

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, Krista Fulton and Terry Dunbrack

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

1. Public Session – 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 the following additions:
8b. Appointment of Jason LaGreca
8c. Appointment of Chad Shriver
9b. No parking zones
9c. Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Owners Living in the Town of Pictou
9d. Trail updates
13. In-camera matter

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-07-21-25-001

4. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

5. Presentations

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Council – June 16, 2025

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Regular Council Minutes of June 16, 2025.

Question – Did the letter go to the Province on the topic of Uranium Exploration process? – yes, but there has been no response yet

b. Special Council – July 7, 2025

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Special Council Minutes of July 7, 2025.

c. Committee of Council – July 7, 2025

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council Minutes of July 7, 2025.

7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

8. Recommendations

a. Approval of Street Closure – Market Street (portion of)

Motion: To approve the Policy titled “Street Closure – Market Street (portion of).

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-07-21-25-002

b. Appointment of Jason LaGreca

Motion: To appoint Jason LaGreca as a Special Constable for the Town of Pictou.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-07-21-25-003

c. Appointment of Chad Shriver

Motion: To appoint Chad Shriver as a Special Constable for the Town of Pictou.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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9. Discussion

a. Committees of Council Appointments – Councillor Dunbrack

Councillor Dunbrack is being appointed to the following Committees as a municipal representative:

- Committee of Council
- Audit Committee
- Planning Committee
- Fire Department
- Parks & Recreation
- Planning Committee
- Fire Department
- Construction Engineering Flight
- Hector Arena
- McCulloch Heritage & Genealogy Society

b. No Parking Zones

A concern was raised about vehicles parking in front of the Scotsman Inn, the Bank of Nova Scotia, and on both sides at the end of Water Street. This is making it difficult for drivers to safely make left and right-hand turns.

The CAO noted this is an operational matter but advised that work to address it was scheduled to begin tomorrow. Yellow paint and hatched markings will be added to problem areas to discourage parking. It may take a few days to complete all locations.

c. Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Owners Living in the Town of Pictou

Council noted that things are going well with OHV access on trails and certain streets. It was asked whether Council would consider a further step – allowing residents who live in town to access the trails directly from their homes.

Council agreed to refer this matter to staff for further exploration. Staff will review options and bring back a recommendation in the fall.

d. Trail Updates

- Jitney Trail – can RCMP drive on the trail with the new speed bumps?
- Connector Trail between PA and McCulloch – will it be plowed; will there be lights installed?
- Nature Trails – cleanup almost done from Hurricane Juan, applying for provincial and federal tree planting grants, hiring a planner in the fall to develop a redevelopment plan, with work anticipated in 2026-27
 - are nature trails still closed? – yes, but will open towards end of week
 - will there be opportunity for public input? – yes
- When will the remaining overhanging trees on Jim Chisholm’s property, damaged during Hurricane Fiona, be removed?

10. Reports

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

- AGM – financial statements were approved; Warden Parker was re-elected as Chair and Mayor White as Vice-Chair
- Regular Meeting – entered into a contract to continue recyclable materials collection; the East River Environmental Control Center NSGEU and non-unionized employees received a salary increase

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- No meetings

iii) Riverview Homes

- Still dealing with the Remedy Report
- Meeting scheduled in August with the Minister of Opportunities and Social Development & Department Officials to discuss several items
 - Riverview’s acquisition of additional community homes
 - Need for customized homes
 - Future service delivery models
 - Possible uses of current adult residential center

iv) Mayor and Wardens

- No meetings

11. Correspondence

12. Public Comments/Questions

13. Private Session: Land Matter

Motion: For Council to move to private session to discuss a Land Matter (7:09 pm).
Moved, Seconded and Carried ***RTC-07-21-25-005***

Council moved back into Public Session at 7:31 pm.

Council gave direction to the CAO on a land matter.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO