

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
Michelle Young, Community Development Manager

REGRETS: Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk

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 one addition:
9a. Food Concession at Vendors Village

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. African Heritage Month

The Chair declared February as African Heritage month in Pictou.

b. CAO Slaunwhite

The Chair congratulated CAO Slaunwhite and his family on the birth of their son.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

c. Regular Council Minutes – January 22, 2024

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of January 22, 2024.

d. Committee of Council – February 5, 2024

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of February 5, 2024.

7. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. 2024-25 Capital Budget

MOTION: To approve the 2024-25 Capital Budget in the amount of \$20,309,044.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

RTC-02-20-24-2749

b. Disaster Mitigation Adaptation Resolution (DMAF)

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into and execute an agreement with the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund for the purposes of the project titled Pictou Marina and Breakwater Expansion Project Number 1408; and further for Council to support and commit to provide its share of \$3,600,000 toward the \$6,000,000 project cost.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

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9. DISCUSSION

a. Food Concession at Vendors Village

Discussion was held on having a food concession at the Vendors Village for organizations, groups or businesses.

Direction was given to staff to move forward with an RFP process for one Food Concession at the Vendors Village. Evaluations are to be based on appearance, and open hours to ensure it fits the criteria of the Vendors Village.

Generators will not be permitted.

10. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

- Tender for backup generator for the main administration building has been awarded
- Request for Proposals for curbside collection issued; closes February 28
- Pictou County’s recyclable material will be processed in Colchester County for an additional two years

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- No meeting

iii) Riverview Home

- No meeting

iv) Mayors and Warden

Had three presentations:

- New Glasgow Farmers Market: requesting a letter of support from each municipality to be used as part of their fundraising activities – Recommendation to provide a letter of support to the Raise the Barn fundraiser.

- Pictou County Ground Search and Rescue:
 - Promoted two projects aimed at modernizing their approach to ground search and rescue (web development, instant command post renovation);
 - Request for municipal funding to be based on population proportion – Recommendation to continue with the existing process where application funding will be continued through the Town’s grant process
- Aberdeen Health Foundation: presented on the Pictou County Personal Empowerment Program (PEP); anyone interested in joining can view the website at pictoucountypep.org

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Question on whether PEP is online or in person
- Thanks to Council for approving a sidewalk on Patterson and Louise Street

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO