

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 Nadine LeBlanc; Councillors Robert Fry, Krista Fulton and Matt Harris

Also Present: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Wayne Robinson, Fire Chief
Curtis MacKinnon, RCMP
Michelle Young, Community Development
Iain MacIsaac, Public Works
Sally O’Neill, Recreation
David Nicholson, Finance
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. Private Session – Personnel and Contract Matters (6:00 pm)

2. Public Session – 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.

3. Changes/Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
Moved, Seconded and Carried

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4. Proclamations and Acknowledgements

a. International Day of Persons with Disabilities – December 3, 2024

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b. National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women – December 6, 2024

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5. Presentations

6. Departmental Reports

a. Fire Department

- Report shared in Council package
- Condolences were shared with Jim Young’s family and with the fire fighters
- Thanks for participating in the Christmas Light Up

b. RCMP

- Report shared in Council package
- Is the new member a Town of Pictou assigned officer? – yes
- How will the new side-by-side be used? – rescues and trail enforcement
- Question about how files are numbered

c. Community Development

- Report shared in Council package
- There will be three markets at the Village on December 6, 13 & 21

d. Public Works

- Report shared in Council package
- Question about lights at Cedar and Union Street
- Question on St Andrews Street signage near new construction
- Question about storm water connection between Coleraine and Denoon Street

e. Parks and Recreation

- Report shared in Council package

f. Variance

- Report shared in Council package
- Question on Tax Sale date – February 19, as long as there are no issues with delivering required letters with mail strike
- Question on grant from province
- Question about street sweeper repairs and rentals

7. Appointment Committees

a. deCoste Centre – Councillor Fulton

- Upcoming fundraisers – craft fair, dream vacation tickets and Take a Seat Campaign

b. Lobster Carnival – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

- Upcoming fundraisers – Christmas Basket Tickets and Gift Card Bingo
- New Year’s Skate and Fireworks – December 31

c. Fisheries Museum – Deputy Mayor LeBlanc

- Closed for the season but available for rentals

d. Hector Arena – Councillor Fry

- New Zamboni on order
- Ron Clarke has announced his retirement at the end of the season

e. Hector Arena – Councillor Harris

- Plan to use the old Zamboni to take the ice out and keep it on standby as backup

- f. Fire Department – Councillor Harris
 - Checking for alternate locations to store the vintage fire truck
- g. CEF – Councillor Harris
 - Two project proposals received for next year
 - Accepting new submissions for projects within the area
- h. McCulloch Heritage and Genealogy Centre
 - Presently scanning and uploading school registries
 - Looking at photographing the McCulloch and Pictou Academy photos to have available digitally
 - Christmas Concert – December 21 from 2-4 pm

The Chair explained the Habitat for Humanity Board. If any councillors are interested in sitting on the Board, let him know.

8. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

- The CAO was given direction on a property matter
- A contract and personnel matter were also discussed

9. Recommendations

10. Discussions

a. Sale of Lot 49 Pine Tree Road

The Town of Pictou would like to announce that it has sold 49 Pine Tree Road to TierToo Properties for \$30,000 with a commitment to build a hotel, convenience store, gas bar and fast-food restaurant in the next three years or the Town has the right to execute a buyback.

Questions from Council:

- Question about whether there is enough room for all three businesses – yes
- Question on why the VIC is not being moved to Broidy Park – cost prohibitive because of requirement to move power lines; TierToo is repurposing the building to another location

11. Correspondence

a. Broidy Park Splash Pad Committee

The group is requesting \$50,000 toward the capital component of the project. Council will consider this request during 2025-26 budget deliberations.

12. Public Comments/Questions

- Who signed off on the engineering drawings for Coleraine Street project?
- Who supervised the Coleraine Street project paving?

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO