

June 8, 2016

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Dist.	1	Clr. Sally Fraser
	2	Clr Deborah Wadden
	3	Darla MacKeil, Councillor Elect
	4	Warden Ronnie Baillie
	5	Clr. Robert Parker
	6	Clr. Jim Turple
	7	Clr. David Parker
	8	Clr. Leonard Fraser
	9	Clr. Larry Turner
	10	Clr. Jamie Davidson
	11	Deputy Warden Andy Thompson
	12	Clr. Chester Dewar
	13	Clr. Randy Palmer
	14	Clr. Scott Johnston

IN ATTENDANCE

Donn Fraser, Solicitor, MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald
Brian Cullen, CAO/Municipal Clerk Treasurer
Karen E. Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

BY APPOINTMENT

Kevin Dunlevy, Acting District Commander, RCMP

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Baillie called the meeting to order and requested that Councillors stand and take a moment in silence to pray or simply reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the County.

REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

Warden Baillie read the report of the Returning Officer as follows:

**REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
RE: BY-ELECTION RESULTS – MAY 28, 2016**

As a result of the By-Election held on May 28, 2016, I am pleased to report the following:

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

VOTES

DISTRICT	3:	Kent Corbett	386	
		Darla MacKeil	439	Elected

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 31st day of May, 2016.

Josephine MacDonald, Returning Officer

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OFFICE

The Municipal Clerk administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Darla MacKeil. Clr. MacKeil also signed the Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials.

AGREED

It was agreed that Clr. Wadden present a report and short video from the FCM Conference in lieu of a report on the Municipal Alcohol Project for the month of June.

MINUTES

It was moved by Clr. Davidson and seconded by Clr. S. Fraser that the minutes of April 4, 2016 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Letters of appreciation (uncirculated) for financial assistance were received from the following:
North Nova Education Centre (donation in memory of the Late Adam J. Paul); Reta Heron (Volunteer of the Year Award)

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

There was no recognition of individuals and groups.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Warden Thompson reported that he attended the opening of the Fisheries Museum and he thanked Clr. Turple who sits on the Museum Board. Clr. Turple has been a tireless advocate for the museum and his work as well as other volunteers have made the Fisheries Museum what it is today.

Clr. S. Fraser informed Council that the Merigomish market and café will be open every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Old School House.

STAFFING UP-DATES – KEVIN DUNLEVY, ACTING DISTRICT COMMANDER, RCMP (7:05 P.M.)

Acting District Commander Kevin Dunlevy met with Council and reported that he will be transferring to Truro but there will be a new District Commander for this area by the end of the summer. He advised that his former position as Sargent. is being filled this summer by John Kenny and he should be here by mid-summer. At present staffing levels are as high as they have been since a long time and there are no vacancies. He introduced 2 new members to Council, Cpl. Greg Deagle and Cpl. Dave Lily.

Clr. D. Parker asked if RCMP staffing compliments will adjust going forward as population levels decline.

Acting District Commander Dunlevy replied that in the long-term if the population was to drastically decrease, that may be a consideration but at present the amount of policing is still adequate.

Warden Baillie thanked Acting District Commander Dunlevy for the report on staffing up-dates.

PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Clr. D. Parker presented the report of the Property Services Committee as follows:

PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

For information purposes the Property Services Committee submits the following report on the activities of the Committee for the month of May:

1. Reviewed the report of the Building Inspector, By-Law/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of April.
2. Discussed a memo from the CAO detailing the results of the survey circulated to residents of the Green Acres Subdivision for the takeover of the three private roads contained within the subdivision (Pine, Oak & Maple Streets). Residents were polled on the acceptance of an area rate of \$796.02/year for 10 years for road upgrades. As the required 75% approval rate was achieved, the Committee referred the project to budget deliberations for consideration.
3. Discussed procedural requirements for the signing of complaint forms with respect to dangerous and/or unsightly premises and agreed to defer further discussion on this matter pending input from the solicitor.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 8th day of June, 2016.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Jim Turple

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Turple that the report of the Property Services Committee be received for information purposes.
Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Clr. Palmer present the report of the Financial Services Committee as follows:

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

For information purposes the Financial Services Committee submits the following report on the activities of the Committee for the month of May:

1. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the Month of April.
2. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of April.
3. Considered numerous applications for financial support. (Resolution to follow)
4. Considered a recommendation from staff to amend the Tax Exemption & Tax Reduction Policy to include the Pictou Island Harbour Authority in Schedule "A" of the Policy. (Resolution to follow)
5. Met in closed session to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations.
6. Reviewed draft budgets for General Operations, the Water Utility, and Capital Expenditures, as well as area rates for hydrant and sewer user fees and agreed on recommended rates. (Resolutions to follow)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 8th day of June, 2016.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Chester Dewar

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Dewar that the report of the Financial Services Committee be received for information purposes.

Motion carried.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES REPORT

Clr. Wadden reported that she had the privilege of attending the FCM conference in Winnipeg and made a brief presentation on behalf of herself, Warden Baillie, CAO Brian Cullen, and Clr. Fraser who attended with her. This year's program was entitled "Municipalities: The Heart of Canada".

There was a huge Trade Show which ran for the better part of the conference and where you have the opportunity to visit from booth to booth and discuss the most up to date and innovative technologies available to us today - from Postal Banking with Canada Post through to the Digital World of Yellow Pages - over 150 Exhibitors.

Along with the Trade Show is the program itself. We had the opportunity to hear our PM, Justin Trudeau, Conservative MP, Diane Watts, Leader of the NDP, Tom Mulcair and Leader of the Green Party, Elizabeth May. All spoke on the importance of the relationship between our Municipal Leaders and our Federal Counterparts. She was intrigued by PM Trudeau's comments: and in my words, basically he said, his government's commitment is to provide the funding and our commitment is to let them know what we need to have done - the Feds cannot tell us what pipes need to be replaced or what bridge needs replacement that is our job. We have to work together to make Canada even better.

Workshops were another important aspect of this conference: to name a few:

Municipal-Indigenous Partnerships & reconciliation;
Because it's 2016; Overcoming Barriers for Women in Municipal Government;
Disaster Proofing Communities -What's Next! ;
Engaging Efficiencies with your Local First Responders - Do's and Don'ts;
And From Out sourced to In House- Save Money, Avoid Headaches which by the way, had NS's own Mayor Billie Joe MacLean, as a guest presenter.

These are only a few of all the Workshops available for delegates to attend.

Also we had Study Tours which ran concurrently to the Workshops. We had the opportunity to attend The Water Treatment Enhancement and The Human Rights City. If any of you have the opportunity to visit Winnipeg, please try to see The Human Rights City. It is absolutely amazing - the architecture itself, over 7 Floors - is unbelievable but the stories and the history on human rights and all we, as a community, a country, and as a nation, have gone through is heart wrenching. This museum has the opportunity to help shape the next generation of human rights champions.

There were International and Youth Delegates involved.

However, for me, the highlight of the Whole Conference was the Tribute to Fort McMurray.

"Like all Canadians, I was shocked by the images of devastation that emerged as the fire swept through Fort McMurray," said FCM President Raymond Louie. "But I was so impressed by the immense courage of first-responders, the extraordinary leadership of local leaders, and the outstanding support from neighbouring municipalities and Canadians from coast, to coast, to coast."

The Fort McMurray wildfire burned more than 400,000 hectares, destroyed 2,400 buildings, and forced the largest evacuation in Alberta's history. However, it also spurred community spirit and an outpouring of generosity from Canadians, and municipal leaders from coast to coast to coast who reached out to help their fellow-Canadians and municipal colleagues in need.

During the ceremony, FCM President Raymond Louie applauded the leadership of Wood Buffalo Regional Council, including Mayor Melissa Blake. Councillor Allan Vinni was on hand to receive this public acknowledgement. As well, President Louie commended all neighbouring municipalities who stepped up to

welcome displaced residents, provided goods and services, and opened up their facilities to assist. Mayor Omer Moghrabi of County Lac LaBiche and Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson were publically thanked for their tremendous and continued show of support. To have had the opportunity to see the raw emotion from these gentlemen was indescribable.

"The municipal sector banded together to support one of its own, and the generosity and leadership of community leaders remains as the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo undertakes the formidable task of rebuilding," said FCM President Louie."

For me, this tribute brought into perspective what we have just gone through in our own Municipality. We are so fortunate. On May 29, I woke up, the sun was shining and I got to spend the day with my two grandchildren at the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park. We just continue to live, work and play, right here in our communities.

Fort McMurray and its people woke up to a fire still burning out of control, lives totally uprooted and a future of who knows what.

We in Pictou County have the easy opportunity of just turning a page and continuing to work together to build a better Pictou County, but Fort McMurray is depending on all of us to help them through whatever lies ahead. Most people in this very room know sons or daughters or grandchildren or cousins or friends or neighbours, who have been impacted by this real tragedy. Can you imagine the road that lies ahead for the residents? All we need to do is shake off a vote and move on but Fort Mac must rebuild from their own ashes.

A short video of the Fort McMurray wildfire was presented to Council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Clr. R. Parker reported that the Working Group decided to postpone any meetings until after the plebiscite because there were Councillors on both sides of the issue as well as Councillors who were not part of the issue at all. They hope to pick up where they left of and to lay a good foundation for the new Councils coming in October.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m.

RESUME

The meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

2016/17 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Clr. Palmer presented the 2016/17 General Operating Budget as follows:



MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
APRIL 2016 – MARCH 2017

	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Budget
	(Including Area Rate)	(Excluding Area Rates)	(Excluding Area Rates)
REVENUE			
TAXES	\$ 18,113,521	\$ 14,871,370	\$ 15,192,025
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	190,176	190,176	191,971
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE	858,468	858,468	872,389

UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	425,241	425,241	427,005
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	7,900	7,900	10,500
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	53,077	53,077	16,000
OTHER TRANSERS	284,500	284,500	284,500
TOTAL	\$ 19,932,883	\$ 16,690,732	\$ 16,994,390

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	\$ 2,711,096	\$ 2,711,096	\$ 3,139,615
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	6,363,229	4,325,134	4,385,029
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	1,072,985	671,643	496,212
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	2,970,182	2,167,468	2,146,974
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES	105,000	105,000	105,000
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SER.	428,723	428,723	342,775
RECREATION SERVICES	344,081	344,081	265,941
CULTURAL SERVICES	225,137	225,137	241,404
EDUCATION	4,491,166	4,491,166	4,650,156
SPECIAL ITEMS	925,000	925,000	925,000
FINANCING & TRANSFERS	296,284	296,284	296,284
TOTAL	\$ 19,932,883	\$ 16,690,732	\$ 16,994,390



MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
APRIL 2016 – MARCH 2017

Unaudited			
2015-16 Year to Date (as at 03-31- 2016)	2015-16 BUDGET Approved	2016-17 BUDGET Proposed	Budget Difference %

REVENUE

TAXES

Residential	9,733,050.72	9,715,300.00	9,926,903.00
Commercial	3,423,433.89	3,218,701.00	3,146,890.00

Resource	687,685.23	698,662.00	730,036.00		
Area Rates	3,269,971.56	3,242,151.00	0.00		
Business Property	804,642.54	788,707.00	938,196.00		
Deed Transfer Tax	464,421.94	450,000.00	450,000.00		
Sub-total	18,383,205.88	18,113,521.00	15,192,025.00	-16.1%	
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES					
Federal government	12,853.05	11,185.00	10,449.00		
Provincial government	248,446.00	178,991.00	181,522.00		
Sub-total	261,299.05	190,176.00	191,971.00	0.9%	
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE					
Licenses and permits	70,705.95	70,600.00	72,600.00		
Return on Investment	277,366.97	300,000.00	255,000.00		
Leases	126,867.96	126,868.00	126,868.00		
NSP - Sale of Wind Energy	107,572.03	350,000.00	260,000.00		
Miscellaneous	7,486.18	11,000.00	157,921.00		
Sub-total	589,999.09	858,468.00	872,389.00	1.6%	
UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES					
Provincial Government	Sub-total	425,241.00	425,241.00	427,005.00	0.4%
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES					
Federal Government	2,544.00	0.00	2,500.00		
Provincial Government	8,073.71	7,900.00	8,000.00		
Sub-total	10,617.71	7,900.00	10,500.00	32.9%	
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS					
Towns	0.00	37,077.00	0.00		
Own Agencies	12,048.75	16,000.00	16,000.00		
	12,048.75	53,077.00	16,000.00	-69.9%	
OTHER TRANSFERS					
Valuation Allowances	89,930.18	0.00			
Transfer from Other Funds & Depts.	284,500.00	284,500.00	284,500.00		
Sub-total	374,430.18	284,500.00	284,500.00	0.0%	
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE					
	20,056,841.66	19,932,883.00	16,994,390.00	-14.7%	
EXPENDITURES					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES					
Legislative	377,232.92	392,197.00	421,842.00		
General Administrative	1,036,485.35	1,228,514.00	1,301,010.00		

Taxation	254,966.53	264,000.00	274,400.00	
Assessment Services	494,352.02	492,543.00	484,723.00	
Banking & Interest				
Expense	30,413.06	30,440.00	25,440.00	
Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes	9,704.06	0.00	0.00	
Elections	1,428.00	0.00	321,057.00	
Council Grants	206,300.00	152,997.00	203,256.00	
Intergovernmental				
relations	13,127.46	14,000.00	13,800.00	
Liability insurance	59,277.00	58,663.00	66,177.00	
Sundry	25,908.28	62,742.00	27,910.00	
Capital From Revenue	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	
Sub-total	2,509,194.68	2,711,096.00	3,139,615.00	15.8%
PROTECTIVE SERVICES				
Police Protection	3,042,277.00	3,002,277.00	3,160,890.00	5.3%
Court Expenses	22,695.07	12,000.00	29,125.00	142.7%
Corrections	310,195.00	310,195.00	308,853.00	-0.4%
By-Law Enforcement	71,602.53	75,705.00	76,423.00	0.9%
Fire Protection	2,529,809.19	2,667,812.00	551,524.00	-79.3%
Emergency measures organization	23,087.80	23,588.00	24,000.00	1.7%
Building Inspect. Dept. - Expense	171,745.71	186,652.00	194,214.00	4.1%
Unsightly Property & Dog Control	30,382.97	55,000.00	40,000.00	
Capital From Revenue	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	-100.0%
Sub-total	6,201,795.27	6,363,229.00	4,385,029.00	-31.1%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES				
Roads & Streets	183,617.77	293,135.00	291,997.00	
Sidewalks	3,431.00	68,000.00	68,000.00	
Street Lighting	432,531.68	402,742.00	8,000.00	
Capital From Revenue	28,862.91	309,108.00	128,215.00	
Sub-total	648,443.36	1,072,985.00	496,212.00	-53.8%
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES				
Sewer Services	819,140.80	862,714.00	60,000.00	
PCSSA-Garbage & Recycling Services	1,552,103.74	1,561,329.00	1,564,737.00	
Public Works Department Expenses	444,342.20	471,139.00	482,237.00	
Other Environmental Health	2,253.97	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Capital From Revenue	0.00	65,000.00	30,000.00	
Sub-total	2,817,840.71	2,970,182.00	2,146,974.00	-27.7%
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE				
Housing Authority				
Deficit				
Sub-total	0.00	105,000.00	105,000.00	0.0%
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT				
GIS Department				
Expenses	64,248.49	130,662.00	86,807.00	
Municipal Planning	25,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00	
Regional Development	130,570.29	263,061.00	197,294.00	
Wind Farm Expenses	30,996.79	10,000.00	48,674.00	

Capital From Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sub-total	250,815.57	428,723.00	342,775.00	-20.0%
RECREATION SERVICES				
Grants	179,635.50	203,218.00	125,100.00	
Program expense	14,920.47	17,333.00	17,333.00	
Co-Ordinator	71,167.91	78,078.00	81,858.00	
Student Expenses	31,451.56	35,952.00	32,150.00	
Municipal Newsletter	8,014.37	9,500.00	9,500.00	
Sub-total	305,189.81	344,081.00	265,941.00	-22.7%
CULTURAL SERVICES				
Regional Library	171,138.00	171,137.00	186,904.00	
Branch Library	55,710.18	54,000.00	54,500.00	
Heritage Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sub-total	226,848.18	225,137.00	241,404.00	7.2%
EDUCATION				
Mandatory Contribution				
Sub-total	4,491,168.00	4,491,166.00	4,650,156.00	3.5%
SPECIAL ITEMS				
Municipal Services Grants	279,885.21	250,000.00	250,000.00	
Inter-municipal Contributions	-4,999.24	225,000.00	225,000.00	
Deed Transfer Tax	464,421.94	450,000.00	450,000.00	
Sub-total	739,307.91	925,000.00	925,000.00	0.0%
FINANCING and TRANSFERS				
Principal on Inter-fund Loan	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	
Transfer to Reserves	96,284.00	96,284.00	96,284.00	
Sub-total	296,284.00	296,284.00	296,284.00	0.0%
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURE	18,486,887.49	19,932,883.00	16,994,390.00	-14.7%
Excess Revenue over Expenditure	1,569,954.17	0.00	0.00	

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. S. Fraser that the 2016/17 General Operating Budget be approved as presented.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 2016/17 TAX RATES

Clr. Palmer presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION - TAX RATES
2016-17

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council that the estimated expenditures of the Municipality of the County of Pictou for the fiscal period April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 be approved in the amount of **\$16,994,390** and after making the allowance for estimated revenue in the amount of \$3,313,585 the amount of **\$13,680,805** is required from general taxation of the assessed valuation of \$1,483,683,596.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Rate for the fiscal period April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 be set at \$0.81 per \$100 of assessment for residential and resource property and at \$1.82 per \$100 of assessment for commercial property;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rates and taxes for the current period may be collected by Warrant of Distress without further notice if not paid on or before the 15th day of October, 2016, with all costs and expenses of levy and on all proceedings incidental thereto: and further, if the said taxes are not paid before the 15th day of October 2016 an additional penalty charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 8th day of June, 2016.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Scott Johnston

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Johnston that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 2016/17 - 2020/21 CAPITAL BUDGET

Deputy Warden Thompson presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council adopt the 2016/17 – 2020/21 Capital Budget in the amount of \$11,106,515, the same having been reviewed and approved the Financial Services Committee of Council.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 8th day of June, 2016.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Sally Fraser

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Thompson and second by Clr. S. Fraser that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Clr. R. Parker referred to the 2016/17 year of the capital budget and asked if Balodis Drive was a municipally owned road.

Warden Baillie replied it is a private road.

Clr. R. Parker asked if the road owner was cost-sharing equally with the Municipality on the paving of this road.

The CAO advised that the amount shown in the Capital Budget is the Municipality's 50% of the project costs.

Clr. Turner if the Abercrombie Smith Lane Sewer Project was included in the capital budget and was advised by the Deputy Treasurer that the project is included in year 4.

Deputy Warden Thompson commented that the MacLellan's Brook and Abercrombie Sewer Projects will have to be done by long-term borrowing.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 2016/17 WATER UTILITY BUDGET

Clr. D. Parker presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approved the Water Utility Budget for the 2016/17 fiscal period in the amount of \$327,668, the same having been reviewed and approved by the Financial Services Committee of Council.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 8th day of June, 2016.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Jim Turple

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Turple that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 2016/17 HYDRANT FEES & SEWER MTNCE. FEES

Clr. L. Fraser presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou, that Council authorize the rating and collection of hydrant fees and sewer maintenance fees on applicable properties assessed in all districts as follows for the fiscal period 2016/2017:

AREA RATES

<u>Type of Area Rate</u>	<u>Per \$100 Assessment</u>	<u>Flat</u>
Hydrant Fee – Residential	\$ 0.0027	\$ 248.00
Hydrant Fee – Commercial	0.0027	
Hydrant Fee – Institutional	0.0044	
Sewer Maintenance Fee		303.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the 15th day of October, 2016. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October, 2016 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 8th day of June, 2016.

(Sgd.) Leonard Fraser
Larry Turner

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. L. Fraser and seconded by Clr. Turner that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Clr. Turple reported when the Lyons Brook/Scotsburn Sewer Project was completed the Engineer informed us that the sewer maintenance fee would come down when more people hooked onto the system. Clr. Turple asked for further information on those fees and the CAO responded that when the 2015/16 budget was reviewed an allocation review of costs was done. This cost is more reflective of 100% user recovery and in the past there was probably some subsidization going towards the sewer rate.

Clr. Turple asked if the sewer maintenance fee will decrease when more properties hooked onto the various systems and the CAO replied with the Plymouth project coming on there is the potential for the fee to lower.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – BUDGET GRANTS

Deputy Warden Thompson declared a conflict of interest with the budget grant resolution and withdrew from discussion and debate on this issue.

Clr. Wadden presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS numerous applications for funding were received and considered by the Municipality during the preparation of the 2016/17 General Operating Budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the payment of the following grants:

#	APPLICANT	PURPOSE	FUNDING DECISION
	COMMUNITY GRANTS		
1	CHAD	Operating Expenses	\$ 56,410.00
2	Durham Community Hall	Hall Addition for Bathrooms	4,000.00
3	Eastern Dist. NS Assoc. of Garden Clubs	Convention Hosting Expenses	2,500.00
4	Festival of the Tartans Committee	Event Expenses	500.00
5	New Glasgow Farmers Market Cooperative	Membership Fees, Tables & Chairs	3,000.00
6	New Glasgow Riverfront Jubilee Society	Event Expenses	5,000.00
7	Pictou Agricultural Society	Repairs to Outside Ring, Bldg. Repairs, Elect. Panel, Mtnce & Lighting	7,000.00
8	Pictou Antigonish Regional Library	On-Line Magazine Database	1,000.00
9	Pictou Co. Christmas Fund	Telethon Expenses	500.00
10	Pictou Co. Council of Seniors Outreach	Lunch & Learn Program Exp.	5,000.00
11	Pictou Co. Cruise Committee	Membership Fees & Tradeshow Expenses	2,000.00
12	Pictou County 4-H	Replac't. of Baby Animal Barn & Canteen	37,500.00 x 2 yrs (conditional on sourcing remaining funds)
13	Pictou County 4-H Council	Bussing Expenses to Exhibition Grounds	500.00
14	Pictou Co. Military & Heritage Museum	Operating Expenses & Display Cases	2,000.00
15	Pictou Co. Municipalities Crime Prevention Assoc.	Operating Expenses	5,000.00
16	Pictou Co. Roots for Youth Society	Operating Expenses	5,000.00
17	Pictou County Scouting	Up-Grades to Youth Cabins	8,256.00
18	Pictou Co. Women's Resource & Sexual Assault Centre	"Live Out Loud" Camp for Girls Expenses	1,500.00
19	Pictou Co. Women's Resource & Sexual Assault Centre	Library Materials	2,500.00
20	Pictou Lobster Carnival	Event Expenses	6,000.00
21	Plymouth Community & Recreation Assoc.	Concrete Pad/Ramp, Windows, Doors & Heat Pumps	17,500.00 (conditional on sourcing remaining funds)
22	Read by the Sea	Literary Festival Expenses	3,500.00
23	River John Community Action Society	Farmer's Market Expenses	1,000.00
24	VON Pictou County	Volunteer Transportation Pgm.	5,000.00
			\$182,166.00
	MARKETING GRANTS		
25	Destination Eastern & Northern Shores	Operating Expenses	19,719.00
			\$ 19,719.00
	RECREATION GRANTS		
26	deCoste Entertainment Centre	Operating Expenses	15,000.00
27	LORDA	Operating Expenses	6,000.00

28	Pictou Co. Snowriders Snow Mobile Club	Trail Warming Hut	2,500.00
29	Pictou County Trails Association	Trail Development	20,000.00 x 3 yrs
			\$ 43,500.00
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GTS.		
30	District One Development Society	Community Coordinator	5,000.00
31	River John Community Action Society	Community Coordinator	12,000.00
			\$ 17,000.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$262,385.00

DATED at Pictou, NS this 8th day of June, 2016.

(Sgd.) Deborah Wadden
Sally Fraser

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. S. Fraser that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Clr. R. Parker reported that some of the best money that gets spent in the County are for these projects. He pointed out the Pictou County 4-H, the Pictou Agricultural Society and the 2 Farmers Markets are supported by the Municipality towards the agriculture industry.

Clr. D. Parker commented on the grant to the Pictou County Trails Association in the amount of \$20,000 a year for 3 years. It was several years ago when the Municipality approved similar funding and they were able to leverage funding from other levels of government for these trails.

Clr. Turple pointed out these trails are to be used for recreational purposes only but he has received complaints that vehicles are on the trails. He asked Acting District Commander Dunlevy if the RCMP can patrol these trails and was advised that the matter will be looked into.

Clr. L. Fraser pointed out the Municipality helps out every year with the different festivals and events in the other municipal units but getting grants from them is very scarce at times.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Clr. D. Parker presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the payment of the following Municipal Grants:

Municipal Services:

D01	Ladies Auxiliary Merigomish Fire Dept.	\$ 200.00	Kitchen Supplies
D01	District 1	\$ 100.00	St. Light Subsidy
D01	Pictou Co. Celtic Assoc.	\$ 500.00	Music Pgm. Supplies
D01	District One Development Society	\$ 500.00	Computer Classes
D01	Kenzieville Cemetery Company	\$ 1,500.00	Replace Brick Posts
D01	Merigomish & Dist. Fire Dept.	\$ 1,400.00	Gas Detector

D01	Murray's Point Cemetery	\$ 1,500.00	Stone Repairs
D01	Merigomish Cemetery Company	\$ 1,875.00	Landscaping
D01	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	\$ 2,250.00	Catering Expenses
D01	Lismore & Dist. Community Hall	\$ 2,050.00	Air Conditioner
D02	District 2	\$10,841.00	Street Light Subsidy
D02	Harbour Authority of Pictou Landing	\$ 5,000.00	Water & Washroom Facilities
D03	District 3	\$ 490.00	Street Lighting Subsidy Bayview Hall & Simpson Rd.
D03	Pictou Cemetery Company	\$ 2,000.00	Shed for Lawn Mower Storage at Haliburton Cemetery
D03	Seaboard Cemetery	\$ 1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D03	Caribou River Upper Cemetery	\$ 1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D03	Waterside Cemetery Company	\$ 1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D03	Caribou Island Cemetery	\$ 500.00	Brush Cutting @ Entrance
D03	Central Caribou Cemetery	\$ 1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D03	Caribou River Community Hall	\$ 2,000.00	Heat Pump & Operating Exp.
D03	Caribou Dist. Fire. Department	\$ 5,943.00	Rescue Truck Equipment
D03	Caribou Island Comm. Assoc.	\$ 1,521.00	Beach Shelter
D04	River John & Area Rec. Dev. Assoc.	\$ 1,400.00	Summer Rec. Pgm.
D04	Meals on Wheels	\$ 2,000.00	Seniors Meals Expenses
D04	Branch 108 Royal Can. Legion	\$ 2,500.00	Sewer Upgrades
D04	Toney River Community Hall	\$ 2,500.00	Water System Upgrades
D04	River John Festival Days	\$ 3,750.00	Event Expenses
D04	St. John's Anglican Church	\$ 1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D04	Mountain Road Cemetery	\$ 1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D04	District 4	\$ 430.00	Street Light Subsidy
D06	Lyon's Brook Hall	\$ 7,913.97	Windows, Door, Defibrillator & 1 st Aid Kit
D07	Middle River Birch Hill Cemetery	\$ 2,900.00	Operating Expenses
D07	Alma/Green Hill Community Kiosk	\$ 3,675.00	History Panels for Kiosk

D07	Pump Road Residents Committee	\$ 5,500.00	Road Upgrades
D07	Green Acres Subdiv. Rds. Comm.	\$ 8,595.09	Road Upgrades
D11	Churchville Community Hall	\$ 3,000.00	Heating System Upgrades
D11	Priestville Cemetery Committee	\$ 2,000.00	Operating Expenses
D11	Dist.#11 Summer Recreation	\$ 3,000.00	Program Expenses
D11	Plymouth Fire Dept.	\$ 1,750.00	Equipment Purchases
D11	Plymouth Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 1,750.00	Equipment Purchases
D11	Northumberland Radio Control Modellers	\$ 1,000.00	Field Improvements
D11	East River Valley Dev. Assoc.	\$ 1,500.00	Operating Expenses/Newsletter
D13	Thorburn Dist. War Vet. Assoc.	\$ 1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D13	Dist. #13 Rec. & Plann. Commission	\$ 2,500.00	Summer Pgm. Expenses
D13	Thorburn Cemetery Assoc.	\$ 2,000.00	Operating Expenses

TOTAL \$108,384.06

Council:

Northumberland Reg. High School	1,000.00.00	5 \$200 Bursaries for graduating students from the Municipality who will be attending Community College or University
North Nova Education Centre	1,000.00.00	5 \$200 Bursaries for graduating students from the Municipality who will be attending Community College or University
Susan MacConnell & Nancy MacConnell-Maxner	498.00.00	Georgetown Conference Registration Fees

TOTAL \$ 2,498.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$110,882.06

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 8th day of June, 2016

(Sgd.) David Parker
Jim Turple

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Turple that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – TAX EXEMPT. & TAX REDUCTION POLICY AMENDMENT

Clr. Turple presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council's Policy #2016-02-12 with respect to Tax Exemption & Tax Reduction be amended to add the following properties to "Schedule A":

AAN	OWNER	PROPERTY	EXTENT OF APPLICATION	CHARITABLE #
03388336 09858776	Harbour Authority of Pictou Island	Lands & Buildings at 53 Wharf Road & Pictou Island Rd., Pictou Island	The whole of the lands & buildings at Pictou Island of the owner	

DATED at Pictou, NS this 8th day of June, 2016.

(Sgd.) Jim Turple
David Parker

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Turple and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – SHEEP VALUER APPOINTMENT

Clr. S. Fraser presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section 9(1) of the Sheep Protection Act provides for the annual appointment of Sheep Valuers;

WHEREAS appointments to this office have been made throughout the various districts of the County of Pictou;

WHEREAS in accordance with the aforementioned Statutes of Nova Scotia, these appointments require the approval of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the appointment of the following Sheep Valuers for 2016/17:

DIST. # 2 Alan Keefe

DIST. # 4 Doug White

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 8th day of June, 2016.

(Sgd.) Sally Fraser
Deborah Wadden

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. S. Fraser and seconded by Clr. Wadden that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

AMALGAMATION PLEBISCITE

Clr. Turple thanked the Warden, the CAO and Clr. Wadden for the many hours, days, weeks, months that they put into the MOU trying to make all of Pictou County a better place to live and raise a family. However, the residents have spoken against the proposed amalgamation and we will never know if it would have been good for Pictou County. Even though I was not a member of the MOU Steering Committee I considered my own opinion after receiving information and reading documentation from this Council. I considered this to be an excellent recommendation and supported it 100%. Remember it was only a few years ago that the cry for amalgamation was heard loud and clear throughout Pictou County. It was said loud and clear that we have far too many Councillors, administrators, Mayors, Warden for the population within Pictou County. Well, we listened and we worked on what the people of Pictou County had asked for and it was all in the MOU. Fewer Mayors, fewer Wardens, Councillors, administrators and staff. It was recommended that we would have 1 Mayor and a Council of 10 to govern all of Pictou County and speak with 1 voice for the 4 united municipalities involved. It was negotiated that we would have \$27 million from the Province that would be used to provide the cooperating municipalities with the ability to replace their aging water pipes that would eliminate the muddy water, replace aging sewer pipes and to repair the streets within the towns. It would cover the cost with our municipalities for the sewer projects they are presently working on. Now these monies are gone and even though it was defeated we will never know if it was a good thing or not for Pictou County. However the infrastructure that was just mentioned within the municipalities must be completed more sooner than later and the only alternative for paying for this work is to raise taxes. Now taxes can only go so high with no added revenues coming in and our smaller municipalities will dissolve to become village status like Canso, Springhill and Hantsport just to name a few. In doing so they will become part of the Municipality of Pictou County with possibly no provincial funding being provided. So where do we go from here? This MOU was the only viable plan accepted by accountants, the Province, the UARB, Mayors and Warden. Where and what is Plan B. I cannot see another rush for an amalgamation plebiscite anywhere in the near future as the Province will probably not consider debating this issue for quite some time. He stated that when he did wake up Sunday morning, May 29th there was still a Pictou, New Glasgow, Stellarton and a Pictou County.

Clr. L. Fraser reported there is more than just the municipalities here for these obligations and we heard Clr. Wadden say here this evening that the Prime Minister wants to do what he can for the municipalities. The Province has to step up to the plate and do their part as well or they will not be here for the next election. We have to work together not only as a Municipality but as a province and a country. He pointed out that he does not like carrots because sometimes carrots can get you into trouble. If the Province wants to do something right let them step up to the plate and partner with the Federal and Municipal government here.

Clr. R. Parker thanked all the people who worked very hard on the MOU process because what it has done for this county is opened peoples' eyes to the fact that there are a lot of problems we have to look at. He feels very optimistic that we can deal with these problems and that democracy has worked. People had a chance to voice their opinion and they voiced it loud and clear but he was not sure if the result would have been the same if we voted around this table without a plebiscite. This is a very good thing that has happened and it has activated people so hopefully it will show up in the election this fall when more people will run for municipal office. He does not see anything but good in the future for Pictou County and all the municipalities will be involved. We will come up with something whether it is in a cooperative manner or a lesser degree of getting together in smaller units but we can find the answer within the people.

Clr. Dewar thanked the 77% of the people in Pictou County that went out to vote no.

MOTION – WITHDRAWAL FROM VOLUNTARY & CONDITIONAL UARB APPLICATIONS

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Johnston that the Municipality of the County of Pictou withdraw from the aforesaid voluntary and conditional application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (proceeding M07050), pursuant to Section 358 of the Municipal Government Act, to amalgamate with the Towns of New Glasgow, Pictou and Stellarton.

Clr. D. Parker reported that he stated over 2 years ago that he would be voting the way his people told him to vote and 5 out of 6 told him to vote no. He thanked Warden Baillie and Clr. Wadden because he knows how hard they worked and it was not an easy task. He knew they passionately believed in what they were promoting and even though some of us disagreed, we must do so respectfully. He asked what is next and what is Plan B? Some people say it is the Status Quo but he disagrees. We need a period of analysis of what our people were really saying. We need a period of reflection and we need time to talk with other elected officials. We need a period of reconciliation where we bury the hatchet over some of these hurts that were inflicted intentionally or unintentionally during this process. Clr. D. Parker reported that 4 months from now we will have a new Council and some of us will be former Councillors and there will be new Councillors like Clr. MacKeil and that should allow us to turn the page to begin again with a fresh page to work together. Let us not rush to conclusions as this is not the end of anything but more of a plateau in a process of evolution where we can find better ways to work together. If we work together and develop trust, common bonds and committees it is more likely we can move in that direction although that may not mean formal amalgamation. Let us always be considerate and respectful, let us speak, let us speak to our friends, neighbors and constituents, to each other and Councillors in other districts and let us remember to listen. We need to listen to what our people are saying and we need to find more common ground even though we already had some but we ultimately did not have enough. He had 1 criticism of the process that it was too much, too far and too fast. Let us consult and then we can move forward but he always made it clear how he would be voting and the result in his district was 83% voted No.

Motion carried.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & NOTICES OF MOTION

Clr. S. Fraser asked that a contribution to the Fort McMurray fire be added to the next Financial Services Committee agenda for discussion.

Clr. R. Parker asked for the total expenses for the MOU and that it be broken down into the different categories. He had several concerns from residents on the total costs of advertising especially in the last few weeks.

Warden Baillie replied the Steering Committee's Project Manager is on vacation but he will have the information available at the next Financial Services Committee meeting.

Clr. L. Fraser reported that since the FCM this year he received several calls from residents on the number of Councillors who attend the FCM. He asked that this issue be added to the new Financial Services Committee in the fall.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Clr. S. Fraser and seconded by Clr. Turple that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (8:05 p.m.)

Ronald Baillie
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk