

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened at 6:30 pm via Zoom Teleconferencing 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. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with the following addition:
9a. Summer Meeting Schedule

CARRIED

RTC-06-21-21-2423

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Department of Municipal Affairs Presentation

Ross MacDonald and Jason Haughn, NS Department of Municipal Affairs, presented information on governance, roles and responsibilities of management and Council and the role of their department.

4. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. National Indigenous Peoples Day

It was acknowledged that it is the 25th anniversary of National Indigenous Peoples Aboriginal Day and that the full moon later this week is the Strawberry Moon.

b. Land Acknowledgement

It was acknowledged that Town Council was meeting in the unceded territory of Mi'kma'ki.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – May 17, 2021

MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of May 17, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

RTC-06-21-21-2424

b. Recreation & Parks – May 27, 2021

MOTION: That the Recreation and Parks minutes for May 27, 2021 be accepted.

CARRIED

RTC-06-21-21-2425

c. Special Council – May 31, 2021

MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of May 31, 2021 be accepted.

CARRIED

RTC-06-21-21-2426

- d. Public Hearing – June 7, 2021
MOTION: That the Public Hearing minutes of May 31, 2021 be approved.
CARRIED *RTC-06-21-21-2427*

- e. Special Council – June 7, 2021
MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of June 7, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED *RTC-06-21-21-2428*

- f. Committee of Council – June 7, 2021
MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of June 7, 2021 be approved with the following changes:
8b. Change “entitled” to “title”
8c. Add “development of the Waterfront Masterplan” for clarification.
CARRIED *RTC-06-21-21-2429*

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Grants to Organizations
Council decided to issue a number of grants to organizations. Grants over \$1500 were:
 - deCoste Centre - \$25,000
 - Hector Arena - \$13,000
 - Ship Hector Society - \$33,333
 - Pictou Community New Horizons Club - \$5,000
 - Stella Maris Cemetery Committee - \$2,700
 - New Caledonian Curling Club - \$4,000
 - Northumberland Fisheries Museum - \$1,700

- b. Public Sewers By-Law Policy – Approval
MOTION: To adopt a new Town Policy titled “Public Sewers By-law”.
CARRIED *RTC-06-21-21-2430*

- c. Waterfront Masterplan RFP
MOTION: To approve spending up to \$7,000 from the Waterfront Reserve towards the Town’s share of the development of the Waterfront Masterplan.
CARRIED *RTC-06-21-21-2431*

- d. CN Station Capital
MOTION: To approve spending an additional \$25,000 from the Operating Reserve on capital improvements to complete the soffit replacement on the CN Station.
CARRIED *RTC-06-21-21-2432*

- e. Surplus of Town-owned Residential Properties
CAO Slaunwhite presented a list of surplus town-owned land. He suggested Council consider selling some of these lots as a strategy to increase the tax base and help with housing stalk. Council agreed and would like to focus on lots that are suitable for single dwellings. A second round can focus on lots that may be more suitable for affordable housing

opportunities or development agreements. Some lots are land-locked and may be offered to adjacent owners, per Municipal Government Act.

CAO Slaunwhite will draft an RFP to retain the services of a relator to assist with the sale of these properties. The surplus land list will be further revised.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

8. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

- i. Pictou County Wellness Centre
May 30 meeting – report circulated electronically
- ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
No meetings
- iii. Riverview Home
Report circulated electronically

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Summer Meeting Schedule

- July Committee of Council – Regular date July 5
- July Special Town Council – If required July 5
- No other meetings in July or August unless required
- Resume in person meetings in September

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.
CARRIED

RTC-06-21-21-2434

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO