

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

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

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 one addition:
5c. Transgender Awareness Week

CARRIED

RTC-11-15-21-2490

5. PROCLAMATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Municipal Awareness Week – November 22-28, 2021

November 22-28, 2021 was proclaimed Municipal Awareness Week.

b. Recreation Nova Scotia – Local Award Recipients

Recreation Nova Scotia awards were presented to two local recipients – the Cape to Cape Trail Committee and Ron Clarke for his contributions to the Hector Arena.

c. Transgender Awareness Week and Day of Remembrance

Transgender Awareness Week was acknowledged and takes place November 13 to 19, leading up to Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day to honour those lives lost to transphobic violence.

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. Pictou County Community Health Centre Working Group

Dominic Boyd and Anne Simmonds presented the concept of a community health centre, which is run by a not-for-profit organization and owned by the community. In addition to primary healthcare, it focuses on determinants of health. Next steps are to develop a 2022 business plan and secure support funding for 2022.

Council provided input on key needs within our community, including lack of family physicians and dialysis beds.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council – October 18, 2021

MOTION: To approve the Regular Council minutes of October 18, 2021.

CARRIED *RTC-11-15-21-2491*

b. Recreation and Parks – October 28, 2021

MOTION: To approve the Recreation and Parks minutes of October 28, 2021.

CARRIED *RTC-11-15-21-2492*

c. Public Hearing – November 1, 2021

MOTION: To approve the Public Hearing minutes of November 1, 2021.

CARRIED *RTC-11-15-21-2493*

d. Committee of Council – November 1, 2021

MOTION: To approve the Committee of Council minutes of November 1, 2021.

CARRIED *RTC-11-15-21-2494*

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Variance Request – 67 Caladh Ave

Councillor Currie recused himself from this agenda item.

MOTION: To uphold the decision to allow a variance from the Front Yard Set-back requirements of the Land Use By-law, from the required 10 feet set-back to 2 feet to the property owner of 67 Caladh Avenue.

DENIED *RTC-11-15-21-2495*

b. Fire Truck Funding

MOTION: To approve funds of \$600,000 from the 2022/23 capital budget to be used for the purchase of a new lead fire truck.

CARRIED *RTC-11-15-21-2496*

c. Heritage Advisory Committee – Appointment

MOTION: To appoint Brendan Nichol as a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

CARRIED *RTC-11-15-21-2497*

d. Street Closure – Dawson’s Lane

MOTION: To adopt a new Town Policy titled “Street Closure – Dawson’s Lane”.

CARRIED *RTC-11-15-21-2498*

e. Hector Arena Funding Request

MOTION: To approve an additional \$2000 to the Hector Arena in this fiscal year (\$13,000 was previously awarded during budget deliberations).

CARRIED ***RTC-11-15-21-2499***

9. RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS FROM PRIVATE SESSION

Discussion was held on various land matters, with nothing public to share at this time.

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. Police Advisory Board – Appointment

MOTION: To appoint Paula Beer-Eligh as a member of the Police Advisory Board.

CARRIED ***RTC-11-15-21-2500***

Kevin Pettipas was thanked for his service on the committee.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Question on minutes containing errors
- Question on what is done with petitions
- Gratitude extended on the completion of Water Street upgrades
- Question on Hospitality policy
- Question on permitted questions/comments only pertaining to agenda items
- Question on sale of one town property

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED ***RTC-11-15-21-2501***

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO