

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. 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 as presented.
MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-01-22-24-2740

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. African Heritage Month

The Chair declared February as African Heritage month in Pictou.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Source Water Protection Committee – May 18, 2023

The Chair accepted the circulated Source Water Protection minutes of May 18, 2023.

b. Regular Council Minutes – December 18, 2023

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of December 18, 2023.

c. Committee of Council – January 8, 2024

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of January 8, 2024.

d. Special Town Council – January 8, 2024

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Special Town Council minutes of January 8, 2024.

7. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Amendments to the Heritage By-Law – Second/Final Reading

MOTION: To approve Second/Final Reading of Amendments to the Heritage By-Law.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-01-22-24-2741

b. Building Official Appointment

MOTION: To appoint Avery Withrow as a Building Official and Fire Inspector for the Town of Pictou.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-01-22-24-2742

c. Street Assessment Report

MOTION: To accept the Street Assessment Report as presented.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-01-22-24-2743

d. Municipal Innovation Project

MOTION: To approve \$5,000 out of the 2024-25 Operating Budget, toward a joint-study on ways Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton and Westville can cooperate and collaborate.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-01-22-24-2744

9. DISCUSSION

a. Habitat for Humanity – Board Representative Request

The Board meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm. Councillor Shawn McNamara agreed to sit on the Board as a Council representative.

10. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

- Next meeting January 29

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- Next meeting January 29

iii) Riverview Home

- The corporation continues to be in a stable financial position
- Transitions are taking place and being planned within Riverview Home because of the Remedy Report requiring the adult residential centre to be closed within five years
- Discussion with provincial departments on the future use of the Adult Residential Centre – it is in great condition
- Next meeting February 22

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on whether Habitat for Humanity are planning any projects in Pictou – unknown

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO