

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened 6:30 pm at the CN Station Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor James Ryan presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc; Councillors Dan Currie, Melinda MacKenzie and Shawn McNamara

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. **PRIVATE SESSION – CONTRACT, PERSONNEL & PROPERTY MATTERS**
(5:30pm)

2. **PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following additions/corrections:
5b. Correction: Earth Day – April 22, 2021
10b. Addition: Pictou Lobster Carnival

CARRIED

RTC-04-19-21-2548

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

a. **Pictou West Community Health Board**

Co-Chair Dominic Boyd and Board Member Gregor Hardy made a presentation on the work of the Board, including:

- Ways to improve overall health of citizens by way of health promotion
- Population health and social determinants of health
- Explaining Health Equity
- Priorities of the Northern Zone: mental wellness and sense of belonging; healthy active living and supportive environments, thriving communities, prosperity and affordability; community engagement, connection and inclusion

Mayor Ryan commended the Board for their commitment to health promotion within our community and thanked them for the informative presentation.

5. **PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

a. **Provincial Volunteer Week – April 18-24, 2021**

Mayor Ryan proclaimed April 18-24, 2021 as Provincial Volunteer Week.

A special tea will be held this week for recipients of Pictou Volunteer awards in recognition of their contributions to our community. A plant is also being delivered to 46 Pictou volunteer organizations in appreciation of their work.

- b. Earth Day – April 22, 2021
Mayor Ryan proclaimed April 22, 2021 as Earth Day in Pictou; and a Go Clean Get Green Cleanup will be held in Pictou on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Council – March 15, 2021

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of March 15, 2021 be approved with the following changes:

- 4a. Mayor Ryan proclaimed March 26, 2021 as Purple Day in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy
- 5b. The PRP minutes were accepted, not approved
- 6e. Staff were given direction to issue a call for Expression of Interest, rather than a Request for Proposals

CARRIED

RTC-04-19-21-2549

- b. Recreation & Parks – March 25, 2021

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes for March 25, 2021 be accepted.

CARRIED

RTC-04-19-21-2550

- c. Special Council – March 29, 2021

MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of March 29, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-04-19-21-2551

- d. Committee of Council – April 6, 2021

MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of April 6, 2021 be approved with the following clarifications/changes:

- 5d. Sinclair Street Waste Water Treatment Plant Pumping Station
- 5e. Grant “application was” submitted
- 6b. Potential “lacrosse” activities, not floor hockey
- 6e. D Currie was appointed as Chair of the Finance Committee of PARL
- 9a. The appointment should be the position and not individuals – remove Ryan and Slaunwhite from the motion

CARRIED

RTC-04-19-21-2552

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Hector Quay Society Funding Request

MOTION: To approve a contribution of \$33,333 annually for the next two years to the Hector Quay Society.

CARRIED

RTC-04-19-21-2553

- b. Water Street Project

Council consensus was to proceed with a mix of Option 3 & C, per staff briefing note.

- c. Cultural Hub Working Committee Appointment
MOTION: To approve the appointment of the Mayor and CAO as Town of Pictou representatives on the Cultural Hub Working Committee.
CARRIED ***RTC-04-19-21-2554***

8. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

- a. Appointment of Development Officer
MOTION: To appoint Roland Burek as a Town of Pictou Development Officer.
CARRIED ***RTC-04-19-21-2555***
- b. Appointment of Building Official
MOTION: To appoint Mannie Withrow as a Town of Pictou Building Official.
CARRIED ***RTC-04-19-21-2556***
- c. Two land matters were discussed, with nothing public to report.
- d. Marina Operations
MOTION: For staff to negotiate a contract with a proponent to operate the marina for the 2021 summer season.
CARRIED; 1 nay ***RTC-04-19-21-2557***

9. REPORTS

- a. Municipal Corporation Reports
 - i. Pictou County Wellness Centre
Circulated electronically, for information purposes
 - ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
Circulated electronically, for information purposes
 - iii. Riverview Home
Circulated electronically, for information purposes

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CN Station – Expression of Interest for Usage
MOTION: To direct staff to call for an Expression of Interest (EOI) for use of the CN Station.
CARRIED ***RTC-04-19-21-2558***
It was noted that current usage will need to be included in the EOI.
- b. Pictou Lobster Carnival
Pictou Lobster Carnival is cancelled for this year. An appreciation musical series is being planned, in conjunction with the deCoste Centre. Covid protocols will be in place.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Comment on proposed crosswalk location along Water Street

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO