

April 17, 2023

The Financial Services Committee for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building by videoconference and teleconference on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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
8 Clr. Larry Turner
10 Clr. Randy Palmer
11 Clr. Andy Thompson
12 Clr. Chester Dewar

ABSENT

7 Clr. David Parker
9 Clr. Peter Boyles

IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Clr. MacKeil called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Butler that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

MINUTES

Clr. MacKeil asked if there were any errors, corrections, or omissions in the minutes for March 20, 2023. The members of the Committee entered no errors or omissions. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on March 20, 2023, as the official record of the meeting.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

Thank you card from Pictou County Arts Society.

CORRESPONDENCE (Required for Action)

Council accepted a letter from Ann Findlay, Principal at North Nova Education Center, concerning graduation expenses. Clr. MacKeil said Council has supported North Nova Education Centre and Northumberland Regional High School with financial assistance to help with graduation expenses. Council agreed this should be done again this year.

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Palmer

North Nova Education Center	\$1000
Northumberland Regional High School	\$1000

Motion Carried

RECREATION REPORT

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the recreation report be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Warden Parker that the communications report be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that the Emergency Services report be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

FIRE INSPECTORS REPORT

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Palmer that the Fire Inspectors report be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

ACCOUNTS PAID

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that the accounts paid report be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

DEED TRANSFER TAX

The Deed Transfer Tax report for the month of March 2023 was received for information purposes only.

TAXES RECEIVABLE REPORT

The Taxes Receivable report for the month of March 2023 was received for information purposes only.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES GRANT

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Thompson that the following Municipal Service Grants be approved for District 7.

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Warden Parker that the following Municipal Service Grants be approved for District 10.

Motions Carried

a. D07 Caledonia Cemetery	\$1500.00
b. D07 Middle River Birch Hill Cemetery	\$2000.00
c. D07 Mill Brook Cemetery	\$3660.00
d. D07 St. Andrews Cemetery	\$4500.00
e. D07 Carpool Lot Street Light	\$490.00
f. D10 Thorburn and District War Veterans Assoc	\$1500.00
g. D10 MacPhersons Mills Comm. Hall	\$2500.00
h. D10 District 13 Recreation and Planning Comm.	\$3000.00
i. D10 Union Presbyterian Church	\$2500.00
j. D10 Thorburn and District Fire Dept.	\$3000.00
k. D10 Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena	\$1000.00
l. D10 Thorburn Cemetery Association	\$2500.00
m. D10 The Mountain Cemetery	\$2500.00
n. D10 MacPhersons Mills Cemetery	\$4000.00
o. D10 Thorburn Kiosk 150	\$3000.00

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

It was recommended that the Municipal Council request a renewal of the Temporary Borrowing Resolution through the Department of Municipal Affairs.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Elliott.

Motion Carried

MACDONALD REBEKAH LODGE

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Dewar that the MacDonald Rebekah Lodge be moved to Schedule A of the Tax Exemption Policy.

Motion Carried

SCHOOL BURSARY CONSIDERATIONS

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Butler that the Municipality approved the bursary for the four local schools.

North Nova Education Center	\$1000
Northumberland Regional High School	\$1000
Tatamagouche Academy	\$200
Pictou Academy	\$200

Motion Carried

INTERNET PROJECT TRUCK TENDER

It was moved by Clr. Dewar to accept the lowest tender for the truck tender as had been the policy in the past.

CAO Cullen explained that the policy had been updated and that consideration would be given to vehicle tenders to include environmental factors such as hybrid vehicles. Warden Parker said the Council would need to look at the overall operating costs of the vehicle and not solely the initial costs.

This motion was not seconded and Clr. Dewar withdrew.

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Turner to accept the recommendation of the Ford F150 4x4 Super Crew Hybrid truck for the Municipal Internet Project.

Motion Carried

MUNICIPAL SERVICES GRANT TRANSFER

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Elliott that Council approve a transfer of \$300,000 to allow payment of municipal service grants before the 2023-24 operating budget is approved.

Motion Carried

MUNICIPAL VEHICLE POLICY UPDATE

The Financial Services Committee reviewed the recommendations to amend the Municipal Vehicle Policy. It was moved by Clr. Elliott and seconded by Warden Parker that changes be updated in the Municipal Vehicle Policy (Policy #2021-11-08).

Motion Carried

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND FIRE INSPECTION

Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services, discussed the preliminary budget for 2023-24 for the Emergency Services Department and Fire Inspection budget.

PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT

Public Works Director Logan McDowell discussed the preliminary budget for 2023-24 for Public Works and Development.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions brought forward.

ADJOURN

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK