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

Present: Deputy Mayor Robert Fry; Councillors Terry Dunbrack, Krista Fulton and Nadine LeBlanc

Also Present: Kyle Slaunwhite, CAO
Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder

1. Private Session – Contract Matters (5:45 pm)

2. Public Session – Call to Order

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

3. Land Acknowledgement

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.

4. Changes/Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
5a. CFB Wainwright Fire
5b. Love My Library Week
10a. Waterfront Branding and Marina Name
12a. Department of Natural Resources
Moved, Seconded and Carried ***RTC-10-19-26-001***

5. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

a. CFB Wainwright Fire
The Town sent thoughts and prayers to the victims, families, friends and colleagues of the tragedy that took place at CFB Wainwright in Alberta this past week. A moment of silence was held.

b. Love My Library Week
Libraries continue to face financial challenges due to no increase in provincial funding in recent years. The Marketing and Communications Committee is working to raise funds to help support library services.

As part of Love My Library Week, donations are being accepted and raffle tickets are available at the library. The committee encourages community members to support the campaign and help ensure libraries remain accessible and available for everyone.

6. Presentations

7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

a. RCMP Policing

The Town currently receives policing services from the RCMP through a Municipal Policing Services Agreement (MPSA) with the federal government. With recent changes under Nova Scotia's Police Act, there is a push for municipalities under MPSAs to transition to a Provincial Police Services Agreement (PPSA) with the Province of Nova Scotia while continuing to receive policing services from the RCMP.

Council discussed the potential for financial savings under a PPSA but emphasized the importance of maintaining at least the current level of policing services and RCMP presence in the community.

As a first step, Council directed the CAO to request a policing review through the Department of Justice. The review process is expected to take approximately one year and will provide specific details to help Council evaluate options.

8. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Council – September 21, 2026

The Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of September 21, 2026.

b. Committee of Council – October 5, 2026

The Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of October 5, 2026.

9. Recommendations

a. Business Advisory Committee Member – Appointment

Motion: To appoint Jim Proudfoot to the Business Advisory Committee.
Moved, Seconded and Carried ***RTC-10-19-26-002***

b. Deputy Mayor Appointment – Year 3

Motion: To appoint Councillor Terry Dunbrack as Deputy Mayor for the third year of this Council's four-year term.
Moved, Seconded and Carried ***RTC-10-19-26-003***

Thanks were extended to Deputy Mayor Fry for serving during the second year.

c. Signing Officer Update

Motion: To grant Councillor Terry Dunbrack signing authority for the Town of Pictou, effective November 1, 2026.
Moved, Seconded and Carried ***RTC-10-19-26-004***

10. Discussion

a. Waterfront Branding and Marina Name

As part of the recommendations in the Town of Pictou's Waterfront Development Plan, the Town has developed a unique brand for the waterfront area. Vibe Creative Group was engaged to create the branding and logo.

The waterfront area, including Water Street, Front Street, Caladh Avenue, and connecting streets, will be known as the Harbour District. The Town's new marina, expected to open next year, will be called Market Wharf Marina.

Council was advised that the branding and logo have been refined based on their input and will begin appearing on Town communications and the website in the near future.

11. Municipal Corporation Reports

i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority
- No meeting

ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre
- No meeting

iii) Riverview Homes
- Operations continue while the Remedy process moves forward
- Staff are working within the new provincial framework to support residents transitioning from the Adult Residential Centre to community homes of their choice
- Concerns remain about the planning process for individuals with complex support needs and specialized housing requirements, and residents and families continue to seek information from the Department of Opportunities and Social Development

iv) Mayor and Wardens
- No meeting

12. Correspondence

a. Department Natural Resources

Council received correspondence from the Department of Natural Resources requesting support for the proposed relocation of cormorants from the causeway to another location.

Before making a decision, Council requested that a Department representative attend a future meeting to provide additional information on the proposal.

13. Public Comments/Questions

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Approved

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James J. Ryan
Mayor

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Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO