

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: Councillors Robert Fry, Krista Fulton, Matt Harris and Nadine LeBlanc

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 with three additions:
9b. Truck Route Meeting Process
9c. Long Service Awards for Town of Pictou Employees
9d. Recreation Projects – Status Updates

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-11-18-24-01

4. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

5. Presentations

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Council – October 21, 2024

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council Minutes of October 21, 2024.

b. Special Council – October 30, 2024

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Special Council Minutes of October 30, 2024.

c. Committee of Council Minutes – November 12, 2024

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council Minutes of November 12, 2024.

7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

8. Recommendations

a. Parks and Recreation Committee Member Appointment

Motion: To appoint Melinda MacKenzie as a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-11-18-24-02

b. New Horizons Financial Request

Motion: To pre-commitment \$5,000 out of next year's 2025-26 Grants to Organizations to the New Horizons 55+ Club toward the replacement of their roof.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-11-18-24-03

c. Code of Conduct – Acceptance

Motion: To adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Municipal Elected Officials Regulations as presented by the Province of Nova Scotia.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-11-18-24-04

d. Code of Conduct – Appointment of Investigator

Motion: To appoint Craig Clarke, Town Solicitor as the Town of Pictou's Code of Conduct Investigator.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-11-18-24-05

e. Deputy Mayor Appointment

Motion: To appoint Councillor Nadine LeBlanc as Deputy Mayor for the first year of this Council's four-year term.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-11-18-24-06

f. Signing Officer Update

Motion: To approve that Nadine LeBlanc be granted signing authority.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-11-18-24-07

9. Discussion

a. Direction to Sell 149 Louise Street

The CAO was given direction to list the property at 149 Louise Street for \$12,500.

b. Truck Route Meeting Process

Council shared some details for the Trucking Route meeting:

- More chairs will be brought into the Council Chambers
- Speakers may present views to Council, with Council asking for clarification or elaboration, but it will not be a debate/ back and forth
- Question: What businesses are presenting? – they will need to register the same as the public
- The meeting will take place on December 16; a vote will be held in January to allow Council time to contemplate what is presented that evening; alternatively Council could decide to vote that night
- There will be no time limit for the meeting; all registered presenters will have the opportunity to speak, but they will have an allotted time

- People wishing to present must register with the Deputy Clerk; anyone preferring to submit something in writing can do so via the CAO who will read the submissions that evening
- c. Long Term Service Awards for Town Employees
Staff was given direction to prepare a draft long-term service award policy for Town employees.
- d. Recreation Projects – Status Updates
Council was provided with a few recreation project updates:
 - Skate Park – there is a balance of just under \$10,000 owing to the Town
 - Former Tourist Bureau – original plan was to move building to Broidy Park; the cost for NS Power to re-locate the wires for the move was over \$100,000; a decision was made to build a new building onsite instead
 - Splash Pad – the group is close to completing its fundraising portion of the project; the Town is getting close to taking over project management

10. Reports

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

- i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority
No meeting
- ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre
No meeting
- iii) Riverview Home
 - Financials remain in good condition
 - The Board expressed the urgency for non-institutional housing for residents with the highest medical needs
 - Reviewing applications for two new board members
- iv) Mayors and Warden
No meeting

11. Correspondence

a. Ship Hector Financial Request

Motion: To pre-commitment \$10,000 out of next year’s 2025-26 Grants to Organizations to the Ship Hector Society toward the Ship Hector Relaunch Event.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-11-18-24-08

With an early commitment, the group is hopeful this will encourage other organizations to contribute to the event as well.

12. Public Comments/Questions

- Will the email sent to the CAO today requesting information on Save Wellington Street receive a response?

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO