

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 (6:00 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 uncaded land of the Mi'kmaq people.

4. Changes/Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda with the following additions:
9b. Change MNP to BDO

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-09-21-26-001

5. Proclamations & Acknowledgements

a. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 each year is recognized as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day. The Town will be hosting a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony at 5 pm at Market Square for sharing, acknowledgement, prayers and flag raising. All are welcome. Alan Syliboy and the Thundermakers will perform at the deCoste in the evening. The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation will be offering a variety of online resources and lunch and learns sessions throughout the week as well.

b. Right to Know Week

The Chair proclaimed September 29 to October 4, 2026 as Right to Know Week.

c. Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

The Chair proclaimed September 2026 as Big Brothers Big Sisters Month and encouraged all citizens to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pictou County by learning more, becoming a mentor, or making a financial contribution to ensure every young person can find their spark.

6. Presentations

7. Reports/Recommendations from Private Session

8. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Council – July 20, 2026

The Chair approved the circulated Regular Council minutes of July 20, 2026.

b. Audit – September 8, 2026

The Chair approved the circulated Audit minutes of September 8, 2026.

c. Committee of Council – September 8, 2026

The Chair approved the circulated Committee of Council minutes of September 8, 2026.

9. Recommendations

a. Accessibility Committee – Appointment

Motion: To appoint Craig Aucoin to the Accessibility Committee.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-09-21-26-002

b. Consolidated Financial Statements for Year Ended March 31, 2026 – BDO

Motion: To approve the Audited March 31, 2026 Town of Pictou Consolidated Financial Statements as presented by BDO Canada LLP.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-09-21-26-003

Motion: To approve the Audited March 31, 2026 Town of Pictou Water Utility Statements as presented by BDO Canada LLP.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

RTC-09-21-26-004

c. Correction to Minutes – June 15, 2026

Motion: To make one correction to the June 15, 2026 minutes – 9b Change Fire Inspector's name from Dalton Pearl to Daton Pearl.

Moved, Seconded and Carried

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10. Discussion

a. Marina Re-Naming and Branding

More than 80 name suggestions were received from the public through the marina renaming post on Facebook. Council will review and narrow down the submissions before selecting the final name. The new marina name will be announced at an upcoming Council meeting.

b. Weeks Crushers – Treaty Day

The Weeks Crushers Jr. A Hockey Club will host a Treaty Day game on October 1 in partnership with Pictou Landing First Nation. The event will celebrate Mi'kmaq culture, community and reconciliation.

Staff inquired about funding for the event and the contribution being made by the Weeks Crushers. Council agreed to provide a contribution toward the event as a promotional opportunity for the Municipality.

11. Municipal Corporation Reports

- i) Pictou County Shared Services Authority
 - Report was included in package
 - AGM – Board approved the 2026 consolidated Financial Statements; Warden Parker will continue as Chair and Mayor Lenny White as Vice Chair
 - Regular Meeting – Compost facilities had multiple electronic breakdowns; draft external assessment of the compost facility has been completed
- ii) Pictou County Wellness Centre
 - No meeting
- iii) Riverview Homes
 - No meeting
- iv) Mayor and Wardens
 - Report was included in package
 - The Senior Emergency Management Coordinator with the Canadian Red Cross made a presentation on the Personal Disaster Assistance Program and the Friendly Calls Program
 - Discussion on challenges faced by individuals and the community in relation to homelessness
 - A concept paper proposing the establishment of a Provincial Centre for Recovery, Rehabilitation and Community Wellness in the Northern Zone was circulated. The proposal seeks to engage multiple provincial departments in developing a coordinated approach to addiction, mental health, homelessness, trauma and community safety. The proposed initiative would establish a People's Centre for Rehabilitation and Recovery, bringing together services and resources in a dedicated campus focused on recovery, rehabilitation, wellness and community support.

12. Correspondence

a. Town of New Glasgow

A letter was received from the Town of New Glasgow regarding Nova Scotia Systems Transformation. The letter outlines a pilot project proposing a provincial centre to support the Northern Health Zone in the areas of recovery, rehabilitation and community wellness.

The correspondence was received and entered into the record.

13. Public Comments/Questions

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Approved

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO