCMP

- Report shared in Council package

c. Community Development

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on whether the Caladh Marquee village will stay up for the winter – pieces that cannot withstand the winter will be removed and taken out as necessary

- Comment about having equipment for snow removal

d. Public Works

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on scope of Constitution Street project
- Question about changing Constitution Street to a 2-way and why James Street is 2-way
- Question on what triggers calling out salt truck
- Question on who inspects telephone or power poles and decides on replacement
- Question on storm water separation of Coleraine and Denoon Street – Coleraine is fully separated; the additional work is needed to connect Coleraine and Denoon for future expansion of the storm water network

e. Parks and Recreation

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on whether fitness trails are groomed in winter

f. Variance

- Report shared in Council package

**6. Appointment Committees**

a. Ship Hector – Councillor Fry

- Winding down work for winter
- Seeking funding for Ship Hector Launch
- Concern over Caladh Avenue work being complete by launch

b. Regional Library – Councillor Fry

- Food Pantry in Pictou

c. deCoste Centre – Councillor Fulton

- Hired new marketing coordinator
- Challenges with promotional materials distribution due to strike
- People can still donate to the “Please be Seated Chair” Campaign
- Question about skylight water leaks

d. Pictou Lobster Carnival – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

- Gift Card Bingo was very successful
- Sold tickets on a Christmas Basket
- New Year’s Eve Family Skate and Fireworks – over 200 people in attendance

e. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

- Busy with rentals over the holidays

**7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session**

**8. Recommendations**

a. Skate Park Debt

Motion: For Council at their next Regular Council meeting to provide a grant to the Skate Park Society in the amount of the remaining unfunded balance, so that they may pay off the remainder owing.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

*COC-01-06-25-002*

- Question on how much annual operations are for the skate park
- Question on whether there is still a skate park society

**9. Discussions**

a. Updating Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

The Mayor and CAO reviewed the 2023 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Comments from Council:

- Concern over RCMP moving to Stellarton
- Housing
- Victory Heights Project
- More work done on the Fitness Trails and Jitney Trail
- More lighting on West River Road (possibly solar)
- Retaining wall on Water Street/Jitney Trail
- Is there ever a point where tax rate could be reduced if we see growth?
- Paving at the new Harbour Crossing subdivision
- Roads, sidewalks, ditches
- By-law Enforcement
- Recreation facilities for people of all ages – upgrades to existing parks, focusing on safety and accessibility
- Off-leash dog park
- Waterfront enhancements
- Beautification incentives
- Have staff update target dates in existing document
- Mark completed projects but do not remove so we can show successes in existing document

Council consensus was that the three target areas and three pre-conditions remain the same.

**10. Correspondence**

**11. Public Comments/Questions**

Public ideas for ICSP:

- Raised beds with benches to grow vegetables
- Food forest – perennial food systems involving schools
- Edible landscapes and edible flower beds
- Can offer courses and training

**12. In Camera – Personnel Matter**

Council moved to private session to discuss a Personnel Matter at 8:10 pm.

Council moved back to public session at 8:50 pm.

There was nothing to report publicly.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Approved

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO