

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened at the CN Station – 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
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

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

2. PUBLIC SESSION – PUBLIC HEARING (6:30 pm)

3. CALL TO ORDER (immediately following Public Hearing)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

4. 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.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-06-20-22-2550

6. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – May 16, 2022

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of May 16, 2022.

b. Special Council – May 30, 2022

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Special Council minutes of May 30, 2022.

c. Committee of Council – June 6, 2022

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of June 6, 2022.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Accrued Vacation Pay for Non-Unionized Staff

Motion: To pay out accrued vacation pay for five long term employees, to be in line with current policy (Non-Unionized Entitlement & Benefit Policy).

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-06-20-22-2551***

Current policy does not holdback vacation for new hires in the first year of employment.

b. Pictou Skate Park Budget

The lowest tender bid was \$33,376 over the fundraised amount for the project. Council is being asked to bridge finance this overture to enable the Town to award the tender until additional funds are raised by the Committee.

Motion: To approve bridge financing in the amount of \$33,376 to the Pictou Skatepark Committee.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-06-20-22-2552***

- Question on when they would break ground – within next month
- Question on when this would be paid back – hoping within the year

c. Laurel Hill Cemetery Heritage Status

Motion: To proceed with designating Laurel Hill Cemetery (LHC) as a Heritage Municipal Site.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-06-20-22-2553***

- Question on what this means – it is a protection factor, they can apply for certain heritage grants, helps with applying for other heritage designations
- Question on who owns it – non-profit group, no particular church
- Question on whether the committee wants this – LHC chair was in contact with the HAC Chair
- Question on whether a plaque would be erected

9. DISCUSSIONS

a. 2022 Grants to Organizations

Motion: To approve \$170,000 for Grants to Organizations, per staff report, which includes pre-approved grants and an additional \$2,000 to the Northumberland Fisheries Museum.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-06-20-22-2554***

b. Construction Engineering Flight (CEF) Plane

- Question on whether it is the Town’s intention to use the plane in a park; if not, it would be best to donate to someone who is interested in using and publicly displaying it
- Consensus was to give the plane away to CEF Bridgewater

c. 92 Union Street – Consideration to Demolish

Motion: To order the demolishing of the existing residential building, remove the foundation, fill in the foundation areas to grade level, dispose of all debris including branches, garbage and building material at a Provincial approved landfill site, mow lawn and obtain a demolition permit; if not completed by the property owner in a timely manner, staff to complete the work per *Municipal Government Act*.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PRIVATE SESSIONS

Direction was given to staff to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for three properties and to enter into negotiations for a fourth property.

11. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre (PCWC)
Circulated electronically

ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
Nothing to report

iii. Riverview Home
Nothing to report

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Staff clarified next steps for registration of heritage property – need to notify owners and allow for a public hearing
- Next meetings: Tuesday August 2 and August 15

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO