

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 Robert Fry; Councillors Terry Dunbrack, Krista Fulton and Nadine LeBlanc

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

1. Private Session – Land Matters (5:00 pm)

2. Public Session – Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

3. 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.

4. Changes/Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda with two additions:
5a. Entrepreneur Retirement Acknowledgement
10a. 2025-26 Regional Library Board Funding

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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5. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

a. Entrepreneur Retirement Acknowledgement

The Chair acknowledged Donnie Roach on his retirement. He expressed gratitude for Donnie’s years of dedicated service to the Town and wished him all the best in his future endeavors.

6. Presentations

a. Active Pictou County

Leighton Hayden, Municipal Physical Activity Leader (MPAL), provided a presentation on the Active Pictou County partnership and the recently completed Active Transportation Plan. Active Pictou County is a collaborative initiative between the Town of Pictou, Municipality of Pictou County, and the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. The partnership focuses on promoting physical activity, developing trails, advancing active transportation, and encouraging ways to get residents moving more.

Topics reviewed in the presentation included:

- The Active Transportation Plan
- Additional MPAL initiatives

- Future priorities
- Working partnerships
- Other initiatives, including the successful hiking program

Questions raised regarding:

- Hike badges
- After-school program
- E-bikes

Next Steps: Council will be asked to formally accept the Active Transportation Plan at a future meeting.

7. Reports/Recommendations for Private Session

Council directed staff to begin negotiations for the sale of the Town-owned property at 40 Water Street.

8. Approval of Minutes

a. Public Hearing – October 20, 2025

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Public Hearing Minutes of October 20, 2025.

b. Regular Council – October 20, 2025

The Chair approved the circulated Regular Council Minutes of October 20, 2025 with one correction:

- In-camera session began at 7:30 pm, not 6:33 pm.

c. Committee of Council – November 3, 2025

There being no corrections, the Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council Minutes of November 3, 2025.

9. Recommendations

a. Write Off – Tax and Water Account Balances

Motion: To write off four accounts receivable accounts totaling \$6,917.62.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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b. Design Work for Jitney Trail Erosion

Motion: To pre-approve \$19,000 from the 2026-27 Capital Budget to have design work completed for the Jitney Trail shoreline assessment.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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- Question on total project budget – \$70,000, with the Town’s share being \$17,000

10. Discussion

a. 2025-26 Regional Library Board Funding

The provincial funding formula has not changed in years, while municipalities have increased their contributions for this year. If the formula does not change, the Board will be required to cut services because they are not allowed to run deficits. The Library Board has prepared a letter requesting additional provincial funding and is asking all mayors and wardens to sign it before it is sent to the Premier.

Motion: For Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the Province requesting additional funding for the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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- Question: can Council get a copy of the letter of request?

11. Reports

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

- No meetings

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- No meetings

iii) Riverview Homes

- Report shared electronically

iv) Mayor and Wardens

- No meetings

12. Correspondence

13. Public Comments/Questions

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO