

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. 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 two additions:  
4a North American Indigenous Games  
4b Pictou Lobster Carnival  
7d Capital Project Amendments

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

*RTC-07-17-23-2678*

**4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

a. North American Indigenous Games

The North American Indigenous Games are taking place in Halifax and nearby First Nations communities later this month.

b. Pictou Lobster Carnival

Congratulations goes out to the Pictou Lobster Carnival Committee on a successful event.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Council – June 19, 2023

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of June 19, 2023.

b. Committee of Council – July 4, 2023

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of July 4, 2023.

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

a. Nova Scotia Housing Accelerator (NSHA) Fund

MOTION: To give the CAO permission to apply to the NSHA Fund; and to approve the Action Plan which projects 161 new units with a calculated reimbursement of \$4.517M based on the initiatives set within the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP).

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *RTC-07-17-23-2679*

b. Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

MOTION: To accept the ICSP.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *RTC-07-17-23-2680*

c. Prince Edward Island Ferries

MOTION: To approve writing a letter to the Minister of Transport, with cc to Sean Fraser, Lawrence MacAulay, and the Premiers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, expressing their disappointment in the current state of ferry service, asking for the replacement process to be sped up, and to consider replacement of the Confederation now.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *RTC-07-17-23-2681*

d. Capital Project Amendments

In February 2023, the capital asphalt budget was approved at a figure of \$836,000. The tender came in at \$1.8M. Staff are proposing a revised tender scope and using a portion of the Sustainability Grant issued by the Province this past spring to make up the shortfall.

MOTION: To approve the proposed revisions to the Capital Asphalt Budget by removing Constitution St, Gill Court and Taylor St; and reducing the scope on Union St by removing the eastern and southern sidewalk and reducing asphalt thickness from 4 to 3 inch; and utilize the Sustainability Grant issued by the Province at year end to make up the shortfall of the budget now totaling \$1.18M.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED *RTC-07-17-23-2682*

- Q on high cost of Constitution St – includes groundwork and paving
- Comment that the streets taken out of the capital budget should be patched
- Q on pressure valve on Young Ave
- Q on borrowing – no adjustments required

**8. DISCUSSION**

**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. CORRESPONDENCE**

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO