

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

**Also Present:** Jen Bell, Fire Department  
Sally O’Neill, Recreation  
Michelle Young, Community Development  
David Nicholson, Finance  
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works  
Curtis MacKinnon, RCMP  
Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO  
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute recorder

**1. Public Session – Audit Committee (5:45 pm)**

**2. Public Session – Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 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.

**3. Changes/Approval of Agenda**

Motion: To approve the agenda with two additions:  
4. Several Acknowledgements  
9b. Proposed Truck Route

Moved, Seconded and Carried

*COC-09-09-24-001*

**4. Proclamations and Acknowledgements**

a. Harbour Swims in Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Provincial Government employees are doing swims throughout the Province to raise money for the United Way. A harbour swim was held in Pictou on September 6.

b. Pictou North Colchester Exhibition

The Chair recognized and congratulated participants and volunteers associated with the Pictou North Colchester Exhibition and the 4-H program; and thanked them for their contribution to agricultural awareness.

c. National Fire Fighters Memorial Day

The council reflected on the work of our fire fighters for National Fire Fighters Memorial Day, which was September 8.

d. Fred Fox Visit

The Chair noted that Fred Fox, Terry Fox's brother, was in Pictou on September 7 for a meet and greet at the Council Chambers.

**5. Presentations**

**6. Departmental Reports**

a. Fire Department

- 8 new applicants
- Trained all summer, mainly because of new trainees.
- Question: How many current members? – roughly 33
- Comment: Thanks for organizing and participating in Natal Day and Touch a Truck events

b. RCMP

- Comment on increase in mental health calls
- Question on timeline for new building to be built in the Albion Park – unknown; will still have a dispatch station in Pictou.
- Question on what to do if drug use is seen – encourage people to call crime stoppers.
- Question on what mischief files means – noise, litter, disturbances.
- Comment: Thanks for involvement in the Touch a Truck event

c. Community Development

- Question on Vendor Village opening times for fall – Saturday and Sunday for sure, maybe a few more times, until mid-October
- Question on timeline of Victory Heights timelines – will not be complete this fall.
- Will we have a Christmas market? – yes, planning underway

d. Public Works

- How many wells are operating now? – up to 7, often only 5.
- Beeches Well closed because of vicinity to salt water, which we do not treat.
- Question on order of planned sidewalk work
- Question on timeline of driveway installs on Front Street – sometime this fall.

e. Parks and Recreation

- Question about pool repairs
- Question on vandalism at parks
- Comment on quality of day camps and availability of any day camps
- Question about funding available for recreation activities

f. Variance

- Question on how assessment appeals are budgeted for.
- Question on oil spill at Caladh Marquee site
- Comment on good audit findings

**7. Appointment Committees**

a. Lobster Carnival – Councillor LeBlanc

- Volunteer Reception – September 21 at the Fisheries Museum – all carnival volunteers are invited to attend.
- AGM will be held on September 24 at the CN Station – everyone welcome.

Fisheries Museum – Councillor LeBlanc

- Received three student grants this summer – closed on August 17 when grants were done; if someone is interested in getting into the museum, pre-appointments can be made.
- Held two fundraisers at Caladh Marquee this summer.

b. Library – Deputy Mayor Currie

- There will be a celebration on September 25 to highlight the Alan Syliboy sculpture at the site.

c. deCoste Centre – Councillor MacKenzie

- Shows will begin September 17

d. Ship Hector – Councillor McNamara

- Sales, merchandise, admission, visitation and tours were up.
- Produced and released seven episodes of Rebuilding the Hector to date and it was picked up and promoted by the Wooden Boat Forum
- Winterizing the ship has commenced and the Quay will close at the end of the month.
- Launch of the Ship will take place July 12, 2025
- AGM will be held September 12

**8. Recommendations**

a. Street Closure Policy - St. Andrews St (portion) – 7 days’ Notice of Intent to Consider

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

Moved, Seconded and Carried

*COC-09-09-24-002*

**9. Discussions**

a. Land Use Planning Documents Update

As information, Council passed First Reading of the Land Use Planning Documents at the July Regular Meeting. On September 23, a Public Hearing will be held, followed by a potential Second Reading. If the public wants to review the documents, they are posted on the Town website and are available at the Town Office. Public comments can be submitted in advance to the Planning Officer or people can make comments at the Public Hearing.

b. Trucking Route

- Is this a done deal? – No, at beginning stages of a study
- Why is Wellington St being considered with so many schools and parks along it? – A number of routes were discussed conceptually, investigating best practices around schools and parks

- Is this route for one business only? – No, for better trucking access to the waterfront, to expand the industry
- When will the report be ready? – Likely October, but will wait to share with new council for decision, as it will impact future budgets

**10. Correspondence**

**11. Comments/Questions**

- Several questions related to the truck route and the St. Andrews Street partial closure.

**12. Private Session – Sale of Municipal Property (8:25 pm)**

Motion: For Council to move to private session to discuss the Sale of Municipal Property.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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Council returned to public session at 8:33 pm.

**13. Recommendations/Reports from Private Session**

Direction was given to the CAO to reject a land offer.

**14. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Approved

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Jim Ryan  
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite  
CAO