

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Regular Council meeting convened at 6:40 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
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

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

2. PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

3. 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.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with two additions:
5b. Waste Reduction Week
5c. Small Business Week

CARRIED

RTC-10-18-21-2474

5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. World Polio Day – October 24, 2021

October 24, 2021 was proclaimed World Polio Day. Citizens are encouraged to join Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Pictou in the fight for a polio-free world.

b. Waste Reduction Week

October 17-23, 2021 has been proclaimed Waste Reduction Week in Pictou. Various activities are planned to encourage waste reduction, including a Sport and Recreation Gear Swap.

c. Small Business Week

October 17-23, 2021 is Small Business Week. Residents are encouraged to shop local.

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. John Howard Society

Leisha Seymour and Wendy Stephens, John Howard Society and Erik Nielsen, Correctional Services gave a presentation on plans to use the former Detox Centre as a home for the Community HUB Pilot Project.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Audit Committee – September 20, 2021
MOTION: To approve the Audit Committee minutes of September 20, 2021.
CARRIED ***RTC-10-18-21-2475***

- b. Regular Council – September 20, 2021
MOTION: To approve the Regular Council minutes of September 20, 2021.
CARRIED ***RTC-10-18-21-2476***

- c. Committee of Council – October 4, 2021
MOTION: To approve the Committee of Council minutes of October 4, 2021.
CARRIED ***RTC-10-18-21-2477***

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Hospitality Policy – Approval
MOTION: To adopt a new Town Policy titled “Hospitality”.
CARRIED ***RTC-10-18-21-2478***

9. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

Updates on the sale of several Town lots were provided during Private Session. Publicly, the following can be shared:

- a. Former Visitor Information Centre Land
The CAO was instructed to continue discussions with all interested parties.

- b. Old Hospital Hill
Several offers have been submitted to the Town’s realtor, but details were unknown as of the meeting.

- c. 158 Oak Street
MOTION: To give permission to the Mayor and CAO to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the successful proponent.
CARRIED ***RTC-10-18-21-2479***

10. REPORTS

- a. Municipal Corporation Reports
 - i. Pictou County Wellness Centre
Circulated via email

 - ii. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
Circulated via email

 - iii. Riverview Home
Circulated via email

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Deputy Mayor Appointment – Year 2

MOTION: To appoint Shawn McNamara as Deputy Mayor for the second year of this Council’s four-year term, effective November 1, 2021.

CARRIED *RTC-10-18-21-2480*

MOTION: To approve that Shawn McNamara be granted signing authority effective November 1, 2021.

CARRIED *RTC-10-18-21-2481*

b. Kidney Dialysis Beds

Permission was granted for the Mayor to draft a letter requesting more kidney dialysis beds within Pictou County, specifically Pictou.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Question on Hospitality Policy
- Question on Noise By-law petition and where it is noted in the minutes – September 13, 2021 minutes
- Question on John Howard Society and policing

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. *RTC-10-18-21-2482*

CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO