

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 – AUDIT COMMITTEE (6:00 PM)

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

3. 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.

4. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with two additions:
5a Ship Hector Society & Hector 250 Planning Committee
9a Gut Bridge Update

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-09-18-23-2690

5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Ship Hector Society & Hector 250 Planning Committee

The Chair acknowledged the Ship Hector Society and the Hector 250 Planning Committee for the excellent job they did on the celebrations this past weekend; and noted their ability to successfully pivot due to the weather. The Pictou United Church was also thanked for providing their facility for several events.

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. Hector Arena

Ron Clarke, Manager of the Hector Arena thanked Council and staff for their continued support of the Hector Arena. Final payment for the plant will be made in October, having paid off the loan in one year. This year will mark 50 years since the Hector Arena began it’s operation.

Mr. Clarke was thanked for his effort and labour of love in managing the arena.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Council – July 17, 2023
There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of July 17, 2023.
- b. Public Hearing – September 5, 2023
There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Public Hearing minutes of September 5, 2023.
- c. Special Council – September 5, 2023
There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Special Council minutes of September 5, 2023.
- d. Committee of Council – September 5, 2023
There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of September 5, 2023

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Battery Street Closure Policy – Approval
MOTION: To adopt a new policy titled “Battery Street Closure”.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-09-18-23-2691***
 - Question on next step for sale of property – survey work is required to consolidate with remaining adjacent town property before the property can go up for sale
- b. Tourism Marketing Levy By-Law – First Reading
MOTION: To approve First Reading of the Tourism Marketing Levy By-Law.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-09-18-23-2692***
 - Question on when outstanding questions will be answered – at the Public Hearing
 - Question on how businesses will be notified – via email and online
- c. Approval of Audited Financial Statements
MOTION: To approve the Water Utility Financial statements as presented by MNP.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-09-18-23-2693***

MOTION: To approve the Operating Financial statements as presented by MNP.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED ***RTC-09-18-23-2694***

9. DISCUSSION

- a. Gut Bridge Update
Staff provided an update on the project:
 - A tender-ready document will be issued as soon the final piece of funding is approved (expected soon)
 - Piles need to be placed in the ground, then bridge is put in place once fabricated off-site

- Anticipated completion date is next spring
- No disturbance of waterway with this style of bridge
- Will the bridge be fireproof? – yes; the tender is a design-build and bidders can choose between steel and concrete

10. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

- i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority
 - Shared electronically
- ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre
 - No meetings
- iii) Riverview Home
 - Shared electronically

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- As part of the Hector 250 Celebrations Councillor Currie was congratulated on his performance
- Question on 4-wheelers accessing town via alternate Gut Bridge route – can use trail to Browns Point Road; there is a town sign that says 4-wheelers can use the trail; staff will look into this

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO