

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 Terry Dunbrack and Krista Fulton and Nadine LeBlanc

**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. Public Session – Public Input Session: Integrated Community Sustainably Plan (ICSP) (5:00 pm)**

**2. Public Session – Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:48 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 circulated.  
Moved, Seconded and Carried

*COC-02-02-26-001*

**4. Proclamations and Acknowledgement**

a. African Heritage Month

The Chair declared February as African Heritage Month in Pictou.

**5. Presentations**

**6. Departmental Reports**

a. Fire Department

- Report was included in Council package

b. RCMP

- Report was included in Council package
- Comment on activity throughout the county affects our community
- What unit works together on larger files?

- Comment that if theft is not reported, the RCMP cannot investigate
- c. Community Development
- Report was included in Council package
  - Request for Proposal was released for the Marina for Branding, Identity Development and Naming – deadline for submissions is February 13
  - Expression of Interest was released for two spots available at the Vendors Village
  - Expression of Interest was released for two waterfront properties for a food truck and space at the end of the curling club
- d. Public Works
- Report was included in Council package
  - Expression of thanks for the snowplowing
  - Question on water breaks, is it related to the weather? – 125-year-old pipes
- e. Parks & Recreation
- Report was included in Council package
  - Looking for someone who might like to groom the fitness trails, the Town has a groomer attachment
  - Are the fitness trails open for the winter? – yes, the space where the Fiona debris was cleared is in terrific shape
  - Is there development happening in the fitness trail area? – no, that area is watershed zoned and can only be used for recreation purposes
- f. Variance
- Report was included in Council package
  - Snow removal will be above average this year
  - \$20,000 unplanned by-election costs
  - Question on the overage in expenditures in Environmental Development Services and General Government Services
7. Appointment Committees
- a. deCoste Centre – Councillor Fulton
- Marketing company hired at no cost to the centre to update marketing approach
  - Committee team building – cooking class
- b. Pictou County Partnership – Councillor LeBlanc
- Gives assistance to start to grow businesses
- c. Police Advisory Board – Councillor LeBlanc
- Presentation from an accident traffic reconstructionist
- d. Pictou Lobster Carnival – Councillor LeBlanc
- Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on February 14 from 8 am-11 am

- e. Fisheries Museum – Councillor LeBlanc
  - Valentine’s Tea on February 14 from 10 am-1 pm
- f. Ship Hector – Deputy Mayor Fry
  - Vernon Shea is General Manager
  - Plans for the Boat Building School building have been approved by the Building Inspector
  - Working with Transport Canada and the Coast Guard to get the Ship Hector approved for sail
- g. CEF – Councillor Dunbrack
  - Recruiting is going well
  - Looking at doing 1-2 bigger projects per year
- h. McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre – Councillor Dunbrack
  - Tartan Day will be held in April but date has not been confirmed
  - Looking at revamping website

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

**9. Recommendations**

- a. Capital Budget 2026-27  
Table for Regular Council

- b. YMCA Taxes

Motion: That the following serves as the required seven (7) day advance Notice of Intent to consider the Policy titled “YMCA – Partial Tax Exemption” in the amount of \$2,000, and to strike 3.4 from the proposed policy.

Moved, seconded and carried. ***COC-02-02-26-002***

- c. Business Advisory Board – New Member Appointment

Motion: For Council at the next Regular meeting to appoint Lori Wheeler to the Business Advisory Board.

Moved, seconded and carried. ***COC-02-02-26-003***

**10. Discussions**

**11. Correspondence**

**12. Public Comments/Questions**

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Approved

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO