

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened at the CN Station – Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one correction:
6e. Change from October 8, 2022 to November 8, 2022

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-11-21-22-2615

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Municipal Awareness Week – November 21-27, 2022

The Chair declared November 21-27, 2022 as Municipal Awareness Day.

b. Transgender Awareness Week – November 13-19, 2022

The Chair declared November 13-19, 2022 as Transgender Awareness Week.

c. Transgender Day of Remembrance – November 20, 2022

The Chair acknowledged November 20, 2022 as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

5. Presentations

a. Market Square – Heritage Advisory Committee

John Blackwell, Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee, made a presentation on designating Market Square as a Municipal Heritage site. The reasons for the request are to protect the location where Pictou’s original Market Square building once stood, currently marked by a bandstand and the Scottish Pioneers’ Monument.

Council consensus was to proceed with a Public Hearing on December 19, 2022.

- b. Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) – Pictou County Partnership (PCP)
Wade Tibbo, PCP, made a presentation on the BDO Zone Initiative, a regional risk-rating and certification program that enables regions to leverage local biomass assets to attract new bio-based manufacturing plants.

There was a consensus from Council to send a letter of support to pursue this opportunity.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Planning Advisory Committee – October 24, 2022
The Chair approved the circulated Planning Advisory Committee minutes of October 24, 2022 with the following correction: Chair Johnston presided over the meeting, and Mayor Ryan was present.
- b. Audit Committee – October 24, 2022
There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Audit Committee minutes of October 24, 2022.
- c. Regular Council – October 24, 2022
There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of October 24, 2022.
- d. Committee of Council – November 7, 2022
There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of November 7, 2022.
- e. Planning Advisory – November 8, 2022
There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Planning Advisory Committee minutes of November 8, 2022.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Water Manual Update
MOTION: To approve the annual water manual update.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-11-21-22-2616***
- b. Wastewater Manual Update
MOTION: To approve the wastewater manual update.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-11-21-22-2617***
- c. Cultural Hub Project – Funding Resolution
MOTION: To approve the submission of a funding application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program titled deCoste Cultural Hub Construction; and to support the project and commit to provide its share (\$1,422,000) toward the \$14,922,000 project cost.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-11-21-22-2618***

8. DISCUSSION

a. FCM Sustainable Communities Conference

Since the funds are available, there was consensus to send DM MacKenzie to the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa, with expenses being covered per Town of Pictou Conference Attendance Policy.

9. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre (PCWC)
Report circulated electronically

ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
Report circulated electronically

iii. Riverview Home
Report circulated electronically

10. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO