

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 Robert Fry; Councillors Nadine LeBlanc, Terry Dunbrack 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. Call to Order (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 change:
3c. Should be “Purple Ribbon Campaign for the Elimination of Violence Against Women”

Moved, Seconded and Carried *COC-11-03-25-001*

3. Proclamations and Acknowledgement

a. Veterans Week

The Chair declared November 5-11, 2025 as Veterans Week in the Town of Pictou. Remembrance Day Service in Pictou will take place on Tuesday, November 11 at 10:45 am at the Pictou Cenotaph.

b. Municipal Awareness Week

The Chair declared November 10-15, 2025 as Municipal Awareness Week in the Town of Pictou.

c. Purple Ribbon Campaign for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

The Chair declared November 25-December 10 as Purple Ribbon Campaign for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The Town of Pictou will be illuminating the Town Office in Purple from Nov 25-Dec 10.

4. Presentations

5. Departmental Reports

- a. Fire Department
 - Report was included in Council package
 - Open House held on Wednesday, October 8

- b. RCMP
 - Report was included in Council package
 - From November 10–13, the RCMP Explosive Disposal Unit and the Emergency Response Team, will be at 199 Elliott Street for training; there will be a large presence of specialized units, and the exercises may be loud due to explosive training
 - Question: how often are calls received by your department when RCMP officers may not be in the Town?

- c. Community Development
 - Report was included in Council package
 - Question on Screening of Resilience show
 - Comment that HarvFEST was fantastic

- d. Public Works
 - Report was included in Council package
 - Question on Broidy Park Building
 - Question on new truck
 - Question on wharf project

- e. Parks & Recreation
 - Report was included in Council package
 - No questions

- f. Variance
 - Report was included in Council package
 - Questions:
 - The NS Government recently announced that towns can accept electronic payments for tax sales – will the Town be implementing this? Are we bound to implement this option?
 - What does “education” expense consist of?
 - Can we review for people listening the process for the tax sale?

- 6. Appointment Committees**
 - a. Hector Arena – Deputy Mayor Fry
 - New Zamboni is in service
 - Fire Stop is installing a sprinkler system, and there have been a few issues during the process

 - b. Ship Hector – Deputy Mayor Fry
 - AGM was held October 21
 - Wes Surrett has stepped down as Chair and Noella Martin will be voted in at the next meeting

- c. Business Advisory – Councillor Fulton
 - Discussed HarvFEST – great success

- d. deCoste Centre – Councillor Fulton
 - Attended the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce Gala
 - deCoste Centre received the Leadership in Business Award
 - Working on the 2026 calendar
 - 2025 Fall & Holiday Brochure is out
 - Dream Vacation Draw is happening until December 23 or sold out

- e. Northumberland Fisheries Museum – Councillor LeBlanc
 - PICCOLA is now located in the Fisheries Museum

- f. Police Advisory Board
 - Paula Beer has resigned and there is a new provincial representative
 - Eric Wilson is the new Chair

7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

8. Recommendations

a. Write Off – Tax and Water Account Balances

Motion: For Council at their next Regular Council meeting to write off four accounts receivable accounts totalling \$6,917.62.

Moved, Seconded and Carried *COC-11-03-25-002*

b. Design Work for Jitney Trail Erosion

At the last meeting, Council discussed the Coastal Adaptation Feasibility Study, which looked at shoreline conditions and possible options. Council is now being asked to reconsider pre-approval for design work on a specific section of the Jitney Trail. The Superintendent addressed several concerns raised earlier.

Motion: For Council at their next Regular Council meeting to pre-approve \$19,000 from the 2026-27 Capital Budget to have design work completed for the Jitney Trail shoreline assessment.

Moved, Seconded and Carried *COC-11-03-25-003*

9. Discussions

10. Correspondence

11. Public Comments/Questions

12. Adjournment

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

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO