

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened at 6:45 pm in 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
Jonathan Daye, Town Accountant
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. PRIVATE SESSION – LAND & LEGAL MATTERS (5:30 PM)

2. AUDIT COMMITTEE (6:00 PM)

3. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order.

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It was acknowledged that Town Council was meeting on the ancestral lands of the Mi'kmaq and in the unceded territory of Mi'kma'ki.

Beginning this year Canadians will recognize September 30 as Truth and Reconciliation Day. It acknowledges the legacy of injustice experienced by our first nations friends including the tragic residential school system and the role we must all play in the reconciliation process. Residents are encouraged to make time on this day for important discussions about Canada's history of residential schools and pay special recognition to First Nations and Metis residential school survivors, their families and communities.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2452

6. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a. Right to Know Week – September 27 - October 3, 2021
September 27 - October 3 was declared as Right to Know Week.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Council – June 21, 2021
MOTION: That the Regular Council minutes of June 21, 2021 be approved.
CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2453

- b. Committee of Council – July 5, 2021
MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of July 5, 2021 be accepted with once correction – 6b should read the purchase of two additional flag poles.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2454*

- c. Special Council – July 5, 2021
MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of July 5, 2021 be accepted.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2455*

- d. Special Council – July 19, 2021
MOTION: That the Special Council minutes of July 19, 2021 be approved.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2456*

- e. Committee of Council – September 13, 2021
MOTION: That the Committee of Council minutes of September 13, 2021 be approved.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2457*

- 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. Market Square Flagpole
MOTION: To pre-approve the purchase of two additional flag poles for Market Square in the 2022-23 budget.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2458*

- b. Travel Allowances and Other Expenses Policy – Approval
MOTION: To approve updating the Town Policy entitled “Travel Allowances and Other Expenses”.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2459*

- c. Non-Unionized Entitlement and Benefits Policy – Approval
MOTION: To approve updates to the Town Policy entitled “Non-Unionized Entitlement and Benefits”.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2460*

- d. Sinclair Lift Station Capital Work
MOTION: To transfer \$100,000 from the Water Street sidewalk capital grant budget to the Sinclair lift station emergency repairs.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2461*

- e. Wastewater Manual Update – Approval
MOTION: To approve the annual wastewater manual update.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2462*

- f. Water Manual Update – Approval
MOTION: To approve the annual water manual update.
CARRIED *RTC-09-20-21-2463*

g. Fire Inspector Appointment

MOTION: To appoint Mannie Withrow as a Fire Inspector for the Town.

CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2464

h. Water Account Write-offs

MOTION: To write off the accounts listed per Briefing Note Schedule, totaling \$32,995.

CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2465

i. Temporary Borrowing Resolution and Renewals

Various Capital Projects

MOTION: To approve the following:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Pictou has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act and are so authorized to expend funds for capital purpose as identified in their capital budget;

AND WHEREAS the specific amounts and descriptions of the projects are contained in Schedule A (per agenda package);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Council of the Town of Pictou to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that a sum or sums not exceeding \$1,647,000 in total be borrowed from time to time from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2466

Various Capital Projects Renewal

MOTION: To approve the following:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Pictou has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act and are so authorized to expend funds for capital purpose as identified in their capital budget;

AND WHEREAS the specific amounts and descriptions of the projects are contained in Schedule “A” (per agenda package);

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 20th day of September, 2021, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 24th day of April, 2020, borrowed from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$506,667) for the purpose set out above for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the authorized period of borrowing in the amount of Five Hundred Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$506,667) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2467

Various Capital Projects Renewal

MOTION: To approve the following:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Pictou has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act and are so authorized to expend funds for capital purpose as identified in their capital budget;

AND WHEREAS the specific amounts and descriptions of the projects are contained in Schedule “A” (per email);

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 20th day of September, 2021, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 24th day of April, 2020, borrowed from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$971,089) for the purpose set out above for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the authorized period of borrowing in the amount of Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$971,089) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2468

9. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

a. Noise Control By-law

The Town is working with a property owner to find a solution to industrial noise.

b. Variance Request – 67 Caladh Ave

MOTION: To appeal the variance request for 67 Caladh Avenue.

CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2469

10. REPORTS

a. Municipal Corporation Reports

i. Pictou County Wellness Centre

Circulated via email; July 26 AGM and Regular meeting; Chair – Warden Parker; Vice Chair – Mayor MacGillivray

ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority

No meetings

iii. Riverview Home

Circulated via email; question on homes owned by Riverview Home in Pictou

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Audited March 31, 2021 Financial Statements

MOTION: To approve the Audited March 31, 2021 Financial Statements as presented by MNP.

CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2470

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Is there a timeline on when repairs will be made to the machinery creating the industrial noise?
- Comment that other communities have similar sound issues.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

RTC-09-20-21-2471

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO