

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 Melinda MacKenzie; Councillors Dan Currie, Nadine LeBlanc and Shawn McNamara

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

1. PUBLIC SESSION – 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. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
8c. Summer Meeting Schedule

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-02-21-23-2631

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. African Heritage Month – February 2023

The Chair reminded everyone that it is African Heritage Month.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – January 23, 2023

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of January 23, 2023.

b. Planning Advisory – February 6, 2023

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Planning Advisory minutes of February 6, 2023.

c. Committee of Council – February 6, 2023

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of February 6, 2023.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Accessibility Plan

The Accessibility Coordinator presented an overview of the Accessibility Plan, highlighting the proposed areas of focus for the next three years. This includes Built Environment, Information and Communications, and Goods and Services.

MOTION: To accept the Town of Pictou Accessibility Plan; and give direction to staff to make the document publicly available.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-02-21-23-2632***

Questions:

- Time commitment required for committee members – 3 meetings minimum and more, if required
- Implementation and project timelines – being worked on by department heads
- How accessibility was taken account with Waterfront Masterplan – built environments and communications have several considerations

b. 2023-24 Capital Funding Plan

Two changes are being suggested by staff: additional \$20,000 for Fire Department Jaws of Life components; additional \$46,000 for realignment and paving of Union Street project.

MOTION: To approve the 2023-24 Town of Pictou Capital Budget in the amount of \$27,953,000.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-02-21-23-2633***

c. Development Agreement – 368 Faulkland Street (PID 00983676)

MOTION: To approve the Development Agreement Non-Substantive Amendment – revising the upper floor plan from one to no more than two residential units.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-02-21-23-2634***

d. Re-zoning – Corner of Highway 376 Haliburton Road (PIDs 65058828, 65230096, 00984575, 00984567, 65230088, 00962605, 65059727)

MOTION: To authorize staff to begin the process to rezone the above-listed PIDs from R1 to R3 Zones.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-02-21-23-2635***

e. Re-zoning – Beeches Road (PIDs 00966002, 00980854, 65176463)

MOTION: To authorize staff to begin the process to rezone the above-mentioned PIDs from R1 to R2 Zones.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-02-21-23-2636***

f. Resolution – Active Transportation Fund (Walk Safe Pictou)

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into and execute an agreement with the Active Transportation Fund for the purposes of the project titled Walk Safe Pictou; and further, Council supports the project and commits to provide its share (\$30,800) toward the \$77,000 project cost.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-02-21-23-2637***

- Question on whether it was mentioned previously that the project was fully funded.

8. DISCUSSION

a. Sidewalk Café By-Law

Question on who enforces the rules of the sidewalk café – the Building Official

MOTION: To approve First Reading of a Bylaw titled Sidewalk Café.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-02-21-23-2638

b. Capital Road Work

Direction was given to staff to begin issuing tenders for the upcoming construction season.

c. Summer and Early Fall Meetings

- July 4 – Committee of Council
- July 17 – Regular Council
- No meetings in August unless required
- September 5 – Committee of Council
- September 18 – Regular Council
- October 3 – Committee of Council

9. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports:

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

No meetings

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

No meetings

iii) Riverview Home

No meetings

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on Waterfront plan and related items in the 2023-24 budget
- Question on changing the direction of traffic along Caladh Avenue

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO