

April 3, 2017

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 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
	9	Clr. Peter Boyles
	10	Clr. Randy Palmer
	11	Clr. Andy Thompson
	12	Clr. Chester Dewar

ABSENT

Dist.	8	Clr. Larry Turner (Illness)
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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

Michael MacKay, Outreach Coordinator, Clean Nova Scotia

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. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Butler that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Dewar that the minutes of December 19, 2016 and February 6, 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) A letter of appreciation (uncirculated) for financial assistance was received from the Pictou County Food Bank.

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

There was no recognition of individuals and groups.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Dewar spoke about 2 men from the community of Lorne that had passed away over the last 10 days which has devastated the community. Burton Findlay and Bob Gallant were considered pillars of the community and had celebrated their 90th birthday in 2016, including certificates from the County. They were both wonderful volunteers and will be greatly missed.

Clr. Wadden reported that on Sunday, April 9, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Little Harbour Community Hall there will be a Pancake Breakfast.

Warden R. Parker reported that a Variety Concert will be held at the Durham Church Hall on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Clr. Thompson informed Council there will be a breakfast on Sunday morning, April 8, 2017 at the Plymouth Fire Hall.

Clr. Butler reminded everyone that the Pancake Festival will be held in Kenzieville on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

PRESENTATION – CLEAN NOVA SCOTIA, MICHAEL MACKAY, 7:10 P.M.

Mr. MacKay met with Council and made a brief presentation on behalf of the Home Warming Program. The Clean Foundation is an Environmental not-for-profit organization that is based out of Dartmouth and provide a variety of programs with environmental agendas. The Home Warming Program deals with energy efficiency but in order for you to be efficient with your energy in your home it requires a significant initial investment. There are many Nova Scotians who do not have the liquid assets available to install a heat pump or insulate their foundation and attic. It is an income qualified program that is fully funded from NSP and they have 10 years' worth of funding which is \$15 million a year for the program. It was recently announced that the Provincial Government is going to contribute another \$7 million over the next 2 years for this program. They conduct a whole energy assessment where they send someone to do a whole analysis of your home to monitor the air exchange rates. They provide this assessment free of charge for income qualified homeowners and once they receive this data they can create a plan for the homeowner on how they can upgrade their home. They actually pay for the upgrades they recommend and they have their own safety contractors across the province that work with them. They are currently creating partnerships with municipalities throughout the province. The income thresholds they work on is 1 person living in the home with an income of \$22,000 or less, 2 to 4 people living in the home with an income of \$40,000 or less and 5 people living in the home with an income of \$56,000 or less a year. Once accepted they send their Energy Assessor to your home and they do the full home energy assessment. All their work comes with a 2 year warranty and if there are any issues they will come back and fix it.

Clr. Boyles asked if the program replaces old appliances with new ones and Mr. MacKay replied that is another government program.

Clr. Palmer commented that the Home Warming Program is a great program and more people should take advantage of it.

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 March:

1. Reviewed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of February.
2. Received correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal advising that potholes and standing water within the commercial access and parking lot at 4558 Pictou Landing Road in Hillside are not the responsibility of TIR as the Department is not responsible for the maintenance of commercial entrances. Current conditions will be assessed to see if drainage from the property is having an impact on the provincial roadway.
3. Received an update on the status of capital projects. Construction on the McLellan's Brook/Upper Plymouth Wastewater Phase II Project had been suspended in February due to poor weather conditions and is expected to resume shortly. Approximately 300 m of pipe has been installed on the River Road along with all 6 pumping stations sumps. Topographical work needed for the design of the Abercrombie and Springfield Estates Wastewater Extension Projects has been completed and a meeting is being held with engineering consultants who will be bidding on the design work. Design bids will close on March 31st. Information packages for the property owners involved in the Green Acres Road Upgrade Project have been assembled and a meeting will be arranged with the residents to review what is taking place; there is some land that will become municipal property that is currently privately owned. Following the meeting construction tenders will be called. The Alma Sidewalk Project is ready to go to tender. The Riverton and MacGregor Avenue Sidewalk Projects are awaiting the design of retaining walls before proceeding to tender.
4. Agreed to recommend the installation of intersection street lights in Districts 5 & 9. (Resolution to follow)
5. Discussed the potential disposition of properties owned by the Municipality in Lyon's Brook, Central West River and Hillside. The Committee has requested a legal opinion on environmental issues regarding the Central West River properties and has agreed to take no action on the Hillside property at this time. A resolution on the Lyon's Brook properties is forthcoming.
6. Discussed an unresolved issue concerning the relocation of a telecommunications pole from the Dunmaglass Road to another location. CRINS (Canadian Radiocommunications Information & Notification Services) was to have resolved this issue but has failed to do so. The Committee has directed staff to write CRINS urging the organization to complete this process as soon as possible so that funding resources available to upgrade communications in that area are not jeopardized.
7. Agreed to forward a letter to Canada Post opposing any potential reduction in operating hours for the River John Post Office.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 3rd day of April, 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.

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 March:

1. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of February
2. Selected award recipients for the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.
3. Considered several request for financial assistance. (Resolution to follow)
4. Reviewed information requested from the CAO with respect to the municipal election in District 9.
5. Agreed purchase a table for 8 at the DEANS Gala Awards Dinner.
6. Met in closed session to discuss matters relating to litigation.

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(Sgd.) David Parker
Ronald 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.

Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT

Clr. Wadden reported that 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 Financial Services 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 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.

CHAIR

At the request of the Warden Deputy Warden Murray assumed the Chair to allow Warden R. Parker to present the report of the Economic Development Working Group in the absence of Clr. Turner who was not able to be here this evening due to illness.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Warden R. Parker reported the REN to the east is no longer an option because they are too far along in their process and feel that allowing us to join at this stage would delay their progress by another year. That leaves us still looking at the Colchester model and he has been attempting to discuss that alternatives with the Department of Municipal Affairs over the past several days, without success. Initially he had been told by Municipal Affairs that if the REN to the east did not work then the Minister would consider allowing a REN to develop for Pictou County. At the last meeting they were trying to come up with a plan for economic development that they could follow for the County. At the next meeting they have a person who has submitted a proposal for that and they are coming to make a presentation to the Working Group so they will decide if that is the type of thing they are looking for. If it is then they will be looking for funding to hire that person and there was quite a bit of discussion on a funding formula. There was also some discussion on money that was left in the custody of the Municipality at the dissolution of the former Pictou Regional Development Agency. The money left in that fund belonged to all the municipal units except Stellarton and they were looking at using that funding but it would have to go to each Council for approval. They have NSBI interested in coming and speaking to our group so they may be able to help us attract new business. All 6 municipal units are very much together on this issue and if a business sets up then it is good for all Pictou County.

Clr. Wadden asked if a facilitator has been hired and Warden R. Parker replied that the facilitator they are looking at hiring will be making a presentation to the Working Group first.

Clr. Wadden asked if they are going to facilitate a business plan and Warden R. Parker responded that they are going to develop a plan by looking at the 2013 strategic plan prepared by the RDA because there is still a lot of good information in it.

Clr. Wadden asked if the cost will come back to the Councils to vote on before a facilitator is hired and Warden R. Parker replied that before they receive any money requests will go to all Councils for approval.

Clr. Wadden asked if there was any idea what this will cost the municipalities and Warden R. Parker replied not as yet but they are using the Colchester REN as a model to follow. He explained that the reason they were looking at the REN to the east again was because of some changes since the last Municipal election and different individuals involved.

Clr. Wadden pointed out that it was not a good fit before and it still is not a good fit. She asked if Frank MacFarlane has worked with the Committee and Warden R. Parker replied that he has met with the Working Group several times but they are not ready for him to do anything as yet.

Clr. Palmer asked the amount of money in the PRDA fund and the CAO replied that there is approximately \$190,000.

Clr. Palmer asked how that money will be divided up among the 6 municipal units and Warden R. Parker responded that they are looked at different funding formulas. He explained that they were not looking to divide up the money but it was set aside for economic development and if they had the Councils approval they could use it once they get a funding formula for the 6 units.

CHAIR

Warden R. Parker resumed the Chair.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m. for a meeting of the Financial Services Committee.

RESUME

Municipal Council resumed at 8:13 p.m.

RESOLUTION – INTERSECTION STREET LIGHTS

Deputy Warden Murray 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 intersection street lights in Districts # 5 & 9;

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 #05: at the intersection of Brooke Avenue, Tannery Lane & Scotch Hill Road, Lyon's Brook.

District #09: at the intersection of the Fraser's Mountain Road & Highway 4, opposite 2016 Fraser's Mountain Rd.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 3rd day of April, 2017.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray
Don Butler

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

CHAIR

Deputy Warden Murray assumed the Chair to allow Warden R. Parker to speak on the resolution for the Lyon's Brook surplus properties.

RESOLUTION – LYON'S BROOK SURPLUS PROPERTIES

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou owns 3 parcels on land in the Lyon's Brook area, opposite the West Pictou Consolidated School;

WHEREAS the properties in question are identified with Assessment Account #03400174, 09347003 and 04439244;

WHEREAS it is the determination of the Property Services Committee that these properties are no longer required for the purposes of the Municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council declare the aforementioned properties to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Chief Administrative Officer be instructed take all necessary steps to advertise the three properties for sale by public tender.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 3rd day of April, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Warden R. Parker reported that he expressed his concerns at the Property Services Committee level about these properties and is not opposed to selling the land. His concerns is with the school across the road and at this time he felt that Council needed to put aside individual feelings toward the School Board. He reported having contacted the Principal at West Pictou Consolidated School and asked her if there would be any negative effects by selling these properties. The Principal did express some concern as the 2 parking lots on the other side of the road are used during various events throughout the year. Warden Parker suggested that the interested party who wants to purchase the properties would sign a 99 year lease that would allow the school to continue using the parking lots and asked if Council would be interested in putting those properties up for sale with that contingency.

CLOSED SESSION

Council met in closed session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss matters relating to the sale of municipal property.

OPEN SESSION

Council resumed in open session at 8:35 p.m.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Thompson that the preceding motion be amended to reword the second last paragraph of the resolution to read as follows:

“AND BE IT RESOLVED that Chief Administrative Officer be instructed to review and put forward to Council options for the sale of all or portions of the three properties.”

The motion to amend carried. (Nay Votes: Clrs. Wadden & Baillie)
The motion, as amended, carried.

CHAIR

Warden R. Parker resumed the Chair.

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:

Council:

Autism Pictou County	\$1,000.00	Event Donation
North Nova Education Centre	<u>1,000.00</u>	Graduation Expenses
	\$2,000.00	
Pictou Co. Council of Seniors/Outreach	1,700.00	Extension of the deadline to utilize Unspent balance, originally approved by Council on June 6/16

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(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Chester Dewar

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – RECREATION STRATEGY

Clr. Thompson presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the recreation sector in this province has a rich and successful history of engaging Nova Scotians in high quality and innovative recreational experiences; and

WHEREAS these experiences, be they physical, social, intellectual, creative or spiritual, contribute to individual wellbeing, vibrant, prosperous and healthy communities, and a closer relationship with the natural world; and

WHEREAS we are facing significant social and environmental challenges and recreation has proven to play an important role in addressing them; and

WHEREAS there is also evidence that recreation positively impacts tourism, helps to attract business, enriches neighborhoods, and encourages environmental protection; and

WHEREAS A Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015 – Pathways to Wellbeing was endorsed by Provincial and Territorial Ministers responsible for Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation and supported by the Government of Canada in February 2015; and

WHEREAS five goals that will help achieve the visions living through recreation:

Goal 1: Active Living: To foster active, healthy living through recreation.

- Goal 2: Inclusion and Access: To increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation.
- Goal 3: Connecting People and Nature: To help people connect to nature through recreation.
- Goal 4: Supportive Environments: To ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities.
- Goal 5: Recreation Capacity: To ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council adopt the national and provincial framework at our guiding framework, as it effectively articulates the challenges and opportunities facing recreation, provides a bold and progressive vision for the future, expresses the values and operating principles we're committed to and outlines a compelling set of goals.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 3rd day of April, 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. Butler asked at what point will there be input from communities and Warden R. Parker replied there will be feedback from particular groups as they develop the strategy.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – ABERCROMBIE WASTEWATER EXT. ENGINEERING TENDERS

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS request for proposals for the provision of engineering services were invited for the Abercrombie Wastewater Extension Project;

WHEREAS proposals were received from the following:

	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>HST Excluded</u>
EXP	\$ 99,592
CBCL	92,665
Stantec	98,315
SNC Lavalin	72,650
Design Point	102,425
Eastpoint	96,052

WHEREAS the CAO and Director of Public Works & Development independently reviewed each of the proposals and rated them on proponents team, methodology, submission quality, and fee proposal;

WHEREAS the CAO and Director of Public Works & Development were unanimous in choosing EXP as the firm that submitted the best proposal which meets the needs of the Municipality;

WHEREAS the Financial Services Committee concurs with that selection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the proposal dated March 31, 2017 from EXP Services Inc. for the provision of engineering services for the Abercrombie Wastewater Extension Project.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 3rd day of April, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – SPRINGFIELD EST. WASTEWATER EXT. ENGINEERING TENDERS

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS request for proposals for the provision of engineering services were invited for the Alma-Springfield Estates Water & Wastewater Extension Project;

WHEREAS proposals were received from the following:

	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>HST Excluded</u>
CBCL	\$153,710
Stantec	153,947
Design Point	192,470
Eastpoint	140,092
SNC Lavalin	75,120

WHEREAS the CAO and Director of Public Works & Development independently reviewed each of the proposals and rated them on proponents team, methodology, submission quality, and fee proposal;

WHEREAS the CAO and Director of Public Works & Development were unanimous in choosing CBCL as the firm that submitted the best proposal which meets the needs of the Municipality;

WHEREAS the Financial Services Committee concurs with that selection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the proposal dated March 31, 2017 from CBCL Limited for the provision of engineering services for the Alma-Springfield Estates Water & Wastewater Extension Project.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 3rd day of April, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & NOTICES OF MOTION

Clr. MacKeil asked that a letter to Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal in support of the residents who live on the Murray Road and the top of the Harris Road be placed on the next agenda of the Property Services Committee. The road has not been paved in 30+ years and the residents have been diligently contacting TIR to have the road repaved.

Clr. Thompson asked that the selection of members to sit on the Ad Hoc Recreation Strategy Committee be placed on the Financial Services Committee agenda.

Clr. D. Parker reported that he would like to have further information on how the Deed Transfer Tax funds are being used so he would like that item added to the next Financial Services Committee agenda. Clr. D. Parker asked when Council would have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the Shared Services Authority and the Mayors & Warden meeting and Warden R. Parker replied that those questions can be raised when the Warden's Report is presented at the Property Services Committee meeting.

Clr. Butler if Council is going to revisit the topic of Pictou County Transit so we can bring forth our concerns and why we voted against it.

Warden R. Parker responded that the next move will be a counter proposal from Mr. MacGillivray on behalf of CHAD and emphasized that Council is not turning down Pictou County Transit but just that particular proposal that was presented to Council for an early release of funds on the fixed route proposal for the purchase of a bus.

Clr. Wadden reported it was her understanding that Council was only turning down the advancement of the June date to April.

Warden R. Parker stated that unless we get some clarification on these other issues the percentage the Municipality was to contribute was not acceptable by some Councillors.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. (9:00 p.m.)

Robert Parker
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk