

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Public Hearing meeting convened 6:00 pm in Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Shawn McNamara; Councillors Dan Currie, Nadine LeBlanc and Melinda MacKenzie

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Roland Burek, Planner/Development Officer
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

2. APPEAL OF VARIANCE GRANTED – 67 CALADH STREET

Mayor Ryan informed the public that the meeting was being convened to specifically address the Town of Pictou appeal of a variance granted to the property at 67 Caladh Avenue. The variance request was to reduce the 10 foot set-back to approximately 2 feet, per Front Yard Set-back requirements of the Land Use By-law. The granted variance is to allow for the construction of an enclosed, single story dining area where the temporary deck is currently located.

Roland Burek spoke to the matter. He provided details on the process of the granted variance, and that as part of this process, there is a requirement to allow property owners within 30 metres to appeal.

The Town of Pictou appealed the variance, prompting this Public Hearing.

CAO Slaunwhite provided reasons for the Town’s appeal, citing three reasons – 1) potential for snow removal damage to a permanent enclosed structure, 2) future accessibility considerations (sidewalk widening) and 3) sightline obstruction of waterfront views.

Tony Dolan, owner of 67 Caladh Avenue, expressed his desire to build a permanent enclosed structure to expand his business space. He spoke to current variations in sidewalk widths and building setbacks in other parts of Town. He indicated that snow removal did not cause damage to his deck last year and pointed to other structures (Northumberland Fisheries Museum) built on the waterfront in the past that also changed sightlines but were approved by the Town.

Gary Nowlan, a member of the public, remarked on the Town’s need to develop restaurant options, using boardwalk improvements to improve waterfront access, and his belief that snow removal damage has not been an issue along Caladh Avenue.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO