

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened 6:30 pm via Zoom Video Conferencing 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/Minute Recorder

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk

1. PRIVATE SESSION – PROPERTY MATTERS (5:30 PM)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It was acknowledged that Town Council was meeting on the ancestral lands of the Mi'kmaq and in the unceded territory of Mi'kma'ki.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition.
11c. Covid Safe Restart Fund

CARRIED

RTC-01-24-22-2516

5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. African Heritage Month

Mayor Ryan declared February as African Heritage Month.

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. Creative Pictou County

Denise Lynch and Joe MacEachern made a presentation to Council on behalf of Creative Pictou County. The group is looking for financial support for operating costs and a liaison person to share their progress.

It was suggested they connect with M Young to apply for a grant.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – December 20, 2021

MOTION: To approve the Regular Council minutes of December 20, 2021.

CARRIED

RTC-01-24-22-2517

- b. Committee of Council – January 10, 2022
MOTION: To approve the Committee of Council minutes of January 10, 2022.
CARRIED *RTC-01-24-22-2518*

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Grant Program Policy – Approval
MOTION: To approve amendments made to the policy titled “Grant Program”.
CARRIED *RTC-01-24-22-2519*
- b. Occupational Health & Safety Policy – Annual Review Approval
MOTION: To approve the OHS Policy as presented.
CARRIED *RTC-01-24-22-2520*

9. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

Four land matters were discussed during private session.

- Direction with given to the CAO to negotiate the Purchase of Sale of Lot 1 on Elliott Street.
- Direction was given to the CAO to bid on property at the upcoming Tax Sale.
- Two other property matters were discussed with nothing public to report at this time.

10. REPORTS

- a. Municipal Corporation Reports
Mayor Ryan highlighted several items in the following reports:
- i. Pictou County Wellness Centre
Circulated via email
 - ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
Circulated via email
 - iii. Riverview Home
Circulated via email

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2021-22 Reserves/Surplus
The Town is projecting a surplus. CAO Slaunwhite presented a draft list of projects that this funding could be directed towards to prepare for future financial pressures.

It will be further discussed at the February meeting.

b. **Fire Truck Tender**

Fire Chief Janes reviewed the tenders and presented a recommendation to purchase a custom 1400 gal tank – Fort Gary Spartan Metrostar (1457 IGMP pump with 1400-gal tank) for \$876,612.47 with the suggested funding:

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| Town | \$688,306.24 |
| Volunteer Fire Fighters Society | \$100,000.00 |
| Fire Fighters | \$ 88,306.24 |

Council asked about the funding commitment of the Society and department members. A decision to award the tender was tabled until February 7, 2022 to allow time to present further detail on funding commitments.

c. **Covid Safe Restart Fund**

MOTION: To allocate a maximum of \$20,000 for the purchase of a 40 x 80 tent to be used for outdoor concert and events.

CARRIED ***RTC-01-24-22-2521***

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED ***RTC-01-24-22-2522***

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO