

April 5, 2022

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, and by videoconference and teleconference on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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| Dist. | 1 | Clr. Don Butler |
| | 2 | Clr. Deborah Wadden |
| | 3 | Clr. Darla MacKeil |
| | 4 | Clr. Mary Elliott |
| | 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

Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Sueann Musick, Communications Officer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development (by videoconference)

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden R. Parker called the meeting to order and invited Councillors to pray or reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the Municipality, and to remember our indigenous communities. \

The Warden acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaqi people and would like to thank the Mikmaqi people today for their ancestors sharing these precious lands with all our ancestors whether they arrived here 400 years ago or 4 years ago. May we all live in peace and harmony together.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the agenda be approved with an addition of two infrastructure resolutions. **Motion carried.**

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2022, were reviewed by the Municipal Council. There being no errors or omissions entered by the members of Council, the

Warden proclaimed the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2022, as the official record of that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Min. Nat. Res. & Renewables – Outlining the Province’s goals and priorities with respect to forest management.
- (b) Min. Mun. Affairs & Housing – Advising that the Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund) has expanded eligibility requirements to include fire halls/stations.
- (c) Min. Public Works- Advising that there has not been any change to the winter maintenance standards for paved and unpaved provincially owned roads.
- (d) Mayor of Westville – Advising that the Town will make appropriate personnel available to meet at any time to discuss solutions to the drainage issues impacting 5 Conley Drive.

Clr. Wadden inquired about the process that will be followed to allow fire departments to access the Canada Community Building Fund. The CAO replied that Council will first need to decide whether the fire departments or other community organizations that meet the eligible categories are going to be eligible. Secondly, the Council will need to decide on process to be followed; however, we have a very well developed grants process that this would align with.

Clr. Turner commented that it is welcomed news that the Town of Westville are willing to meet to address this issue and he will work with the Director of Public Works on this issue.

RESOLUTION – REPEAL OF PROOF OF VACCINATION POLICY

Clr. Dewar 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 repeal the COVID 19 Proof of Vaccination Policy #2021-11-56.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5th day of April 2022.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar
Andy Thompson

MOTION

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

RESOLUTION – VIDEOCONFERENCEING POLICY

Clr. MacKeil 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 following policy with respect to Videoconferencing:



POLICY #2022-04-57

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU COUNCIL VIDEOCONFERENCEING POLICY

1. This policy is entitled the “Council Videoconferencing Policy”.
2. The procedural requirements in this Policy are intended to complement and supplement, and not to replace, the requirements contained in
 - (1) the *Municipal Government Act*; and
 - (2) the Municipality’s Council Meetings and Council Proceedings Policies.
3. In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - (1) “Council” means the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou;
 - (2) “Council member(s)” include(s) the Warden; and
 - (3) “meeting” means a regular or special meeting of Council.

Public Notice

4. A council meeting or council committee meeting may be conducted by videoconference if, at least two days prior to the meeting, notice is given to the public respecting the way in which the meeting is to be conducted;

5. The notice to the public referred to in section 4 must be given by:
 - (1) publication in a newspaper circulating in the municipality;
 - (2) posting on the Municipality of the County of Pictou's publicly accessible Internet site and in at least five conspicuous places in the municipality; or
 - (3) such other method permitted by regulation.
6. Notwithstanding section 5, where the Warden determines that there is an emergency, a meeting may be conducted by videoconference without notice or with such notice as is possible in the circumstances.

All Council members attend by videoconference

7. The Clerk may require all Council members to appear at a meeting by videoconference if each Council member and the Municipality of the County of Pictou have videoconferencing equipment available that will:
 - (1) enable the public to see and hear each Council member participate in the meeting by videoconference;
 - (2) enable each Council member to see and hear every other Council member participate in the meeting by videoconference.

One or more Council members attend by videoconference

8. Except as provided in section 7, Council members must attend Council meetings in person or, if approved by the Clerk pursuant to section 9, one or more Council members may appear at a meeting by videoconference.
9. Subject to the other provisions of this Policy, the Clerk shall grant permission to a Council member to participate in a meeting, or part of a meeting, by videoconference if:
 - (1) prior to the meeting, the Council member provides written notice to the Clerk indicating that the Council member wishes to attend the meeting by videoconference;
 - (2) the Council member has not participated in more than 2 meetings by videoconference in the preceding 12 months in addition to meetings in which all Council members participated by videoconference;
 - (3) the Council member has videoconferencing equipment available

that will:

- (a) enable the public to see and hear the Council member participate in the meeting by videoconference; and
 - (b) enable the Council member to see and hear each of the Council members who are attending the Council Meeting by videoconference or in person.
- (4) the Municipality of the County of Pictou has videoconferencing equipment available that will:
- (a) enable the public to see and hear the Council member participate in the meeting by videoconference;
 - (b) enable the Council member to see and hear each of the Council members who are attending the Council Meeting by videoconference or in person; and
 - (c) enable every Council member who is attending the meeting by videoconference or in person to see and hear all other Council members who are attending the meeting by videoconference or in person.
10. Any Council member participating by videoconference in a meeting shall be deemed to be:
- (1) present at those parts of the meeting in which a Council member is permitted to participate by videoconference under this Policy; and
 - (2) absent for any parts of the meeting in which a Council member is not permitted to participate by videoconference under this Policy.
11. The Clerk shall not grant permission to a Council member to participate by videoconference in any of the following:
- (1) any part of a meeting during which the issue under discussion will be decided by a vote held by secret ballot;
 - (2) a vote held by secret ballot.

Technological problems - failure to connect or disconnection

12. If technological problems prevent a Council member from participating in a meeting prior to the meeting commencing, the Council member shall be marked

absent from the meeting.

13. If a Council member becomes disconnected from the meeting due to technical problems or other reasons, the minutes shall reflect that the Council member left the meeting at the time of the disconnection.
14. This Policy applies to committees established by Council, with such changes as the context requires.
15. Council may, by the unanimous affirmative vote of all the members present at such meeting, suspend any section of this policy.

REPEAL

16. All former policies and/or practices with respect to videoconferencing are hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5th day of April 2022.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil
Mary Elliott

MOTION

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

RESOLUTION-RECREATION GRANTS POLICY

Clr. D. Parker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council adopt the following policy with respect to recreation grants:



POLICY #2022-04-52

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU RECREATION GRANT POLICY

1) PURPOSE

- a) To establish equitable guidelines for Council Members and Municipal Staff for the distribution of funds to the not-for-profit sector and charitable organizations in the community for recreation purposes.

2) **AUTHORITY**

- a) Authority is provided under Section 65, Municipal Government Act, as amended.

3) **OBJECTIVES**

- a) To identify on an annual basis the amount of funding that the Municipality will provide in grants.
- b) To establish a process for applying for grant money which is fair and consistently applied, as well as a process by which the Municipality will consider grant requests.
- c) To identify criteria upon which grant applications will be evaluated.

4) **FUNDING AGREEMENTS**

- a) The Municipal Council may enter into special funding agreements with groups or organizations to provide multi-year commitments.
 - i) The agreement will be ratified by municipal council by way of motion.
 - ii) The agreement shall define the base level of funding to be provided for in each of the fiscal years.
 - iii) No agreement shall exceed a term that extends beyond the subsequent council term.
- b) Once an agreement is in executed the organization will not need to apply for funding during the term of the agreement and the funding will be processed through the annual budget process not the grant program.

5) **GRANTS**

- a) The Municipal Council may grant funds to community organizations/individuals from its annual operating fund for:
 - i) **Community Recreation Program Operating Grant:** To assist community organization in development or delivery of recreation programming or leadership development.
 - **Start-up Grants:** A community group may receive on a one-time basis up to \$350 to assist a new community organization with expenses relating to the establishment of the organization. It can also be used towards a new program for an existing group.

- Community Recreation Program Grant: The Municipal Council may grant up to \$750 to a community organization that provides summer recreation programming for the residents of Pictou County.
 - In order to qualify for funding the organization must provide summer staff for their programs.
 - Leadership: The Municipality recognizes the value that volunteers, and community leaders play in our communities and that building their capacity builds strong and viable communities. This grant may be used to pay for training individuals or community groups that develops leadership.
 - Applicants are eligible for up to 50 percent of the cost of training to a maximum of \$300
 - Requests in the amount of \$300 or less shall be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
 - Requests in excess of \$300 shall be referred to the Financial Services Committee. Prior to a decision being made by the Financial Services Committee, staff shall prepare a report on the status of the budget remaining in the program.
 - Annual Operating Assistance: Assists with the general operating expenses of an organization or a specific recreation program.
- ii) **District Grants:** District grants must be awarded by March 31st of the fiscal year in which the funds are allocated.
- Each District Councillor is allotted \$150 per fiscal year to be distributed for recreational purposes in their District.
 - Applications for District Grants shall be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
- iii) **Major Community Recreation Capital:** to assist with the creation expansion or improvement of a community facility generally in excess of \$10,000.
- Manses are not eligible for this grant.

- Church halls may be considered for funding if the hall:
 - operates primarily for community, culture and diversity benefit;
 - provides programs that serve a broader community and not strictly the organization's membership.
 - Applicants must demonstrate the use of these types of spaces through demonstrated calendar bookings, event flyers, etc.
 - The municipality may provide up to 40 percent of the project cost, which do not include in-kind.
 - Organization has not received major community recreation capital funding in the previous three (3) years.
 - The deadline for applications for the April 1st to March 31st fiscal year is the last working day of February of the preceding fiscal year.
- iv) **Community Recreation Capital:** The Municipal Council may allocate a portion of its recreation programming grants to provide funding to assist groups who wish to construct or renovate their facilities, which will enhance programs or services for the residents of Pictou County. Consideration will also be given to requests to purchase machinery and or equipment not normally purchased through operating funds;
- The maximum allotment for the grant is 50 percent of the cost of the project, up to a maximum of \$1,000.
 - Organizations may only receive funding once every three years.
- v) **Youth Travel:** The Municipality offers a youth travel grant to assist individuals or teams or groups with travel to National Competitions or competitions outside of the province in sport or cultural or educational events.
- Youth is defined as an individual who is attending elementary or secondary educational institutions and is a resident of the Municipality of the County of Pictou.
 - The grant shall be for \$100 per person to a maximum of \$1,000 per team.

- Applications for youth travel shall be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
 - At a least once per quarter, the Council shall be informed of awards under this portion of the grants program.
 - No approval in excess of the budgeted amount shall be approved administratively without the consent of the Municipal Council.
- vi) **Sponsorship:** The Municipality will offer advertising or fundraising to local, not for profit organizations for the promotion of events, programs that offer a direct benefit to the residents of the Municipality.
- Requests are processed on a first come first serve basis.
 - Requests in the amount of \$300 or less shall be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
 - Requests in excess of \$300 shall be referred to the Financial Services Committee. Prior to a decision being made by the Financial Services Committee, staff shall prepare a report on the status of the budget remaining in the program.
 - Maximum funding that any group may receive is \$500 per fiscal year.
- vii) **Tournament Sponsorship:** The Municipal Council may provide funding to tournaments in accordance with the terms
- For sponsoring groups to host a Provincial Tournament in Pictou County a grant of \$250 may be made payable to assist with tournament expenses, where one or more players from the Municipality is a member of the host team;
 - For sponsoring groups to host a National or International Tournament in Pictou County, a grant of \$500 may be made payable to assist with tournament expenses where one or more players from the Municipality is/are a member of the host team;
 - For greater certainty a Provincial, National, or International Tournament referenced in Section 4(h)(ii) and 4(h)(iii) shall be defined as a tournament that determines the overall position

of a champion, teams or individuals in a sport or event for the given year or season.

viii) **Participant funding High-Cost Programs:** The Municipal Council may subsidize the cost of recreation programming provided by sports organization who use major recreation facilities (**High-Cost Funding**) and provide recreation programs to the residents of the County of Pictou.

- High-Cost Funding for the high-cost programs will be calculated at a rate of \$25 per County participant;
- The minimum grant allotment to any organization will be \$100.
- The maximum grant allotment to any organization will be \$8,000 in a fiscal year.
- Applications for High-Cost Funding shall be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
- At a least once per quarter, the Council shall be informed of awards under this portion of the grants program.
- No approval in excess of the budgeted amount shall be approved administratively without the consent of the Municipal Council.
- A group shall only receive funding once per fiscal year.

ix) **Participant Funding Low-Cost Programs:** The Municipal Council may subsidize the costs of recreation programming provided by sports organizations that provide low costs programs to the residents of Pictou County.

- Funding for low costs programs will be calculated at the rate of \$10.00 per County participant;
- The minimum grant allotment to any organization will be \$100.
- Applications for Low-Cost Funding shall be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
- At a least once per quarter, the Council shall be informed of awards under this portion of the grants program.

- No approval in excess of the budgeted amount shall be approved administratively without the consent of the Municipal Council.
- A group shall only receive funding once per fiscal year.

6) REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- a) Grants approved for \$1,000 and below will not be required to report on how the money was spent in accordance with this section. Program Grants will not be required to report, but all other grants in excess of \$1,000 will be required.
- b) All grant recipients have until January 31st to submit their reporting form and documentation to demonstrate the grant was spent and in accordance the terms of funding.
- c) In the event that the project is completed without requiring the full use of the grant allocated by the Municipality, then the unspent portion shall be returned to the Municipality.
- d) Failure to report may result in ineligibility for further grant funding.
- e) In rare circumstances, an applicant's eligibility may be suspended for a specified time period for misappropriation of funds, failure to report, or misrepresentation.

7) REPEAL

All former policies with respect to recreation grants, including Policy #2019-05-52, are hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5th day of April, 2022.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Mary Elliott

MOTION

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

RESOLUTION-CHARITABLE DONATIONS RECEIPTS EAST RIVER VALLEY RECREATION ASSOCIATION PLAY PROJECT

_Clr. Thompson presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a qualified donee;

WHEREAS the Income Tax Act permits qualified donees to issue official donation receipts for income tax purposes;

WHEREAS the MacDonald Rebekah Lodge #108 has requested that the Municipality receive donated funds for the Lodge's Capital Improvements Project and issue charitable tax receipts to respective donors;

WHEREAS the Financial Services Committee supports this request and recommends that the Municipality's charitable tax number be used for that purpose;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council authorizes the collection of charitable donations to the MacDonald Rebekah Lodge #108 Capital Improvements Project and the issuance of charitable tax receipts for same.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5th day of April, 2022.

(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- CHARITABLE DONATIONS MACDONALD REBEKAH LODGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Clr. Thompson presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a qualified donee;

WHEREAS the Income Tax Act permits qualified donees to issue official donation receipts for income tax purposes;

RESOLUTION RENAMING PUMP ROAD TO NANCYS WAY

Clr. D. Parker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS a request has been received from the residents of the Pump Road in District #7 to have the name of the road changed to Nancys Way;

WHEREAS the request was accompanied by a petition signed by a majority of the residents of the road in support of the request, and endorsed by the Councillor for the area;

WHEREAS the request meets all conditions of the Policy #2018-08-24 Private Roads Naming Policy; which includes procedures for Municipally owned streets;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the name change from Pump Road to Nancys Way on this municipally owned street;

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 5th day of April 2022.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Mary Elliott

Motion

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

Clr. D. Parker reported that this road name change is to honour the late Nancy Lockehart who lost a courageous battle to cancer almost a year ago. Mrs. Lockehart worked tirelessly to see improvements to this road and have the municipality assume ownership of the road. This name change will also eliminate confusion with the Pumphouse Road in Granton.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION LOAN GAURANTEE EAST RIVER VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW VEHICLE

Clr. Thompson presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN GAURANTEE RESOLUTION**

**Amount: \$100,000
Department**

**Fire Department: East River Valley Fire
Purpose: New Fire Truck**

WHEREAS the East River Valley Fire Department is a registered fire department with the Municipality of the County of Pictou

WHEREAS the East River Valley Fire Department is incorporated by the Societies Act;

WHEREAS the East River Valley Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of a new fire truck by special resolution on the 15th day of March 2022 as per section 10 (d) of the Societies Act;

WHEREAS the East River Valley Fire Department has requested the Municipality of the County of Pictou to guarantee the said borrowing;

WHEREAS Section 294 (6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a Municipality may grant or grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes; and

WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved the proposed borrowing or debenture and off the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of the County of Pictou does hereby approve the borrowing by the East River Valley Fire Department of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the guarantee, the Municipality, unconditionally guarantee repayment of principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon, the issue of debentures the Warden and the Clerk at the municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the Corporate Seal of the Municipality.

DATED AT Pictou, N.S, this the 5th day of April 2022.

(Sgd) Andy Thompson
Randy Palmer

MOTION

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION RURAL BROADBAND PROJECT

Deputy Warden Murray presented the following resolution:

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION RENEWAL

Amount: \$31,542,110

Renewal Projects: Schedule "A" Attached

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose as authorized by statute;

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act and are so authorized to expend funds for a capital purpose as identified in their capital budget;

WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 8th day of September 2020, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated the 19th day of March, 2021 did borrow from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Thirty-one Million Five Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$31,542,100) for the purposes set out above and for a period not exceeding twelve months; and

WHEREAS Council has deemed it expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the authorized period of borrowing in the amount not exceeding Thirty-One Million Five Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$31,542,110) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

DATED AT Pictou, this the 5th Day of April 2022.

(Sgd). Wayne Murray

Darla MacKeil

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray, seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented. **Motion Carried**

(Nay Votes: Clr. Palmer, Thompson, Wadden)

RESOLUTION SALEM WASTEWATER AND WATER EXTENSION

Deputy Warden Murray presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the County of Pictou submit the project titled the *Salem Loop Water and Wastewater Extension for Funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Stream and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council supports the project and commits to provide its share **(\$1,350,985)** toward the **\$5,080,557** project cost.

DATED AT Pictou, Nova Scotia this the 5th day of April 2022.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray
Mary Elliott

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray, seconded by Clr. Elliott that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented. **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION MACLELLANS BROOK WATER EXTENSION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the County of Pictou submit the project titled the *MacLellans Brook Water Extension for Funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Stream and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council supports the project and commits to provide its share **(\$1,781,899)** toward the **\$6,681,291** project cost.

DATED AT Pictou, Nova Scotia this the 5th day of April 2022.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Andy Thompson

MOTION

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

Motion Carried

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Butler informed the Council of a successful fundraiser for Lismore Hall with its No Show Auction. The event raised about \$10,000 with over 120 items donated to auction and more than 120 individuals bid on auction items. Clr. Butler thanked the entire community who rallied around the need. Clr. Butler said "I can say I feel good about the tremendous support we received from everyone".

Clr. Boyles informed the Council that the Hillside Community Society is having spring craft fair this Saturday April 9, 2022, from 8 am to 1 pm at the Hillside Hall.

Clr. Palmer reminded Council that this Saturday April 9, 2022, that there will be a retirement party for Wayne Buttle from 2-4 p.m. at the Ivor MacDonald Arena.

Clr. D. Parker informed members of Council that the Union Centre Community Hall, is hosting a fundraising dinner on the last day of April. The meal will be a Roast Pork supper with a cost of \$12 per plate.

Clr. Boyles reported that the Climate Change Committee will be hosting a tree planting event on May 14, 2022, at 1 pm at 421 MacBain Road in Scotsburn

Sueann Musick reported that there are still tickets available for the DEANS Gala Event to be held on April 21st at the Pictou County Wellness Centre.

Sueann Musick reported that Arlene MacGregor has been selected as the Volunteer of the Year and will attend the provincial ceremony in the fall and staff are looking at planning something locally.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Elliott, seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the Council meet in-camera to discuss matters relating to sale of municipal property and contract negotiations.

OPEN SESSION

Council resumed in open session at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting the Warden declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Robert Parker
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk