

March 6, 2017

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Dist.	1	Clr. Don Butler
	2	Clr. Deborah Wadden
	3	Clr. Darla MacKeil
	4	Clr. Ronald Baillie
	5	Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
	6	Warden Robert Parker
	7	Clr. David Parker
	8	Clr. Larry Turner
	9	Clr. Peter Boyles
	10	Clr. Randy Palmer
	11	Clr. Andy Thompson
	12	Clr. Chester Dewar

IN ATTENDANCE

Naomi Veniot, 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

NS Health Authority:

- Lindsay Peach, Vice-Pres., Integrated Health Services - Community Support & Management
- Cheryl Northcott, Operations Executive Director, Northern Zone
- Dr. Nicole Boutilier, Medical Executive Director, Northern Zone
- Duane MacInnis, Director, Primary Health Care, Northern Zone
- Samantha Hodder, Director, Mental Health & Addictions, Northern Zone
- Dr. Theresa Vienneau, Head, Department of Psychiatry, Northern Zone
- Brenda Payne, Director, Health Services & Site Lead, Aberdeen Hospital
- Dr. James MacLachlan, Medical Site Lead, Aberdeen Hospital
- Eileen MacIsaac, Director, Communications & Public Relations

NS Housing:

Jennifer DeWolfe, Senior Caseworker – Northern Region

CHAD Transit:

Danny MacGillivray, Executive Director
Faus Johnson, Chairman, Board of Directors
Jamie Stewart, Consultant, Four Points Business Consulting

CALL TO ORDER

Warden R. Parker 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.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – NS HEALTH AUTHORITY (6:30 P.M.)

NS Health Authority representatives met with Council and gave a brief presentation as follows:



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Agenda

- Introduction to Nova Scotia Health Authority
- Nova Scotia Health Authority Strategic Plan
- Talk About Health
- Mental Health & Addictions
- Primary Health Care
- Physician Services
- Discussion





Introduction to NSHA



Nova Scotia Health Authority

On April 1, 2015, Nova Scotia Health Authority was created through the consolidation of Nova Scotia's nine District Health Authorities into one. We are partnering with the IWK Health Centre to plan, act and care as one.

As Nova Scotia Health Authority, we plan provincially, implement locally.



Nova Scotia Health Authority

- Expected outcomes:
 - More effective service delivery – provincial approach to planning and delivery
 - Streamlined and affordable – efficient governance and management / elimination of duplication
 - Access to more consistent, quality care – integrate services, shift focus from sickness to health
 - Stronger accountability – consistency in reporting, target resources for greatest impact





Our people at a glance:

Employees: (unionized and non-unionized): 23,400+
Licensed physicians in NS: 3,204
Medical Residents: 516
Volunteers: 7,000
Learners: 5,500+
Foundations: 41
Auxiliaries: 33
Community Health Boards: 37



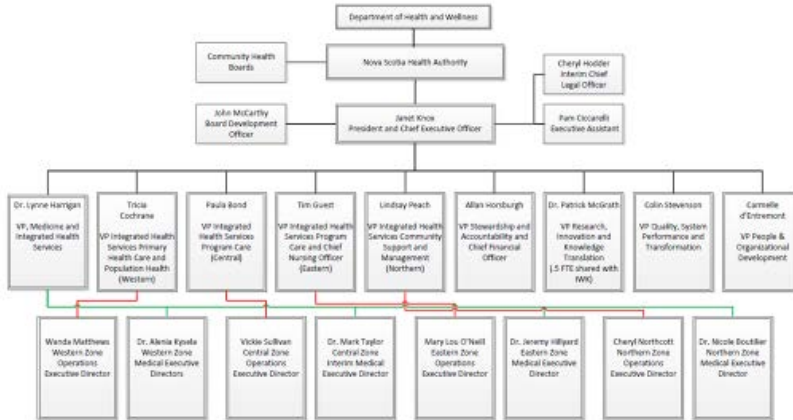
Our work at a glance:

Budget: \$2.07 billion
Beds: 3,198
Annual Emergency visits: 561,516
Operating room surgeries: 70,696
Outpatient visits: 3,593,615
Diagnostic imaging exams: 1,018,735
Active research projects: 1,231
Home care clients: 29,067 clients

- 3.2 million home support hours
- 1 million home nursing visits



Nova Scotia Health Authority Reporting Structure Executive and Zone Leadership



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NSHA Board of Directors

- One Board of Directors, replaced nine previous Boards (separate Board for IWK Health Centre)
- Appointed as volunteers through the Provincial Board Appointment Process
- Competency-based Board that is representative of the province
- Board members who reside in Northern Zone
 - Marie McCully Collier – Truro
 - Doug Shatford – Amherst
 - Jaime Smith – Merigomish

NSHA local leadership

NSHA Executive Team

Lindsay Peach, Vice-President, Integrated Health Services Community Support and Management, with accountability for Northern Zone

Northern Zone

Cheryl Northcott, Operations Executive Director

902-893-5554 x 42102, Cheryl.Northcott@nshealth.ca

Dr. Nicole Boutilier, Medical Executive Director

902-893-5554 x 42183, Nicole.Boutilier@nshealth.ca

Pictou County

Brenda Payne, Director, Health Services & Site Lead

902-752-7600 x 3495, brenda.payne@nshealth.ca

Dr. James MacLachlan, Medical Site Lead, 902-752-7600 x 3495



Accomplishments

- Thinking, acting, planning provincially
- Improving access to care
- Sustainability



Strategic Plan



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Vision:

Healthy people, healthy communities — for generations

Mission:

To achieve excellence in health, healing and learning through working together

Values:

Respect, Integrity, Innovation, Courage, Accountability



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STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Person centred, high quality, safe and sustainable health and wellness for Nova Scotians

NSHA will deliver a person-centred, high-quality, safe, accessible, equitable and sustainable health and wellness system through a focus on performance, accountability, education, research and innovation.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

A healthy, high-performing workforce

NSHA will create a positive and healthy organizational culture that enables employees, physicians, learners and volunteers to support the health and wellness of Nova Scotians. We will foster safety, learning, respect, leadership, accountability, inclusiveness, role optimization and collaboration among our teams.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Engagement with Nova Scotians to create a healthier future

NSHA will engage Nova Scotians to promote and support our shared accountability for health and improvement in health status.



Where we've been

Thank you to the almost 1000 Nova Scotians who took part in 42 Talk about health conversations across the province.

Who we talked to

We spoke with community health boards, seniors, youth, students, health charities, businesses and chambers of commerce, community service providers, people living on low income, municipalities, immigrants, people who are deaf and hard of hearing, the Francophone and African Nova Scotia communities.

What we heard

Everyone told us how much they want this conversation to make a difference.

What's next?

We are currently looking at the thousands of comments you shared. You can expect to hear back from us in the coming weeks.



Thanks again for being part of this conversation.

We look forward to staying in touch.

Join the conversation online at www.talkabouthealth.ca

Health Services Planning





Rethinking our Health System

- The Department of Health and Wellness, Nova Scotia Health Authority and the IWK Health Centre are working together to create one plan for the province that addresses programs of care across populations and life span.
- Through research, evidence-based practice and the meaningful engagement of staff, physicians, volunteers, patients, families, communities, leaders and residents, we will create a system that ensures people receive the right care, in the right place at the right time.



Our Challenges

- Our health status and our population tell us that we need to think differently about what services we provide and how we provide them:
- Nova Scotia has among the highest rates of preventable, chronic diseases and among the worst health outcomes in the country
- Three out of every four deaths in the province are linked to chronic disease
- We have one of the oldest populations in Canada with 1,000 people turning 65 each month, many with multiple health issues



Our Opportunities

- Improve health outcomes for all Nova Scotians – a healthier province
- Enhance primary care in local communities, through a collaborative approach
- Engage local communities in needs planning
- Serve local communities using consistent standards
- Respect ability of local areas to serve their communities
- Deploy resources to areas of greatest need





Mental Health and Addictions



Mental Health and Addictions

- We are responsible to provide a full continuum of services across the lifespan – Health Promotion to Specialty Services
- Decisions must be made using the best evidence available
- Improvement can only happen by recognizing the voices of people with lived experiences, their families and caregivers
- We must understand and acknowledge the impact of culture, safety and holistic healing particularly in First Nations and other diverse communities
- We are committed to reducing/eliminating stigma and discrimination



System improvement projects

Central Intake - streamlined, coordinated and efficient intake process

Inpatient Withdrawal Management Unit(s)

Compliance with New Service Delivery Model

MHA's Quality Improvement Council

Outpatient Services - CAPA

Crisis Service Expansion





Crisis Service Expansion

The Crisis Response Service (CRS) team has expanded from 1.2 FTEs staff members to 4 FTEs as of October, 2017

- Team Coordinator/Clinical Social Worker (1 FTE)
- Clinical Social Worker (2 FTEs)
- ER MH Nurse (1 FTE)
- Other casual staff as needed

The number of patients seen by CRS in the ER has increased by approximately 27% since August 2015. As our staffing complement is now complete, this number is expected to grow.

Currently there is a pilot trial of having CRS staff in the ER on Sundays.



Rapid Response (RR) Pilot Program

What is Rapid Response (RR)?

- An integrated program between the Crisis Response Service (CRS) and Psychiatry that serves patients who require urgent care for a mental health and addictions (MHA) problem
- Patients not already followed by MHA are the priority for RR as current clients are served by existing programs
- Rapid Response will follow patients for up to two months or eight sessions.
- Referrals will be made to secure follow-up and longer term treatment plans as needed.

Referrals To Rapid Response

- Referrals are currently being made by patients assessed by the CRS team and post discharge from an inpatient mental health unit.
- Future plans are to have referrals made by the emergency department physicians/triage staff, along with referrals from primary care and community based Mental Health and Addictions

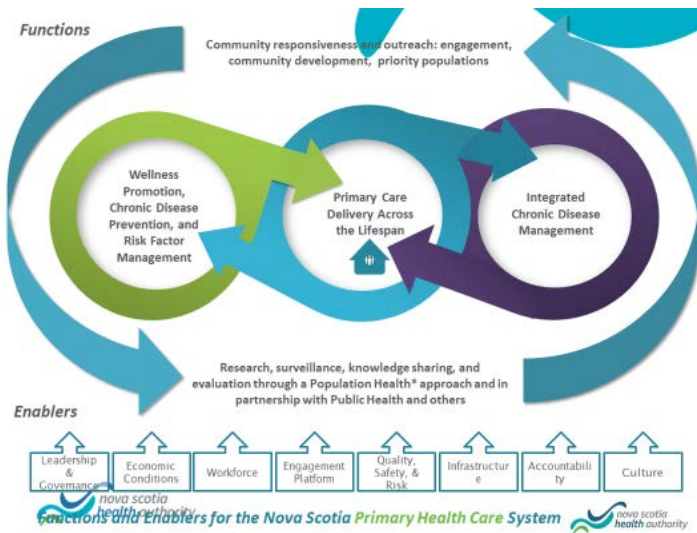
Program Hours

- The program runs Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30 and is staffed by psychiatry and CRS. It is physically located within the Aberdeen Hospital in an office based setting.



Primary Health Care





Pictou County Family Practice Snapshot

- 29 family doctors
- 11 solo / co-located family practices
- 4 collaborative family practices
- 4 nurse practitioners
- 7 family practice nurses
- 14 other health care providers who are a growing part of collaborative family practice teams



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One Door: Chronic Disease Management Program Snapshot

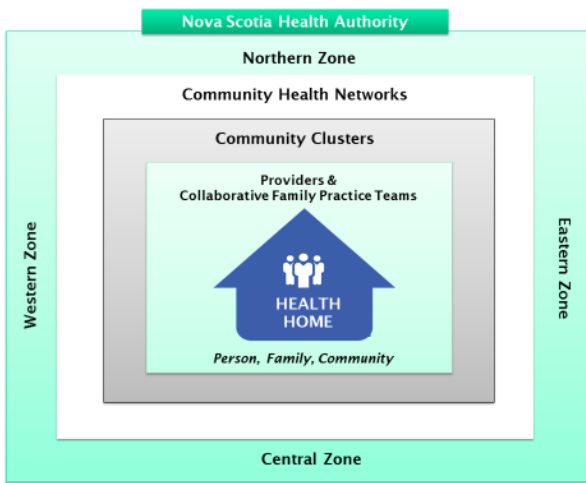
- 1 consulting physician (Internist)
- Diabetes, Cardio-Vascular, Respiratory chronic conditions
- Primarily physician referral, some self-referral
- 1 nurse practitioner
- 3.4 chronic disease management nurses
- Other health care providers – Dietary, Social Work, Pharmacy, Respiratory Therapist, Physiotherapy

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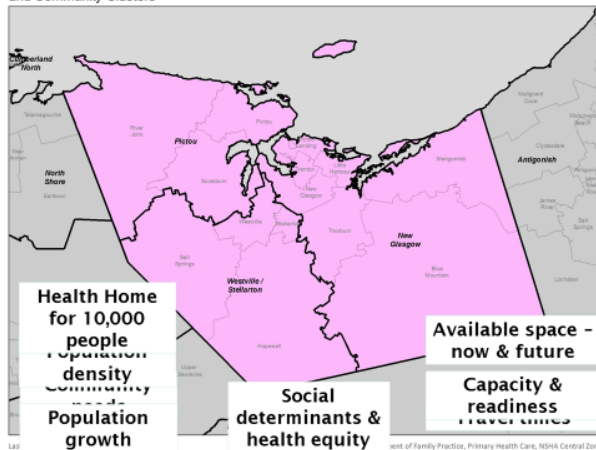


High Performing Health Systems

- **Strong primary health care and robust primary health care teams are the foundation of the health care system** (Baker & Denis, 2011).
- **Primary care improvement is viewed as a critical starting point for transforming health care systems and improving access and quality of care** (Starfield et al., 2005; Hutchison, 2008; Health Council of Canada, 2009; as cited in Baker and Dennis, 2011).



Pictou County Community Health Network and Community Clusters





Capital Projects and Equipment



Capital projects and equipment

- Projects are funded from several different sources
 - DHW funding
 - Foundations and Auxiliaries
 - Small NSHA emergency capital budget
- Prioritizing is done through intake system which is used to submit capital requests across the entire province, managed by provincial Building Infrastructure and Asset Management group.
- Intake system allows NSHA to rank equipment and infrastructure projects based on a consistent and equitable set of criteria.
- Capital committee meets regularly, which included provincial Senior Directors, Medical and Executive Directors across all zones, and Biomedical Engineering to ensure rankings accurately reflect needs across the province.
- Emergency requests are handled through the BIAM office as they arise.



Feedback

- If you have a general question or concern about Nova Scotia Health Authority, please email us at wearelistening@nshealth.ca or contact Eileen MacIsaac, eileen.macisaac@nshealth.ca
- Patient / Client / Resident / Family Feedback
Northern Zone Toll Free Number 1-844-333-0133
or feedback@pcha.nshealth.ca
- For more information please visit www.nshealth.ca



Questions or topics forwarded to the NSHA as follows:

Q: Wait times for procedures specifically around storm delays and rescheduling of appointments.

A: Ms. Peach reported that the number of OR cancellations at the Aberdeen Hospital is a very low percentage in comparison to other sites in other areas across the province. They are always trying to improve wait times provincially for clinics and they are booked on the priority of the need and availability.

Q: The dialysis unit in Pictou and what patients do if the unit is full.

A: Ms. Peach reported that there is a Satellite Clinic in Pictou and if no space is available patients will be temporarily placed in Truro or Antigonish. Patients may ask their coordinator if home dialysis is an option and if so they will be assisted to do that in their own home.

Q: Physician Services.

A: Dr. Boutilier reported that over the last 10 years she has seen many services hit rock bottom and there have been many changes over the years. We did have 14 years with very stable services but there were retirements and people moving so we had one crisis after another. We now have 4 Internal Medicine Specialists. We have 2 new psychiatrists and now we have 4 and for the first time they are allowed to hire more than 2 gynecology obstetricians and they are searching for a third. There are 4 physicians in the Anesthesia department and they have a full service of 3 general surgeons. They have 4 radiologists and that department has been stable for over 10 years. We have a 4 person program in orthopedics and it is a highly regarded orthopedics service in this area. We have trained someone from within to take over the Palliative Care Program. The recruitment of doctors has become a provincial program with zonal recruiters and our recruiter works with department heads and site specialty leads to bring in candidates they feel are suitable. A lot of the time it is by word of mouth and people hear about different positions being available.

Q: What has changed in family medicine?

A: Dr. Boutilier reported that our practices changed as they have grown expeditiously and they had a really good system in place. They had a CAP program where potential doctors would write an exam and be evaluated so if they were successful they would be offered a license under the mentorship of a physician. This program was invaluable to Pictou County as we built up our resources but that program dissolved a few years ago. It became very difficult for family physicians to get a defined license and they are always trying to improve how we can get doctors to the places where we need them.

Warden R. Parker explained that Councillors have concerns and or questions for the representatives of the NS Health Authority this evening and he suggested that Council should have a regular forum to transfer residents' concerns to the NS Health Authority.

Clr. Boyles asked how flexible the Authority is when working with doctors, for instance Dr. Leckey a neurologist had a brand new machine at the Aberdeen Hospital is not being used and no one would work with him.

Dr. Boudreau replied that when Dr. Leckey left the Aberdeen Hospital they did not have much warning and they heard the reason he left the Aberdeen Hospital was because his practice became very busy. She did not know the machine referred to and Clr. Boyles commented that Dr. Leckey wanted to use the machine 2 days a week but was not allotted that time. Clr. Boyles had a concern from one of his residents on the cleanliness of the ER and Ms. Payne replied that the hospital is in the midst of a re-development project that was started in June, 2015. Their environmental services do the very best they can but it is going to be significantly improved with the new Emergency Department.

Clr. Turner asked the relationship the Health Authority has with the school system especially mental health and what programs are available.

Ms. Peach replied that there is a committee who works with the post-secondary institutions and community colleges and they have a relationship with the Health Authority. They meet on the areas of Health Promotion and Services and these are also priorities of the universities as well as the Department

of Health & Wellness and the Nova Scotia Health Authority. They sit at a table with representation from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to talk about priorities.

Clr. D. Parker pointed out that he could not find a complaint form on the Authority's website where a patient or family could file a concern and he asked if they had such a process and how is it accessed.

Ms. MacIsaac explained that you can access the NSHA website or you can call the Aberdeen Hospital switchboard for that information. There is a toll free number and email address for people living in Northern Nova Scotia online and there is also a Service Call Line "We Are Listening" that is offered provincially.

Clr. D. Parker asked if the Aberdeen Hospital has to compete with the former Capital Health facilities for capital project funding.

Ms. Peach advised that all Health Authorities would have submitted their priorities and they would have been ranked and prioritized and reviewed by the Department of Health & Wellness. We would have a process for all the priorities and needs across the province and they would be reviewed by the Health Authority and then submitted to the Department of Health and Wellness. The list is reviewed provincially and it is based on criteria and needs assessment so it is not dissimilar to what it was before.

Clr. D. Parker pointed out that we no longer have the political clout to get the project done and that is his concern. He is not confident (given the history of other provincial departments) that we will be able to get fair consideration when the main priority of whichever government is in over the next few years is going to be building a hospital in Halifax. That model will not serve rural Nova Scotia very well and if history serves as the model then we are in trouble. He has a list of residents in his area that do not have a doctor and they cannot get a referral to a specialist in Halifax because they do not have a doctor and that is a crisis.

Clr. MacKeil reported that there are many concerns from residents trying to get an appointment to see their doctor but the wait time is too long. So now they can go to Tatamagouche, the Aberdeen Hospital ER or the New Glasgow Walk-In Clinic to try and see a doctor. This all comes back to how vital the Pictou Walk-In Clinic was to so many people and she stressed it was such a vital service in the area. She asked the status of the Pictou Walk-In Clinic and if there was any possibility of it being operational again.

Dr. Boutlier replied that the Pictou Walk-In Clinic was run by physicians and was not part of a collaborative practice. It was not run by all the physicians in Pictou but ideally if there was a fully collaborative practice in Pictou that was staffed by every physician then part of that deliverable would be having evening hours and that would replace a Walk-In Clinic. To provide better access to a doctor when you call there will be a professional within that collaborative practice that will be able to meet the needs of that person.

Clr. MacKeil asked if the Pictou practice was semi-collaborative and Dr. Boutlier explained that it was a transitioning practice that included fee-for-service physicians and contract physicians. We have not gotten to the point yet in Pictou where there are 5 people working under the same deliverables.

Clr. MacKeil suggested that a better job could be done on letting the public know the services that are available.

Clr. Wadden commented that the number of people in Pictou County who do not have a family doctor is a huge problem. There is no way for people to access a doctor or nurse practitioner to get a referral and she asked if anything is being done to streamline this process.

Dr. Boutlier replied that they are trying to help people as best they can to get people the referrals they need. There are many chronic conditions where they can access practitioners to help or referrals if they need them.

Clr. Wadden referred to the Dialysis Unit in Pictou and asked why Antigonish and Truro have available beds and Pictou has a wait list. She also asked if we could increase the number of beds in Pictou to make it more feasible for the residents of Pictou County.

Ms. Northcott reported that they asked the Province to provide the statistics and they look at the number of people who are accessing services. They are monitoring it for Truro, Antigonish and Pictou and on an annual basis they are looking at those numbers. We are better off than a lot of the other areas who have people that need to utilize this service 2 to 3 times a week.

Clr. Wadden asked what happens to the patients of a doctor who leaves a collaborative practice and Dr. Boutlier responded that when they have to make an announcement on that issue they will make it. Clr. Wadden asked if the doctor's patients can stay with the collaborative practice and Dr. Boutlier replied that the other physicians are not taking additional patients because of the patient load they already carry.

Clr. Thompson asked the number of residents in Pictou County who do not have a family doctor and Duanne MacInnis replied that there is an estimated 1,600 not attached to a physician.

Clr. Thompson asked how this compares to other areas in the province and Dr. Boutilier reported that Pictou County is very rich in collaborative practices compared to other places.

Clr. Thompson pointed out that the Mayor of Yarmouth was in Pictou County at a presentation and she commented that over the last number of years they were able to recruit 20 new doctors. He asked what they are doing different in the South Shore than what we are doing in Pictou County.

Clr. Boutilier responded that they have a medical teaching unit for family doctors in that area and in the northern zone do not have a teaching program but that is something we are advocating very strongly for at present. We do have a medical teaching unit with a Director and it has been very helpful over the years.

Clr. Thompson reported the topic of mental health has been discussed in the Council Chambers for the last 2 years and there was a short stay unit in the Aberdeen Hospital but now it is gone. He asked if there any long term plans to get that short stay unit back or another model to take its place.

Dr. Vienneau reported that psychiatry is one of the lucky disciplines to be embedded in a program of larger professionals. The Department of Psychiatry is integrated in Mental Health & Addictions and we are affiliated with the organization of physicians but she is also lucky enough to be partnered with Mental Health & Addictions and multi-disciplinary psychologists, social workers, etc. The Crisis Team and the new Rapid Response Pilot Project are exploring a better way to target a population that has high complex needs. We are aware that our in-patient unit is still closed and they are aware there is a very vulnerable population that needs the Rapid Response Project. The program is very well used and it is providing an excellent service and they are keeping data because it is still in its infancy but they are attending to peoples' needs.

Warden R. Parker reported that people in Pictou County are very disappointed with the way mental health treatment has been dealt with but the reason given there were not enough psychiatrists available and the decision to close the unit was to be reviewed in 3 months. The residents felt that was not the real reason the Mental Health Unit was closed and Warden R. Parker asked if the Mental Health Unit will be re-opened.

Dr. Vienneau explained that the message at the time of the closure was that it was closing because of staff shortages. We had vacancies in our nursing staff so we could not keep the unit open and operational and around the same time 2 psychiatrists took jobs elsewhere.

Ms. Hodder reported that during the time the Mental Health Unit closure they have been monitoring patients going to the ER, what their needs are, whether or not they saw a mental health professional and if they required an in-patient stay.

Warden R. Parker asked if the in-patient unit at the Aberdeen Hospital is going to re-open and Ms. Peach replied that at this time it is going to remain closed. We have been able to put different resources in place and the Rapid Response Project has been added to meet the needs of individuals.

Clr. Baillie asked how the number of people without a doctor is determined and Mr. MacInnis replied an 811 registration was implemented in November, 2016 so it was determined by the number of people who registered using the 811 line.

Clr. Baillie pointed out the number of people without a doctor could be higher because there are a lot of people out there who never called that number.

Clr. Dewar reported that since August, 2015 there have been other programs put in place since the Mental Health Unit closed but it is a little too late. It was only supposed to be a 3 month closure and then it was to re-open but the Minister would never give a definitive answer on when the re-opening would take place. Clr. Dewar asked if the problem was a lack of doctors or nurses, and emphasized that the taxpayers want these services but they are just not there. He recalled asking the former Administrator at the Pictou County Health Authority about the wait time in the ER and Mr. Pat Lee indicated that there was no problem but Clr. Dewar pointed out you tell that to someone who has been waiting for 8 hours to see a doctor. You can go to Antigonish or Tatamagouche with very little wait time before seeing a doctor so there is something wrong at the Aberdeen Hospital and he cannot fix it but he was sure there are some people who can. There are too many things we had at the Aberdeen Hospital that we lost and we may never get it back but it is too late for a lot of people who were looking for that help.

Clr. D. Parker reported that there are 2 models to pay for family doctors and they are fee-for-service and contract. He asked if contract doctors are part of the problem and are they seeing fewer patients.

Dr. Boutilier replied the contract model is a different way to practice and there is a goal they have to meet.

Deputy Warden Murray commented that 1,600 people in Pictou County without a doctor appears to be very low. There are 29 family doctors in Pictou County and he asked how many should there be and if there is anything this Municipality can do to help.

Dr. Boutilier replied that they are always recruiting and what the community can do is be very welcoming to everyone who comes to Pictou County. The Multi-Cultural Society has been very helpful in making these people feel at home in our communities. We have beautiful facilities in the County but we need to make connections with these people to feel welcome for the long-term.

Deputy Warden Murray asked the number of doctors we need and Dr. Boutilier replied we have to recognize that over 50% of the people attending medical school residency programs are now women. Their work patterns are different and the lifestyle of the new generation is very different. To know that magic number is to see how people work and we are not all going to work like people did 40 years ago.

Clr. Turner asked if the Aberdeen Hospital has a program in place with CHAD so that the elderly can access that service to get to the hospital.

Danny MacGillivray, Executive Director of CHAD who was in attendance replied that CHAD has a close relationship with Mental Health and Community Services. The Aberdeen Hospital is one of the main pick-up and drop-off locations for CHAS, as well as the Community Services offices.

Clr. Turner asked if there was a demand for more transportation services and Mr. MacGillivray replied that there is a demand and CHAD is at full capacity. He explained that a fixed route may help many of these concerns.

Warden R. Parker thanked the NS Health Board representatives for the presentation and excused them from the balance of the meeting. (8:35 p.m.).

PRESENTATION – NS HOUSING (8:35 P.M.)

Ms. Jennifer DeWolfe, Senior Caseworker with the Northern Region of NS Housing met with Council and gave a Power Point presentation on departmental programs available through Nova Scotia Housing as follows:



Housing Nova Scotia Programs & Services

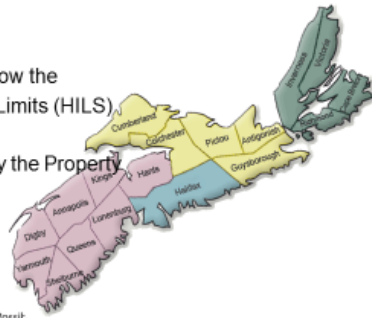
- Public Housing (11,496 units)
- [Financial Assistance for Home Repairs and Grant Programs for Homeowners](#)
- Housing Programs for Developers of Affordable Housing, Landlords and Shelters
- Administer Cooperatives and Not for Profits



Home Repair Assistance Program

Criteria

- Income must be below the Household Income Limits (HILS)
- Must Own & Occupy the Property
- Type of Repairs



What Kinds of Programs does Housing NS offer?

Housing NS offers both Grants and Forgivable Loans which are funded by both the Provincial and Federal governments.

Grants

- Grants are available to assist low income home owners and seniors with urgent repairs or adaptations for age or disability.
- Grants are not repayable and are available every 5 years

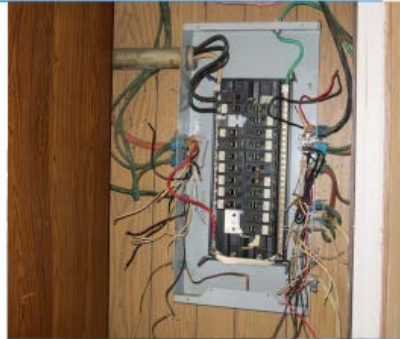
Forgivable Loans

- Forgivable loans are available to assist low income home owners and seniors who own and occupy homes that do not meet minimum levels of health and safety.
- Forgivable loans require homeowners to sign a 5 year Promissory note.
- Homeowners earn forgiveness by occupying the home



Emergency Repair Program (up to \$7000)

- Federal Grant for emergency repairs of homes in rural Nova Scotia.



Opening Possibilities.

Access a Home (\$7000)

- Must be wheelchair bound or in the near future as certified by medical professional.
- Require adaptations for a wheelchair such as a ramp or accessible bathroom
- May require the removal of architectural barriers (ramps, widen doors, etc.)



Opening Possibilities.

Senior Specific Grant Programs

- Senior Citizen Assistance Program (SCAP)
- Home Adaptations for Senior's Independence (HASI)



Opening Possibilities.

Seniors Home Adaptations (\$3500) Home Adaptations for Senior's Independence (HASI)

- Minor modifications for age related challenges
- Age related adaptations such as levers on faucets, raised toilet, handrails, bathroom re-configuration, etc.
- Adaptations must be permanent
- Forgivable Loan with 6 month promissory note.



Opening Possibilities.

Senior Citizen's Assistance Program (\$6500)



- Grant for Emergency Repairs
- Can include Roof, Heating System, Well, etc.
- Must be 65 years or older



Opening Possibilities.

Forgivable Loan - Home (up to \$18,000) Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program - RRAP

- Home does not meet minimum health & safety standards
- Repairs must give the home an additional 15 years of use
- Eligible repairs include Structural, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating and Fire safety



Opening Possibilities.

Forgivable Loan – Disability (\$16,000)

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities
D-RRAP

- Eligible modifications would improve the accessibility for the disabled owner/occupant

- Repairs are to be directly linked to the disability

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Opening Possibilities.

Home Preservation (up to \$27,000)

- Home is at risk of being lost to the Housing Market
- Extend useful life of the home for 15 years
- 10 year commitment (mortgage)



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Opening Possibilities.

Before & After Photos



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Opening Possibilities.

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Clr. Dewar asked the income threshold for a family if they want to apply for a grant and Ms. DeWolfe responded that they are income derived based by Canada Mortgage & Housing from the Federal Government. The income range is \$25,000 to \$44,500 in Pictou County and it depends on how many people live in the home. Ms. DeWolfe pointed out that it is not a low income program but more of a needs programs to help people with home repairs.

Clr. Baillie asked the name of the caseworker for Pictou County and Ms. DeWolfe replied there are 5 caseworkers. Ms. DeWolfe pointed out that she tries to assign case by case but sometimes people will call and ask for a specific caseworker.

Clr. Baillie reported that there are a lot of people looking for grants for repairs to their homes but cannot speak for themselves and asked if members of Council are permitted to fill out an application if the homeowner has signed a consent from.

Ms. DeWolfe replied it states on the application that someone can speak on their behalf and they will go to the home to fill out the application for the homeowner as well.

Clr. Palmer asked if there is a budget just for Pictou County and Ms. DeWolfe replied the budget is for Northern Nova Scotia.

Clr. Palmer reported that it is a great program and he will mention it at his ratepayers meeting. He suggested the program could be included in the Rural News & Views letter.

Clr. Boyles asked what is done at the end of the job to make sure the work has been done right and Ms. DeWolfe replied that the onus is on the client for the workmanship. They do inspect 1 out of 5 finished work but they will inspect the finished work if the client asks them. The clients have to sign document

Clr. Boyles asked if they received many complaints about the work not being done correctly and Ms. DeWolfe replied that if they get a complaint at the beginning of a project they would usually send someone out to stop it.

Clr. Boyles asked how long it takes to get a grant and Ms. DeWolfe replied it usually takes 3 weeks in Pictou County.

Clr. Boyles pointed out that the income limits have not changed in so long they are not realistic and Ms. DeWolfe replied that they try to help as many people as they can.

Clr. Boyles asked if there was anything special for people with disabilities and Ms. DeWolfe responded they do that on a case-by-case basis.

Clr. Wadden asked if people can re-apply for these grants and Ms. DeWolfe replied that they can re-apply in 5 years.

Warden R. Parked thanked Ms. DeWolfe for the presentation and excused her from the balance of the meeting. (9:00 p.m.)

PRESENTATION – CHAD FIXED TRANSIT ROUTE – 9:00 P.M.

Mr. Faus Johnson informed Council that CHAD Transit is looking at the possibility of starting a fixed route in Pictou County. The CHAD Transit is at a point where it is getting maxed out so they need an alternative. They are making presentations to all Councils because this service will depend on Federal, Provincial and Municipal funding. Mr. Jamie Stewart, Consultant who put the business case together for the CHAD Fixed Transit Route is also in attendance this evening. Under the CHAD they are profitable and they are now advertising on the sides of the buses. They also do charter work in the evenings and weekends and they now operate at a profit margin.

Mr. MacGillivray made a brief present to Council on the potential Pictou County Fixed Route Bus Service as follows:



Pictou County Fixed Route Bus Service

Business Plan

Commissioned by: CHAD Transit
Prepared by: Four Points Business Consulting

CHAD Transit

- Door to door on demand transit service
- Biggest and busiest in Nova Scotia, tied for oldest
 - April 1, 1996
- Profitable – operating at a surplus

CHAD Transit (con't)

- Disabled, seniors, inclusive transportation
- 6 buses, 1 minivan
- 33,363 trips last fiscal year
- Over 260,000 Km's

Why is CHAD Transit doing this?

- Relieve pressure on current service
- Community Feedback

Steps to a Fixed Route

- Feasibility Study
- Business Plan
- Pilot project (7 months)

Feasibility Study Results

Public Survey

- 500 respondents from online and paper surveys
- 94% believe fixed route system is needed
- 99.5% support the idea of bringing the buses back
- 62% indicated they would use a fixed route bus service
 - 31% might use the service

Public Survey - Comments

- "I have been waiting for this since the busing system stopped 20+ years ago"
- "Anything to make us a more attractive centre to attract business is well worth consideration"
- "I think this is an idea whose time has come, again"

Public Survey – Comments (con't)

- "I am in the healthcare business and strongly believe that a committed transportation system is vital to this community"
- "I would travel to and from my job if transit were available and affordable"
- "I think a fixed route transit system is a fantastic idea and I really hope to see one in the future! It's very hard to get around town when you don't have a vehicle"

Fixed Route - Philosophy

- DO NOT jeopardize current service
- Pictou County will be stronger with a Regional Transportation Network
- Strong support from the community

Build on Existing Resources

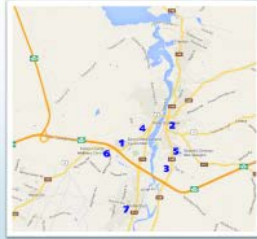
- Utilize existing CHAD Transit Administration
- Utilize an existing spare CHAD bus as a backup

Span of Service

- Connects all five Townships and County
- 7:00am – 6:30pm on weekdays

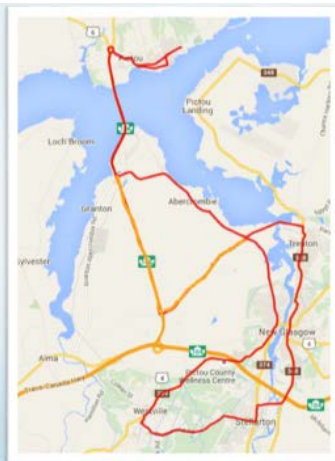
Top Destinations from Survey

Destination	Ranking
Highland Square Mall	1
Downtown New Glasgow	2
Aberdeen Hospital	3
Atlantic Superstore	4
Aberdeen Mall	5
Pictou County Wellness Centre	6
Nova Scotia Community College	7



Proposed Routes

- Route 1
 - Servicing downtown areas of all Five towns and the county.
 - Three times daily 7:00am, 12:00 noon and 5:00pm
 - 1.5 hr loop

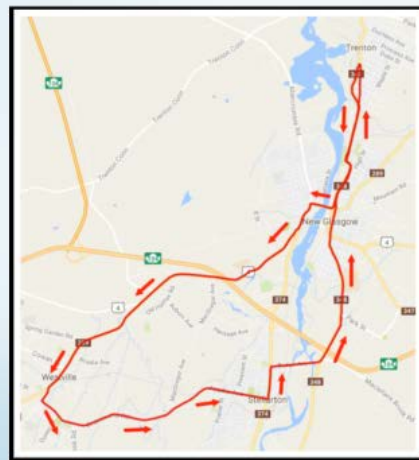


Proposed Stopping locations / times

Destination	Approximate time (Morning)	Approximate time (Mid-day)	Approximate time (Evening)
Aberdeen Hospital	7:00	12:00	5:00
Aberdeen Mall	-	12:02	5:05
New Glasgow Library	7:06	12:06	5:10
Trenton Town Hall	7:12	12:12	5:15
Royal Bank	7:32	12:32	5:30
NSCC - Fisheries School	7:36	12:36	5:40
Sobeys (Westside)	7:53	12:53	5:55
Highland Square Mall & Wal-Mart	8:00	1:00	6:00
Pictou County Wellness Centre	8:07	1:07	6:05
Westville Post Office	8:15	1:15	6:10
NSCC - Stellarton	8:23	1:23	6:20
Stellarton Town Square	8:26	1:26	6:25
Aberdeen Hospital	8:30	1:30	6:30

Proposed Routes (con't)

- Route # 2
 - Servicing downtown areas of Four upper towns and county
 - 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 2:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm
 - 1 hr loop



Proposed Stopping locations / times

(Hourly service begins at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00)

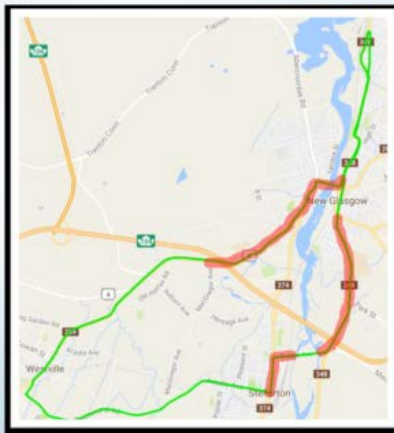
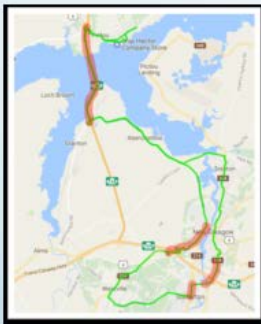
Destination	Approximate time
Aberdeen Hospital	:00
Aberdeen Mall	:02
New Glasgow Library	:06
Trenton Town Hall	:12
Sobeys (Westside)	:17
Highland Square Mall & Wal-Mart	:22
Pictou County Wellness Centre	:30
Westville Post Office	:38
NSCC – Stellarton	:46
Stellarton Town Square	:49
Aberdeen Hospital	:55

Flagging Option

- You can flag down the bus at any safe point on the route



No Flag Zones



Fare Rates

- \$3 one way
- \$5 all day
- \$42.50 – 10 punch pass
- \$500 annual passes

Operating Budget

Operating Budget Fiscal County Transit					
	Fiscal (7 mil)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Revenue					
Province of Nova Scotia					
NS-TRM	81,200				
Municipal contributions	82,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Fare revenue	25,740	46,958	46,034	53,714	52,874
Donations	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Corporate Sponsorships	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total revenue	112,040	141,058	142,034	144,714	146,874
Expenditures					
Administrative Expenses					
Administrative wages & benefits	17,566	20,077	20,067	21,848	21,848
Office supplies	100	100	114	120	120
Office overhead	800	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Advertising	10,000	2,500	2,400	2,500	2,500
Accounting/legal	300	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Business registration	100	100	100	100	100
Travel	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Staff Training	300	-	-	-	-
Total administrative expenses	31,116	26,377	27,047	29,148	29,148
Vehicle Expenses					
Driver wages & benefits	81,845	61,844	67,728	67,728	67,728
Insurance	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Vehicle Registration	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Vehicle Registration	500	500	500	500	500
Bus Rental	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fuel	15,013	20,018	27,048	29,146	30,013
Total vehicle expenses	101,411	98,262	104,277	106,274	109,254
Total expenses	132,527	124,639	131,324	135,422	137,402
Net income (deficit)	26,790	16,419	10,712	9,682	9,872

Bus

- 18 passenger
- Not too big, not too small
- Paint it a different color than CHAD buses



Municipality of the County of Pictou - Ask

Pilot Project (September 4th, 2017 – March 31, 2018):

Operational	- \$5,607
Capital	- \$12,149
Total	- \$17,756

Deadline for Decision & Funds Disbursement: June 30, 2017

Clr. Turner asked if CHAD has explored a public/private partnership to help fund this project because one of the primary beneficiaries of this service is business.

Mr. MacGillivray replied that they met with the businesses at the different stop locations but they did not discuss any partnerships.

Clr. Butler asked if long-range planning will include any areas of the Municipality and Mr. MacGillivray responded that currently there are 3 areas in the Municipality that include Abercrombie, Westville Road and Blue Acres. They will build on demand so if the pilot project is successful they will listen to where the demand is and expand to those areas to make it sustainable. He added that if people need to get to a fixed route they could use a CHAD bus to get there and then do the fixed route when they get there. Mr. MacGillivray reported that in the more rural areas there could be volunteer drivers that could take people into the fixed route once or twice a week. Organizations across Nova Scotia like CHAD will pay volunteer drivers .40¢ a km. so they are able to get people into a more central location.

Clr. D. Parker pointed out that user-pay is the way to go and this is a very good proposal so hopefully the other levels of government will be on board. He asked how much does the route to Pictou add to the overall costs and Mr. Stewart replied that the route to Pictou is 55 km. and route #2 that does not include Pictou is 22 km. so it would be an additional cost of \$97 a day to travel to Pictou.

Clr. Wadden asked if they are looking at 1 specific route or does it depend on the funding and Mr. MacGillivray explained that they are looking at both routes.

Clr. Wadden asked if the rural residents will pay the CHAD rate to get to the fixed route bus and Mr. MacGillivray clarified that the model shows it as 2 separate fares.

Mr. Stewart informed Council that he wrote the business plan for Antigonish and it has changed some since it was implemented but bus transfers is something that could be looked at.

Clr. Palmer asked how residents in the Municipality will be serviced by the fixed route and Mr. Stewart replied that it takes in 9% of the homes in the Municipality or approximately 1,600 rural residents.

Clr. Palmer asked if there will be a second request for funding once the pilot project is complete.

Mr. MacGillivray replied that it will be a similar ask in years 2 and 3.

Clr. Palmer asked if the pilot project does not go over very well will CHAD continue with years 2 and 3 and Mr. MacGillivray replied that they do not want to put CHAD Transit at risk by running a deficit so if it does not work out it will not move forward.

Clr. Palmer asked if the project would still move forward if one of the other funding partners opts out.

Mr. MacGillivray advised that under those circumstances the project will not move forward.

Clr. Thompson pointed out that the Municipality is being asked to contribute 19% towards this project and will not be receiving 19% of the service compared to the other towns. He asked how this was determined and Mr. MacGillivray replied that the funding formula is based on how many kilometers are in the community we serve and the population that uses the route.

Clr. Thompson reported that it only runs through 1 community in the Municipality because no one lives in Blue Acres.

Mr. Stewart explained that the averages are going up with the number of total kilometers travelled through Abercrombie, Blue Acres and Westville Road.

Clr. Thompson pointed out that Blue Acres is not part of the Municipality, it is part of Stellarton and there are no homes in the area in question. He reported that he has a problem with the Municipality's percentage and some of these towns have more residents that can access this service.

Mr. Stewart explained that the rural residents will be able to use the service once they get into the urban center.

Clr. Thompson asked how the residents are going to get to town and Mr. Stewart replied by using CHAD Transit as they do now or friends driving them to town.

Warden R. Parker reported that request is already going to the Community Grants Committee so tonight's presentation was to inform Council about the service. In future the sooner we can get the service out in the County the easier it will be sell it to the rural residents.

Clr. Turner asked the determining factor on whether the pilot project is a success or not and Mr. MacGillivray replied that ridership would be the biggest variable they would use.

Clr. Wadden asked if the Spoke Project will be implemented with this project and Mr. MacGillivray replied that they are going to try and integrate them. Mr. MacGillivray also informed Council that he wanted to use the volunteer drivers for the areas of Merigomish, River John and Saltsprings.

Warden R. Parker thanked Mr. MacGillivray, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stewart for the presentation and excused them from the balance of the meeting. (9:35 p.m.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation – Asking that Council proclaim May as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month” in the Municipality.
- (b) Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library – A copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Communities, Culture & Heritage asking that the Provincial Librarian's position with the Department be filled.
- (c) A letter of appreciation (uncirculated) for financial assistance was received from the Pictou West Food Bank.

MOTION – LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

It was moved by Warden R. Parker and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that Council proclaim May as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month” in the Municipality.
Motion carried.

Clr. Wadden referred to correspondence received from the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library and stressed the importance of the Provincial Librarian's position.

MOTION – PROVINCIAL LIBRARIAN

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Thompson that Council send a letter to the Minister of Communities, Culture & Heritage stating that the Municipality of the County of Pictou does support the Provincial Librarian's position with the Department.
Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

There were no recognition of individuals and groups.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no community announcements.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Clr. D. Parker presented 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 February:

1. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of January.
2. Selected Joe MacDonald as the Municipality's Volunteer of the Year.
3. Considered several request for financial assistance. (Resolution to follow)
4. Agreed to leave a non-elected position on the Police Advisory Board vacant at this time.
5. Agreed to forward a letter to the Minister Responsible for Health Canada in support of the Town of Stellarton's efforts to ensure that the proposed cannabis production facility in Stellarton receives all necessary permits to become operational.
6. Agreed to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs seeking improvements to Section 49A of the Municipal Elections Act with respect to contributions to municipal election campaigns.
7. Instructed staff to draft amendments to the Municipal Grants Program Policy that would permit the early approval of Municipal Services Grants, and require that any change in the level of funding for Municipal Services Grants would require notice in the prior fiscal period.
8. Agreed to modify the process for paying mileage to Council members to require that Councillors claim mileage for all meetings on their Expense Claims. This change will take effect on March 1, 2017.

9. Agreed to write Transcontinental Media expressing concern over the manner in which advertising flyers are distributed in rural Pictou County.
10. Identified several topics of concern to raise with representatives of the Nova Scotia Health Authority.
11. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of January.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6th day of March, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Ronnie Baillie

MOTION

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

Clr. Wadden reported that she could not support Item #5 so she will not be supporting the report for this month.

Clr. Boyles referred to the Accounts Paid and asked if there was a breakdown on each of the accounts and Clr. D. Parker replied that there is a cheque # and breakdown on each item. He further reported that we do receive itemized bills on most items and the CAO had indicated that he will be asking Mac Mac & Mac to itemize their invoice. Clr. D. Parker reported if you want further information on a certain cheque # you should contact the Deputy Treasurer.

The CAO reported that all invoices are itemized but he will ask for further clarification from Mac Mac & Mac.

Clr. Boyles reported that he was of the understanding there would be more information in regards to the District 9 court challenge.

Clr. D. Parker reported that since he is the Chair of the Financial Services Committee he can specifically ask Mac Mac & Mac for a breakdown on that item.

The CAO pointed out that has already been done and that information will be available at the next Financial Services Committee meeting.

Motion carried. (1 Nay: Clr. Wadden)

PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Clr. Thompson 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 February:

1. Reviewed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of January.
2. Received correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal and instructed that additional information be requested on improvements to the Granton-Abercrombie Road and the Trenton Connector intersection. Correspondence regarding electronic speed zone signs has been referred to the Police Advisory Board.
3. Agreed to recommend the installation of an intersection street light at the intersection of the Rossfield Road and the Munro Road in District 1. (Resolution to follow)

4. Discussed potential Solar Energy Projects and agreed that an application be submitted to the Department of Energy for funding to locate a solar energy unit on the roof of the Municipality's Administration Building at 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6th day of March, 2017.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Chester Dewar

MOTION

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

REPORT – MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL COMMITTEE

Clr. Wadden reported on behalf of the Municipal Alcohol Committee as follows:

Just a couple of highlights from our last meeting:

The province is investigating the best groups to have the conversation on the legalization of cannabis and its impacts. This is one of the reasons why I did not support the request from Stellarton concerning their possible cannabis plant at our finance meeting last month. It is quite possible our MAP Committee may be included in this conversation. There is also provincial group working to bring municipalities to the table for these conversations. These conversations should include our MAP Committee as well. Until I have more information on this legislature, I would not consider putting my endorsement on the Stellarton facility.

Secondly, New Glasgow has struck a Pictou County Leaders Youth Action Committee and our Committee is looking forward to meeting and forging an alliance with this committee.

We hope to meet with some festival organizers this week to proceed with our safe drives to and from our local events. We have some funding to help with this.

We continue to come up with a recognition process that will complement our committee and hopefully recognize citizens or organizations that exemplify our mandate.

Finally, if anyone has alcohol free festivals or events in their areas, please forward these to me. We are trying to compile a list to see some of the events that do go on in the county and do more promotion for these.

REPORT – ECONOMIC DEV. WORKING GROUP

On behalf of the Municipal Economic Development Working Group Clr. Turner reported that last week there was a gathering at Summer St. Industries with representatives in attendance from the County that included Clr. MacKeil, Warden R. Parker, Clr. David Parker, Clr. Turner and Clr. Thompson. It was a gathering of business people and entrepreneurs telling success stories. It was used to help change the narrative in Pictou County from a negative to a positive narrative and it was well received. The Pictou County 2020 were the facilitators and did a great job. The Committee is still waiting for a response from the RENS in the East and an invitation was put out from Mayor Dicks of New Glasgow and there has been no response to date.

RESOLUTION – INTERSECTION ST. LIGHT

Clr. Butler presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted a policy with respect to the provision of street lighting at intersections in areas where residential street lighting does not exist;

WHEREAS this policy is intended to aid in the safe passage of motor vehicles on public streets or roads and pedestrian traffic at street intersections and other pedestrian infrastructure in a manner which is both affordable and adequate for vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

WHEREAS the Property Services Committee has considered requests for an intersection street light in District # 1;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the installation of intersection street lights, in accordance with Policy #2016-03-34, at the following intersection:

District #1: at the intersection of the Rossfield Road & the Munro Road.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6th day of March, 2017.

(Sgd.) Don Butler
Darla MacKeil

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Clr. 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 approve the payment of the following Municipal Grants:

Recreation:

Sutherlands River & Dist. Com. Ctr.	\$ 150.00	D01 Clr. Allot.; Operating Exp.
Seniors Outreach	150.00	D02 Clr. Allot.; Lt. Hbr. Pgm. Exp.
Durham Community Club	150.00	D06 Clr. Allot.; Sound System
Saltsprings Elementary School	150.00	D07 Clr. Allot.; Breakfast Pgm.
Abercrombie Fire Department	150.00	D08 Clr. Allot.; Easter Egg Hunt
Hillside Girls Club	150.00	D09 Clr. Allot.; Program Exp.
East River Valley Recreation	150.00	D11 Clr. Allot.; Springville Ballfield
Stellarton & Area Minor Girls Softball	\$ 487.50	Program Expenses
Northumberland Karate	300.00	Program Expenses
Pictou Co. Gymnastics Club	1,170.00	Program Expenses
Highland Derby Dolls	100.00	Program Expenses
Pictou Soccer Club	570.00	Program Expenses
Northern Nova United Soccer Club	1,312.50	Program Expenses
Pictou Co. Recreation & Athletic Society	307.50	Program Expenses

Pictou County Female Hockey	\$ 1,240.00	Program Expenses
East Pictou Silver Blades	620.00	Program Expenses
Pictou County Minor Hockey Assoc.	8,560.00	Program Expenses
Heather Skating Club	1,060.00	Program Expenses
Maddox Fields	\$ 100.00	2017 Karate Canada Nat. Exp.
Rugby Nova Scotia	<u>300.00</u>	3 Delegates to U18 National 7s (Matthew Chediac, Bailey MacDonald & Bailey Fraser)
	\$17,177.50	

Municipal Services

D08 LORDA	\$ 5,000.00	Operating Expenses
D08 Former Dist. 8	<u>410.00</u>	St. Lt. Exp. @ Carpool Pkg. Lot
	\$ 5,410.00	
Middle River Birch Hill Cemetery	\$ 2,900.00	Extension of Deadline to 06/30/17 (originally app'd. 06/08/16)
GRAND TOTAL:	<u>\$22,587.50</u>	

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6th day of March, 2017.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Randy Palmer

MOTION

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

Clr. D. Parker reported the \$5,000 grant to LORDA comes from the former District 8 so it does not come out of Clr. Turner's funds.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – BETSEY FUNDING

Deputy Warden Murray presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the community of Lyon's Brook will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of the ship Betsey on June 10, 2017;

WHEREAS the Betsey is responsible for bringing the first permanent, English-speaking settlers to the north shore of Pictou County in 1767, 6 years before the arrival of the Ship Hector;

WHEREAS the Lyon's Brook Women's Institute has formed a committee from the community to plan "Betsey 250" anniversary celebrations to commemorate this historic event in our history;

WHEREAS the Municipality has been asked to provide financial assistance to offset event expenses and, in particular, to cover the cost of 20 permanent mesh banners to be displayed throughout the community, thereby leaving a long-lasting visual display of the significant contribution the Betsey to Pictou County;

WHEREAS the Community Grant Fund contains sufficient contingency funds to cover this expense;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve a community grant to the Lyon's Brook Women's Institute in the amount of \$5,000 to be used to purchase banners commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of the ship Betsey.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6th day of March, 2017.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray
Darla MacKeil

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Clr. Wadden asked if a Community Grant has been submitted for this request and Deputy Warden Murray replied he spoke with the administration who indicated there was money available from last year and this was a 1 time only grant.

Clr. Wadden pointed out that she has concerns when Council breaks policy.

Motion carried. (1 Nay Vote: Clr. Wadden)

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE & NOTICES OF MOTION

Clr. Turner reported that a number of months ago he asked that we do a post mortem on our election and he asked the status on his request.

The CAO replied they started to do that and then they ran into some illness but it is still on the list to do.

Clr. Boyles asked the length of time for street light repairs and the CAO replied it is fairly quick if it is just a standard light that is not working but if there are electrical issues then we have to notify NSP so we have experienced delays from them.

Clr. Boyles reported that he received numerous calls regarding the plowing of sidewalks especially on the Blue Acres Bridge to the Esso because it was not plowed. He asked if someone was looking into this because the service is being paid for by the Municipality.

Warden R. Parker replied he did speak with the Director of Public Works & Development and the CAO after Clr. Boyles brought it to his attention and it was looked after that day. Warden R. Parker pointed out it is important that we report these issues because it may go 2 or 3 days un-reported.

Clr. Butler reported that he has a concern that he has been dealing with since late October, 2016 and it is with the agency CRINS the Municipality hired regarding the placement of poles. He was told in late October the agency's work was done and all that was required was the signature of our CAO and the District Engineer with TIR. He still has no answer and the pole has not been replaced and internet service in his area is at a standstill because of this and when is something going to happen. Clr. Butler asked that this issue be referred to the next Property Services Committee meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Council met in closed session at 10:10 p.m. to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations.

OPEN SESSION

Council resumed in open session at 10:35 p.m.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Butler that the Municipality approve a \$112,527 grant for Valley View Villa and an \$81,478 loan to be repaid once the money is received from the province.
Motion carried. (Nay Votes: Clrs. Baillie & Boyles)

ADJOURN

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Turner that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (10:35 p.m.)

Robert Parker
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk