

April 17, 2023

The Property 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. Randy Palmer, chair of the Property Services Committee, 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. Turner and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

## **MINUTES**

Clr. Palmer 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 that meeting.

### **MOTION - BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT**

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Butler that the Building Inspection report for March 2023 be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

### **MOTION - BYLAW/DOG CONTROL REPORT**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the Bylaw/Dog Control Officer's report for March 2023 be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

### **MOTION - DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT**

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Turner that the Development Officer's report for March 2023 be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

### **LAND USE PLANNING UPDATE**

Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works and Development stated that the project has commenced. Information had been given at the rate payer's meeting in Clr. Parker's district. MOPC staff have been forwarding information to the consultant. A session is scheduled with the Council members and consultants for April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Warden Parker asked when the public would have the opportunity to provide their input. Mr. McDowell said the public would have their initial chance once the community consultation strategy is put together with the consultant, which will likely be in June or July. There will be online portals and designated email addresses, and the Director of Public Works has responded to every phone call he receives.

## **VISIONING REPORT GOALS**

CAO Cullen said that the goals need to be prioritized by Council as to what the top issues are to be worked on, and MOPC budget should be finalized by June or July. Council should have a systemized calendar-based approach set up to proactively assist with funding opportunities for identifying and facilitating through the grant process.

The Land Use Development should be taking the proposal and mapping out what that looks like. The suggestion was made that a presentation by a community member is made on the needs of community safety and the vulnerability sector. Research on models from jurisdictions to support local small businesses and to support economic development. Council will meet with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss ways to advocate for more financial investment to better our roads.

CAO Cullen said researching the models and continuing to support basic guaranteed supplemental income could help alleviate affordable housing issues. Exploring municipal land use, strengthening citizen access to financial reports, creating partnerships with provincial agencies, climate change and the PACE program. Meeting with Pictou County Transit to see if there could be an opportunity for a partnership to discuss affordable transportation.

CAO Cullen said that under mental health, there is a need to advocate for more ways to help people with mental health issues proactively. Warden Parker said there is a meeting next week with the province to advocate for more ways to help people in crisis with mental health support in our communities.

Clr. Elliott recommended that because of the amount of information in the visionary report, a meeting should be held to prioritize what is to be done and where the money is coming from.

Clr. Palmer, Chair of the Property Services Committee, agreed with Clr. Elliott, there should be a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to know what we can accomplish this year.

Council agreed to have a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss these issues further.

Nay Vote Clr. Larry Turner

## **MEETING MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS**

Warden Parker suggested that the meeting management effectiveness discussion occur the same night the visionary goals are discussed. Council members agreed.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no community announcements brought forward.

**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 7:55 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

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