

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

**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 two additions:  
4c. Eva Sutherland  
8b. Summer Meeting Schedule

Moved, Seconded and Carried

***RTC-04-20-25-001***

**4. Proclamations & Acknowledgements**

a. Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Appreciation Week

The Chair proclaimed May 18-24, 2025 as Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Appreciation Week.

b. Access Awareness Week

The Chair proclaimed May 25-31, 2025 as Access Awareness Week. There will be a flag raising at Market Square on May 27 at 4pm.

c. Eva Sutherland

Council is saddened to hear of the passing of prominent business owner Eva Sutherland. Condolences are extended to her children, her friends and family on their loss.

**5. Presentations**

**6. Approval of Minutes**

a. Public Input Session – April 22, 2025

The Chair accepted the Public Input Session Minutes of April 22, 2025.

b. Regular Council – April 22, 2025

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council Minutes of April 22, 2025.

c. Committee of Council – May 5, 2025

With the addition of the PARL report, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council Minutes of May 5, 2025.

7. **Recommendations**

a. Capital Paving Projects

Motion: To approve additional capital work that includes stormwater separation on Prince Street from Grange to Church Streets and on Patterson Street from Grange to Faulkland Streets; as well as adding sidewalks on Prince Street from Faulkland to High Streets and on Beeches Road from Union Street to Harbour Drive.

Moved, Seconded and Carried **RTC-05-20-25-002**

b. Broidy Park Building

Motion: To reallocate \$100,000 dollars from the Paving Budget to the Broidy Park Building Project.

Moved, Seconded and Carried **RTC-05-20-25-003**

c. Business Advisory Committee Policy – Approval of Amendments

Motion: To approve the Business Advisory Committee Policy with 2 non-substantive amendments/clarification:

- 1) Under duties of the Committee, to remove “act as appropriate”
- 2) Per section 12-2, the plan referenced is the committee work plan.

Moved, Seconded and Carried **RTC-05-20-25-004**

d. Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) Resolution

Motion: To authorize the Mayor and CAO to submit an application to PCAP for the purpose of a stormwater separation study for the eastern and western ends of Pictou; and further, Council supports the project and commits to provide its share (\$51,850) toward the \$103,700 project cost.

Moved, Seconded and Carried **RTC-05-20-25-005**

- Question about the best way to move stormwater in the east and west end of Town

e. Code of Conduct Investigator

Municipal Affairs is suggesting that the Town’s Solicitor not serve as Code of Conduct Investigator as they represent the Town. Staff voiced concern that anyone paid by the Town is in similar conflict.

Motion: To appoint Noella Martin from Burchell Wickwire Bryson LLP as Primary Code of Conduct Investigator and Charles Thompson from Burchell MacDougall LLP as secondary investigator in the event of conflict or lack of availability.

Moved, Seconded and Carried **RTC-05-20-25-006**

Questions:

- Are the lawyers on retainer? – One is, but it is a pay-for-service
- Why was a person who isn't knowledgeable about the people of Pictou selected? – The Province put together a prequalification list

f. Recreation Committee – New Member Appointment

Motion: To appoint Reese Hawkins to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

***RTC-05-20-25-007***

**8. Discussion**

a. Grants to Organizations

The total financial request was \$221,823 including a \$50,000 Splash Pad Capital request. \$157,000 was given to organizations (\$111,040 annual contributions, \$46,000 new or one-off projects). A detailed breakdown can be found on the Town website.

b. Meeting Dates

July 7 – Committee of Council and Special Council (Swearing-In Ceremony)

July 21 – Regular Council

August – none, unless required

September 8 – Committee of Council

September 22 – Regular Council

**9. Reports**

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority – PCSW

- The fiscal 2026 Operating Budget was approved
- New residential four-day collection week began on April 1

ii) Riverview Homes

- Implementation of the Remedy Report continues to be the focus of discussions
- Riverview staff seeking clarification from the Provincial Department of Opportunities and Social Development on roles and responsibilities
- Three specially designed and equipped homes to be constructed soon
- Financials remain in good condition, although some uncertainty remains around the future individualized funding models
- Question on how many residents are still living at the home

iii) Mayor and Wardens

- A biologist presented on urban deer concerns of the Pictou County communities – The CAO attended a follow up meeting about control options; a by-law prohibiting the feeding of wild animals is one approach municipalities could pursue however public education is preferred

**10. Correspondence**

**11. Public Comments/Questions**

**12. 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