

January 15, 2024

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, January 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Clr. MacKeil, Chair of the Financial 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. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Parker that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried**

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

Warden Parker requested an addition regarding CEBA loans. There was unanimous consent to add the item to the agenda as item 8E.

MINUTES

Clr. MacKeil asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for December 18, 2023. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on December 18, 2023, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

COMMUNICATION REPORT

The Communication Report for the month of December 2023 was received as presented.

RECREATION REPORT

The Recreation Report for the month of December 2023 was received as presented.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden's Report for the month of December 2023 was received as presented.

DEED TRANSFER TAX (For Information Purposes Only)

The Deed Transfer Tax Report for the month of December 2023 was received for information purposes.

TAXES RECEIVABLE REPORT

The Taxes Receivable Report for the month of December 2023 was received for information purposes.

ACCOUNTS PAID – DECEMBER 2023

It was moved by Clr. Parker and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the Accounts Paid Report for the month of December 2023 be received as presented. **Motion Carried**

INTERNET SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY HALLS

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Boyles that Council accept the staff recommendation that the MOPC provide free internet services to community halls designated as warming centres and service the community's broader interests. **Motion Carried**

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS

District 11

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| a. Bridgeville Community Club | \$2,000.00 | Operating Costs |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|

b. SBI 4H	\$250.00	Program Expenses
	Total \$2,250.00	

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Thompson that the preceding Municipal Services Grants be approved for District 11. **Motion Carried**

EXTENSION REQUESTS FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS TO 2024/25

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the following Municipal Service Grants be approved for an extension: **Motion Carried**

District 2

Bethel Presbyterian Church	\$1,700.00	Building Repairs
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District 4

St. John The Baptist Anglican Church	\$1,000.00	Roof Repairs
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SPONSORSHIP OF PC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS BANQUET AND AGM

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Palmer that Council sponsors the PC Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet and AGM for \$1,800.00.

Motion Carried

CEBA LOANS

Warden Parker said that during Covid, small businesses were not eligible for CERB. Many small businesses had no income during that time and the Federal Government extended the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan. This loan offered small businesses interest-free loans up to \$60,000, and for eligible loan holders, could result in loan forgiveness of up to \$20,000.

When the time came to pay back the loan, many businesses could not pay this back. The repayment of this loan was extended to January 18, 2024. Warden Parker said the ask now is that the extension be applied to the \$20,000 grant as well as the pay back time. Warden Parker said that the CERB program was very fair and did not have to be repaid and small businesses are asking for the grant part to stay available.

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Boyles that Council send a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau and MP Sean Fraser requesting the CEBA loans and grants for small businesses be extended until December 31, 2024. **Motion Carried**

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK