

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 and Krista Fulton

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

1. Private Session – Personnel and Contract Matters (6:00 pm)

2. Public Session – Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 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.

3. Changes/Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.
Moved, Seconded and Carried

COC-05-05-25-001

4. Proclamations and Acknowledgement

a. Pictou Rotary Club Peace Pole

Installation of a Peace Pole has taken place on the green space between Depot and Creighton Streets. It is part of an effort of Rotary Club International to promote peace throughout the world. There are 250,000 poles in 80 different countries. The Town of Pictou wishes to congratulate the Rotary Club of Pictou for erecting this peace pole and join them in declaring Pictou a community of peace.

b. Lyme Disease Awareness Month

The Chair declared May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

c. Gaelic Awareness Month

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d. Red Dress Day

The Chair recognized today, May 5 as Red Dress Day to raise awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit Plus people in Canada and remind all residents that each person has a role to play in ending violence.

e. Missing Children – Lily and Jack Sullivan

The Chair took a moment to send thoughts and prayers to the individuals and families directly affected. The first responders were thanked, including the RCMP, Fire Departments, local organizations and ground search and rescue.

5. Presentations

6. Departmental Reports

a. Fire Department

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on repeat commercial and residential false alarms

b. RCMP

- Report shared in Council package
- Lots of community comments about the number of arrests over the last month
- Question on whether these are related arrests

c. Community Development

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on whether we own all kiosks on the waterfront
- Question on whether entertainment will happen at the marina this year
- Comment that Off-Highway Vehicle By-law was accepted by Province, signage has been ordered and will be installed soon; then it will be publicized

d. Public Works

- Report shared electronically
- Question on percentage of completion of market wharf
- Question on end cut of pressure treated wood
- Question on new ballfield status
- Question on High Street work
- Question on when Caladh Avenue will be raised

e. Parks and Recreation

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on whether Mariners Swim Team is in communication with the YMCA
- Comment on how the downtown looks better after cleanup
- Question on whether Fitness Trails are open
- Question on status of diving board replacement

f. Variance

- Report shared in Council package

- \$57,000 2024-25 projected surplus
- Question on options for reserving operations surplus

7. Appointment Committees

a. Ship Hector – Councillor Fry

- Work ongoing for the Big Splash on July 12
- Gift Shop repairs
- Five summer students hired
- Will be starting a 50/50 draw similar to the provincial Fire Department draw

b. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library – Councillor Fry

- Meeting held April 10
- Toured the new Pictou Library
- Reviewed the Intellectual Policy
- New Glasgow Library renovation to start in June 1, moving to temporary location in the Aberdeen Mall River John Library public consultation on improvement is in progress
- Accessibility plan under committee review Received grants \$100 k Review funding

c. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

- Sprucing everything up; restocking the gift shop
- In the process of hiring two students
- Two students will have their thesis on display this Sunday in the gallery; it will be open from 2-4 pm for public viewing

d. Lobster Carnival – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

- Sponsorship packages will be out soon
- Pancake Breakfast on May 10 at the New Horizons Club
- Selling tickets on a Mother’s Day Basket; tickets will be available at the Pancake Breakfast
- Question on what might replace the Hinchey Rides

8. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

a. Capital Paving Projects

Motion: For Council at their next Regular meeting to approve additional capital work that includes stormwater separation on Prince Street from Grange to Church Streets and on Patterson Street between Grange and Faulkland Streets; as well as adding sidewalks on Prince Street from Faulkland to High Street and on Beeches Road from Union Street to Harbour Drive.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

COC-05-05-25-002

b. Broidy Park Building

Motion: For Council at their next Regular meeting to reallocate \$100,000 dollars from the paving budget to the Broidy Park Building Project.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

COC-05-05-25-003

9. Recommendations

a. Business Advisory Committee – Policy Amendments

Motion: That the following serves as the required seven (7) day advance Notice of Intent to consider amendments to the Policy titled “Business Advisory Committee”.

Moved, Seconded and Carried *COC-05-05-25-004*

b. Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) Resolution

Motion: For Council at their next Regular meeting to authorize the Mayor and CAO to submit an application to PCAP for the purpose of a stormwater separation study for the eastern and western ends of Pictou; and further, Council supports the project and commits to provide its share (\$51,850) toward the \$103,700 project cost.

Moved, Seconded and Carried *COC-05-05-25-005*

10. Discussions

a. Grants to Community Organizations

Tabled until May 20

11. Correspondence

12. Public Comments/Questions

- Gratitude was extended to Council for the earlier declaration of peace and for staff assistance with erecting the first peace pole in Nova Scotia

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO