

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting at the CN Station – Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

Present: Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc; Councillors Robert Fry and Krista Fulton

Also Present: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

Absent: Councillor Matt Harris

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:
8b. Public Works Foreman

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-03-17-25-001

4. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

5. Presentations

a. Creative Pictou County

Carissa Ainslie and Vivianne LaRiviere made a presentation about Creative Pictou County. Highlights included the benefits of the organization to our local communities and why it is imperative that its operation continues.

- Question on how many employees it has
- Question on current level of town funding for Creative Pictou County

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Public Hearing – February 24, 2025

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Public Hearing Minutes of February 24, 2025 as presented.

b. Regular Council – February 24, 2025

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council Minutes of February 24, 2025 as presented.

Councillor Fry brought up a Point of Order regarding the minutes, to which he was satisfied with the conversation.

c. Committee of Council – March 3, 2025

The Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council Minutes of March 3, 2025 as presented.

7. Recommendations

a. First Reading – Off-Highway Vehicles Bylaw Amendments

Motion: To approve First Reading of the Off-Highway Vehicles Bylaw Amendments as presented at the March 2025 Committee of Council Meeting, along with these additional changes:

- Under Definitions of “Off-Highway Vehicle”, remove unregistered vehicles and change.
- Change the Designation wording from “Road Trail” to “Highway”.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-03-17-25-002

b. Planning Advisory Committee Appointment

Motion: To appoint Susan Muir to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-03-17-25-003

c. Emissions Reduction Policy (Building Energy Portfolio)

Motion: To accept the Emissions Reduction Plan (Building Energy Portfolio) Report.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-03-17-25-004

d. Energy Assessment Report for the Fisheries Training Pool

Motion: To accept the Fisheries Training Pool Energy Assessment Report.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-03-17-25-005

8. Discussion

a. Sale of 97/101 and 167 St. Andrews Street Properties

The CAO announced the sale of 97/101 and 167 St. Andrews Street to Galeb Mohammed H Ali Alimi for \$10,000 each, with commitment to build a duplex on each lot within 3 years or the Town can exercise a 70% buyback less expenses.

b. Public Works Foreman Position

This new proposed position will be presented during the Operations Budget deliberations.

9. Reports

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

- i) Riverview Home

- The Board continues to move forward with the creation of non-institutional housing options for current and future residents
- The Board has approved purchasing additional community-based housing
- Direction was given to proceed with tendering for the actual construction management for the medical home development in Westville

10. Correspondence

11. Public Comments/Questions

- Are you familiar with the Active Steps project currently in progress?
- Are you aware that Active Steps was launched in spring of 2024 to develop an Active Transportation Plan for the Town of Pictou and Municipality of Pictou County?
- How many OHV surveys were submitted by residents and businesses of the Town of Pictou?
- Why could anyone, regardless of where they live, fill out the survey?
- Question about grants that have been used on the Jitney Trail
- Comment about liability of trails from an Annapolis Valley survey
- Comment that a new survey should go out for town residents only
- Comment that another route with limited access should be considered
- What is the purpose of the Active Steps report and how will it be used in the decision making for the newly proposed bylaw?
- Comment that walking in peace and quiet is essential and wondered why ATV sound has not been addressed
- Comment that there are so many trails for ATVs; they do not need to come into town
- Comment that people can support the town by coming in vehicles or parking their ATVs at Brown's Point and walk into town; the Jitney Trail is the only place we have that's quiet, non-vehicle use and safe

12. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO