

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  
Sally Rice, RCMP  
Wayne Robinson, Fire Chief  
Michelle Young, Community Development  
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works  
Sally O’Neill, Recreation  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

**1. 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 one addition:  
3a. High Tide Roofing

Moved, Seconded and Carried

*COC-03-03-25-001*

**3. Proclamations and Acknowledgement**

a. High Tide Roofing

High Tide Roofing was acknowledged for their generosity in repairing the roof at the Pictou Royal Canadian Legion.

**4. Presentations**

**5. Departmental Reports**

b. Fire Department

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on false alarms holding up resources

c. RCMP

- Report shared in Council package

d. Community Development

- Report shared in Council package

e. Public Works

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on vehicle purchases
- Can we promote James Street being a one-way street?

f. Parks and Recreation

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on who is heading up the Fitness Trails tree restoration
- Question on funding available for the Fitness Trails redevelopment and equipment
- Question on Connect2 application
- Question on who paid for the Energy Assessment Report for the pool
- Question on diving board replacement

g. Variance

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on how the Town can accept money for Tax Sales

**6. Appointment Committees**

a. Lobster Carnival – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

- Monthly 50/50 raffle in its third month, tickets available online
- Winter Carnival Pancake Breakfast was a great success
- New volunteers always welcome

b. Pictou County Partnership – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

- Held an event at the Museum of Industry looking at all the positive aspects of Pictou County for businesses
- Reviewed past year and looked at goals achieved and ones being carried forward

c. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

- Held a meeting with Build Nova Scotia
- Finished strategic plan
- AGM will be held March 12 at 6:00 pm
- Rental facilities available upstairs, with a full kitchen and wheelchair accessible

d. McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre – Councillor Harris

- Darby Lecture was a great success
- Tartan Day April 6
- Hosted the Pictou Winter Carnival

e. Hector Arena – Councillor Harris

- Maintenance and upgrades will take place over the summer

f. Pictou Library – Councillor Fry

- Cathy Campbell, Provincial Representative, has resigned

- In the provincial budget, pay increases were not included for staff; wages are way off from Union workers in Halifax
- The snack carts and food pantry at the library are going well

g. deCoste Centre Society – Councillor Fulton

- Working to complete last of construction
- The operating cost sharing formula has been established between the deCoste and the library
- deCoste Centre is equipped with internal and external ramps, a mechanical lift for wheelchairs and enhanced hearing assistance system

h. Business Advisory Committee – Councillor Fulton

- Looking for new members
- Discussing role of committee
- Business Mixer in April
- Recommendation by Committee that the Town give at least one week’s notice to businesses when any shipment requires a road closure from May to September

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

**8. Recommendations**

a. Off-Highway Vehicles

- Question on whether there are any visuals for the proposed access paths
- Direction given to staff to draft a bylaw based on staff report recommendations for 7 days a week

b. Planning Advisory Committee Appointment

Motion: For Council at their next Regular meeting to appoint  
Susan Muir to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

*COC-03-03-25-002*

**9. Discussions**

a. Sale of 216 Pine Tree Road

The CAO reported that the Town sold 216 Pine Tree Road to Elite Golf 24-7 for \$25,000 with the condition that they construct a Golf Simulator facility within 36 months or buy back for 70% less expenses.

b. Emissions Reduction Plan (Building Energy Portfolio)

A study that was completed by Efficiency Nova Scotia of town-owned buildings was presented to Council. The report talks about lighting, heating, solar panels and insulation; staff will focus on low-cost items that have quick payback using the operation budget.

Motion: To recommend that Council at their next Regular meeting accept the Emissions Reduction Plan (Building Energy Portfolio) Report.

Moved, Seconded and Carried *COC-03-03-25-003*

c. Energy Assessment Report for the Fisheries Training Pool

Tate Engineering completed an Energy Assessment Report of the Fisheries Training Pool. The boilers and air handlers are original 1980s equipment and are key pieces. The report includes information on how to bring life back to the pool and find ways to reduce ongoing costs. Implementation costs would be the responsibility of the Pictou County Wellness Centre Board Inc. The Town will present this report to the Board for consideration in their upcoming budget.

Motion: To recommend that Council at their next Regular Council Meeting accept the Fisheries Training Pool Energy Assessment Report.

Moved, Seconded and Carried *COC-03-03-25-004*

**10. Correspondence**

**11. Public Comments/Questions**

- Question on how to get from Brown's Point to Weaver Road with Off-Highway Vehicles; how to stay overnight, and how it will be policed
- Question about Off-Highway Vehicles noise levels and speed limits

**12. 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