

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

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

**1. PRIVATE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS (6:00 PM)**

**2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 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:  
9f. Wellness Centre Borrowing Resolution  
10b. Holiday Happenings

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

***RTC-11-20-23-2715***

**5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

a. Transgender Day of Remembrance – November 20, 2023

The Chair declared November 20 as Transgender Day of Remembrance in Pictou.

b. Lebanese Heritage Month

The Chair declared November as Lebanese Heritage Month in Pictou.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Council – October 16, 2023

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of October 16, 2023.

b. Committee of Council – November 6, 2023

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

**8. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PRIVATE SESSION**

MOTION: To dissolve the Heritage Advisory Committee and update the By-Law to transfer responsibilities to the Planning Advisory Committee, per *Nova Scotia Heritage Act*.  
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED **RTC-11-20-23-2716**

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

a. Sustainability and Climate Change Committee Policy – Approval

MOTION: To approve the Policy titled “Sustainability and Climate Change Committee”.  
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED **RTC-11-20-23-2717**

b. Pictou County Transit

MOTION: To commit to Pictou County Transit to provide bus service to and from the Town of Pictou; this commitment being a 3-year period with a maximum figure of \$43,500 per annum.  
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED **RTC-11-20-23-2718**  
\$5 from each sale will reduce the commitment required from the Town of Pictou.

c. Snowplow Purchase

MOTION: To pre-approve a 2024-25 budget figure of \$250,000, which will allow for the immediate release of a tender to purchase a snowplow truck, with expected delivery for late 2024.  
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED **RTC-11-20-23-2719**

d. Municipal Capital Growth Program – Caladh Avenue Coastal Protection

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor and CAO to submit an application to the Municipal Capital Growth Program (MCGP) for the purposes of the project titled Caladh Avenue Coastal Protection; and further, that Council supports the project and commits to provide its share (\$1,103,663) toward the \$2,207,326 project cost.  
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED **RTC-11-20-23-2720**

e. Municipal Capital Growth Program – Coleraine Street Stormwater Separation

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor and CAO to submit an application to the Municipal Capital Growth Program (MCGP) for the purposes of the project titled Coleraine Street Stormwater Separation; and further, Council supports the project and commits to provide its share (\$891,800) toward the \$1,783,600 project cost.  
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED **RTC-11-20-23-2721**

f. Wellness Centre Borrowing Resolution

MOTION: To authorize that the Town sign a guarantee for the Pictou County Wellness Centre Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$1,770,240, with \$158,082.43 being the Town's portion.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

***RTC-11-20-23-2722***

**10. DISCUSSION**

a. Tourism Marketing Levy By-Law – Update

The CAOs met with DEANS last week. More ideas were collected on how to use the marketing levy. DEANS plans to further consult and ask for input from accommodation owners by the first of December. They will also share more details on the process of collecting the levy. The CAO will provide updates as they become available. The item will be tabled until Council is satisfied with the consultation process.

b. Holiday Happenings

Councillor MacKenzie gave an overview of the holiday activities planned for the month of December.

**11. REPORTS**

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

- No meetings

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- Forecasting a \$150,000 deficit in large part due to a delay in the energy savings upgrades and unforeseen capital repairs and maintenance
- The Grand Slam of Curling was a great success and exceeded expectations

iii) Riverview Home

- The Mayor was unable to attend the Oct 26 meeting

iv) Deed Transfer Tax Trust

- The Mayors and Warden in 5 of the 6 towns and municipality administer and manage the Trust. Tax is paid on every home sold in Pictou County with the major recipient being the Wellness Centre. Other regional assets can be beneficiaries provided there are funds available. A decision was made today to contribute \$200,000 toward capital costs of the new SPCA building.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**13. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Question on elevation of Caladh Ave and integration with existing buildings – the design is being taken into account and everything will be done to meet or exceed Transportation Association of Canada codes/guidelines.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO