

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Committee of Council meeting convened at the CN Station – Council Chambers on the above date. Mayor Jim Ryan presiding.

Present: Councillors Nadine LeBlanc, Melinda MacKenzie and Shawn McNamara

Also Present: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Michelle Young, Community Development
Curtis MacKinnon, RCMP
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works
David Nicholson, Finance
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute recorder

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Dan Currie
Wayne Robinson, Fire Chief
Sally O’Neill, Recreation

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

It was acknowledged that Town Council was meeting in the unceded territory of Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded land of the Mi’kmaq people.

2. Changes/Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda with two additions:
8c. Dawson Street Closure Policy
9b. Unsightly Premises Process

Moved, Seconded and Carried

COC-06-03-24-2797

3. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

a. June is Recreation Month

The Chair recognized June as Recreation Month.

b. Pride Month

The Chair recognized June as Pride Month.

c. National Indigenous History Month

The Chair recognized June as National Indigenous History Month and June 21 as National Indigenous Day.

d. D-Day

June 6 was recognized as D-Day.

4. Presentations

a. Ship Hector Society

Wes Surrett and Rebecca Whiffen provided an overview on the Ship Hector and Hector Heritage Quay progress including:

- The capital campaign
- Their commitment to financial sustainability
- Building a destination
- 2024 Season
- July 2025 Relaunch

5. Departmental Reports

a. Fire Department

- Fire trucks were on the way to an incident just prior to the meeting so Fire Chief Robinson was not in attendance
- Report was included in the Council package

b. RCMP

- Report was included in the Council package
- Sgt Ken Parsons is joining the local department this month
- Cpl Natash Farrell will be leaving this month; HR is working to fill her position
- Question on benefits of security cameras
- Question on how the public can obtain court updates – ask at the courthouse

c. Community Development

- Report was included in the Council package
- Working on opening Caladh Marquee, tent and vendor village
- Flower Baskets – Garden Club had 23 businesses support this project and baskets will be going up this month
- Veterans Drive Playground – installation of new equipment has begun
- Caladh Avenue banners will go up tomorrow

d. Public Works

- Report was included in the Council package
- Market Wharf tender was issued on May 31 and closes on June 28
- Gut Bridge – prep work has begun
- Doing small capital projects before Carnival; Coleraine Street will start after Carnival
- Broidy Park camera was delivered on May 31; working with contractor to get up as soon as possible
- Hydrant flushing will start the third week of June
- Comment – thank you for installing flashing crosswalk signs
- Question street sweeper purchase – intention was to reduce expenses, not profit from it; per business plan contracting it's services to other municipalities in the county.

e. Parks and Recreation

- CAO Slaunwhite provided information on the pool summer closure decision
- Question on last day pool will be open before the summer closure – June 30
- Question on when grants will be issued to applicants – within the next couple of weeks

f. Variance

- No major significant variances after the first month into the new fiscal

6. Appointment Committees

a. Fisheries Museum – Councillor LeBlanc

- Will open at the end of the month for the summer
- 3 summer student positions – two hired, one more to be filled

b. Lobster Carnival – Councillor LeBlanc

- Website has details on various contests
- New merchandise has arrived
- Looking for volunteers

c. Police Advisory Board – Councillor LeBlanc

- Met this month and welcomed new member Matt Harris; no quorum
- A presentation was made on the new officer body cams

d. Habitat for Humanity – Councillor McNamara

- Breaking ground will take place on June 26

e. CEF – Councillor McNamara

- Meeting June 20

f. Accessibility Committee – Councillor MacKenzie

- Access Awareness Week Flag Raising took place last week

g. Hector Arena – Councillor MacKenzie

- Meeting May 27 – season ended strong/busy
- Dave MacIntyre dryland training rental at front end of rink floor for June, July and August
- Mixed Martial Arts event on September 21

7. Recommendations/Reports from Private Session

8. Recommendations

a. Resolution for Continuous Improvement – Municipal Project Grant Application

Motion: For Council at the next Regular meeting to authorize the Mayor and CAO to submit an application with the Municipal Innovation Program for the purposes of the project titled Continuous Improvement Collaborative Initiative; and further, for Council to support the project and commit to provide its share (\$5,000) toward the \$80,000 project cost.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

COC-06-03-24-2798

b. Business Advisory Committee Appointment

Derek Forsyth was appointed as an inaugural committee member but has to resign due to other commitments.

Motion: For Council at the next Regular Council meeting to appoint Vivianne LaRiviere as a member of the Business Advisory Committee.

Moved, Seconded and Carried *COC-06-03-24-2799*

c. Dawson Street Closure Policy

The New Horizons Seniors Club has requested to purchase this piece of land (it is a triangular piece of land in front of the New Horizons Seniors Club). The Town has decided this is surplus land and is willing to sell provided the club pays for all associated costs, including legal and surveying.

In order to sell the property, the Town must close it.

Motion: That the following serves as the required seven (7) day advance Notice of Intent to consider the Policy titled “Dawson Street Closure”.

Moved, Seconded and Carried *COC-06-03-24-2800*

9. Discussions

a. St. Andrews Street Closure

Direction was given to staff to prepare a street closure policy for St. Andrews Street.

b. Unsightly Premises Process

Deputy Clerk MacDonald gave a brief description of the Unsightly Premises complaint process. Complaints are reactive and only happen once a complaint is received.

10. Correspondence

11. Comments/Questions

- Sherri Murdock and Cathy LeBlanc were in attendance – they shared some concerns and disappointments with the summer pool closure.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Approved

Jim Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO