

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 and Krista Fulton

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

**Regrets:** Councillor Nadine LeBlanc

**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:  
9a. Dangerous or Unsightly Properties Process  
13. Private Session – Property Matter

Moved, Seconded and Carried

***RTC-01-19-26-001***

**4. Proclamations & Acknowledgements**

**5. Presentations**

**6. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session**

**7. Approval of Minutes**

a. Audit Committee – December 15, 2025

Motion: To approve the minutes with one amendment, change Deputy Mayor Leblanc to Councillor and Councillor Fry to Deputy Mayor Fry.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

***RTC-01-19-26-002***

b. Regular Council – December 15, 2025

The Chair accepted the circulated Regular Council minutes of December 15, 2025.

c. Committee of Council – January 12, 2026

Motion: To approve the minutes with two amendments; under Reports #7b & #7c change Council Fry to Deputy Mayor Fry.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

***RTC-01-19-26-003***

**8. Recommendations**

**9. Discussion**

a. Dangerous or Unsightly Properties

Staff provided an update on the Town's enforcement process for Dangerous or Unsightly Properties. Council requested increased diligence in both enforcement and ensuring compliance with issued orders. It was noted that this is a complaint-driven process; therefore, residents must submit concerns using the complaint form available on the Town's website.

**10. Reports**

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

- No meetings

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- No meetings

iii) Riverview Homes

- No meetings

iv) Mayor and Wardens

- No meetings

**11. Correspondence**

a. Tax Write-down of YMCA Property

Further to the request received from the YMCA for a tax write-down on their property taxes, based on their status as a charitable, non-profit organization, the CAO provided an overview of the financial implications for Town revenues. The YMCA operates as a membership-driven organization and provides subsidized daycare services.

Council provided direction to staff to prepare several options arising from the discussion held this evening and to present these options at the next meeting.

**12. Public Comments/Questions**

**13. Private Session – Property Matter**

Council moved to private session at 7:00 pm.

**14. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session**

Council moved back into Public Session at 7:10 pm.

Direction was given to the CAO on the Sale of Municipal Property.

**15. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Approved

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James J. Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO