

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

**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-05-21-24-2793*

**4. Proclamations & Acknowledgements**

a. Access Awareness Week

The Chair acknowledged May 26 to June 1 as Access Awareness Week. There will be a Flag Raising Ceremony at Market Square on Monday, May 27 at 4:00 pm.

b. Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Appreciation Week

The Chair recognized May 19-25 as VON Appreciation Week.

c. International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

The Chair acknowledged May 17 as International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

**5. Presentations**

a. John Howard Society

Postponed until June 17.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

a. Regular Council Minutes – April 22, 2024

The Chair accepted the circulated Regular Council Minutes with one clarification: 8g – change “commit to a five-year extension via a new” to “approve entering into a five-year extended”.

b. Audit Committee Minutes – May 6, 2024

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Audit Committee Minutes of May 2, 2024.

c. Committee of Council – May 6, 2024

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council Minutes of May 6, 2024.

**7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session**

**8. Recommendations**

a. Climate Change and Sustainability Committee Appointments

Motion: To appoint Vivianne Lariviere, Mark Geck and Councillor MacKenzie to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

***RTC-05-21-24-2794***

b. Ricky Sutherland Memorial Ballfield

Motion: To approve the repurposing of surplus funds (\$250,000) from capital paving to relocate the Ricky Sutherland Ballfield to Town-owned land adjacent to McCulloch Education Centre at 390 Wellington Street.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

***RTC-05-21-24-2795***

**9. Discussion**

a. Acceptance of Infrastructure Assessment Report

Motion: To accept the Town of Pictou Infrastructure Assessment Report (March 2024) prepared by Superintendent Iain MacIsaac.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

***RTC-05-21-24-2796***

b. Grants to Organizations

In 2023, \$162,100 was distributed in grants. For 2024, requests amounted to \$370,072. The total grants to be dispersed this year will be \$155,000.

c. St. Andrews Street – Potential Cul-de-sac

Information was shared on potentially closing the end of St. Andrews Street at the Coleraine intersection and developing a cul-de-sac during the Coleraine Street Capital Project. Information will be shared online, and door knockers provided to residents on that section of street, allowing for public input.

- Will the street still be maintained? – yes
- Is this considered a street closure? – yes, the very end of the street only

d. Sale of 151 Oak Street

The Town would like to announce that 151 Oak Street has been sold to Riley Michael Pearson for \$15,000, with a commitment to build a single-family dwelling within three years or 70% buyback less expenses.

**10. Reports**

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

- No meeting

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- No meeting

iii) Riverview Home

- Dealing with implementation of Remedy Report – assets, programming and funding models are being considered; Adult Residential Centre must close by November 2026
- Purchased new home for two residents in New Glasgow and working on one in Westville

iv) Mayors and Warden

- No meeting

**11. Correspondence**

**12. Public Comments/Questions**

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Approved

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO