

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. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 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:

9a. Lamp Posts and Bollards

9b. Review of Water Bill Changes

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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4. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

a. Royal Canadian Legion 100th Anniversary

The Royal Canadian Legion was officially created by an Act of Parliament. On Friday, July 17, the Legion marked 100 years of service to veterans, military families, and communities across Canada. The Town of Pictou recognizes and thanks past and present members of Pictou Legion Branch 16 for their continued contributions to the community and for helping keep alive the memory of those who served Canada. The Legion flag was raised at Market Square on Friday.

5. Presentations

6. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

7. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Council – June 15, 2026

The Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of June 15, 2026.

b. Committee of Council – July 6, 2026

The Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of July 6, 2026.

8. Recommendations

a. Capital Budget Update

Motion: To approve borrowing an additional \$1.23 million to complete capital projects related to Union Street, the retaining wall and relocation of the boat launch.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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Question: Where will the boat launch be moved? – East end near Logan’s Market

b. New Horizons Partial Tax Exemption Policy – Approval

Motion: To approve the Policy titled “New Horizons Partial Tax Exemption”.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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9. Discussion

a. Lamp Posts and Bollards

The Ship Hector Society has requested to acquire the lamp posts and bollards that were removed from the waterfront during recent construction. The Society would like to use the items around the Hector Quay land and the commemorative stones on Town property.

Depending on how many items are requested, the Town may need to offer them publicly under its procurement policies and procedures.

Staff will gather more details and report back to Council.

b. Review of Water Bill Changes

The CAO reviewed changes to the sewer operating and capital charges. These charges will now be added to water bills and will be based on water consumption. Residents will receive credit for the previous sewer operating charge on their August tax bill. Future water bills will show both water and sewer charges.

Council suggested updating the wording on the next water bill to make the charges easier to understand.

It was explained that the sewer operating charge covers the cost of running the sewer system. The sewer capital charge is used to replace major equipment related to sewer treatment.

- Question about water in and water out
- Question about Capital sewer fund
- Question about whether there are any residents that are on the town water resource but have their own sewer resource

10. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority

- Report was included in package

- Paul Smith was acknowledged for his 26 years of service as an employee and Compliance Officer with Pictou County Solid Waste

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre

- No meeting

iii) Riverview Homes

- Work continues on support plans for individuals living in the Adult Residential Centre
- Concern was expressed regarding the lack of appropriate housing options in Pictou County for individuals with complex intellectual and physical needs

iv) Mayor and Wardens

- Report was included in package
- Pictou County Partnership team presented their strategic and business plans

11. Correspondence

12. Public Comments/Questions

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO