

June 17, 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, June 17, 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
- 12 Clr. Chester Dewar

ABSENT

- 11 Clr. Andy Thompson

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
John Shanks, Solicitor

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. Elliott and seconded by Clr. Parker said that the agenda should be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

MINUTES

Clr. MacKeil asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for May 21, 2024. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on May 21, 2024, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

REPORTS

COMMUNICATION AND INVASIVE SPECIES REPORT

The Communication Report for the month of May 2024 was received as presented.

Mr. MacInnis presented to Council on invasive species and keeping residents informed. Mr. MacInnis said that the purpose of this guide was to help inform residents about the invasive species they might encounter here in Pictou County.

RECREATION REPORT

The Recreation Report for the month of May 2024 was received as presented.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden's Report for the month of May 2024 was received as presented.

Clr. Turner asked the Warden if it was suspected that there would be more activity regarding the Coastal Erosion protest that was attended and if concerted efforts would be made. Warden Parker said that many people along the shore are concerned about the long-term effects and expect this to continue.

Clr. Turner asked if there had been any response from the other counties along the Northumberland Shore. The Warden said Cumberland and Colchester County expressed interest but nothing concrete, and they would like to bring this issue to their Council. Clr. Palmer said that this Council still has to sit down and discuss what can be done to protect the shoreline.

TAXES RECEIVABLE REPORT

The Taxes Receivable Report for the month of May 2024 was received for information purposes.

DEED TRANSFER TAX

The Deed Transfer Tax for the month of May 2024 was received as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAID – MAY 2024

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Turner that the Accounts Paid Report for the month of May 2024 be received as presented.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION:

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Turner to approve the following Municipal Service Grant for District 2:

Motion Carried

District 2:

a. LH Walking and Bicycling Trail Society	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	Composite Picnic Table @ Roy Island
Total	\$2,000.00	

It was moved by Clr. Elliott and seconded by Clr. Parker to approve the following Municipal Service Grants for District 4:

Motion Carried

District 4:

a. Bellevue & Extension Cemetery Assoc.	\$3,500.00	Maintenance
b. River John Community Action Society	\$2,737.00	Lighting, Security, Maintenance @ Rogers Landing and Bissell Park
c. Campbell Point Cemetery	\$2,000.00	Maintenance
d. River Bank Cemetery	\$2,000.00	Survey and Maintenance
e. Mountain Road Cemetery	\$1,000.00	Maintenance
f. River John Legion Branch 108	\$900.00	Maintenance
g. Salem United Church Cemetery	\$3,000.00	Maintenance
h. River John & District Lions Club	\$3,800.00	Playground Repairs
l. River John & Area Historical Club	\$5750.00	Upgrades to Building
j. River John and Area Recreation Assoc.	\$4,300.00	Purchase Lawn Tractor
k. West Branch Hall Street Light	\$40.00	Yearly Cost
l. Salem United Church Street Light	<u>\$40.00</u>	Yearly Cost
Total	\$29,067.00	

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to approve the following Municipal Service Grants for District 6: **Motion Carried**

District 6:

a. Loch Broom Log Church Committee	\$5,000.00	Maint of Church and Property
b. Salem and Area Recreation	\$25,000.00	Construct Multi Use Pad
c. West River Presbyterian Church	<u>\$5,635.00</u>	Exterior Work on Hall

Total \$35,635.00

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Dewar to approve the following Municipal Service Grant for District 9: **Motion Carried**

District 9:

a. Hillside Community Society	<u>\$14,000.00</u>	Upgrades to Basement
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Total \$14,000.00

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Dewar to approve the following Municipal Service Grants for District 11: **Motion Carried**

District 11:

a. East River St. Mary's Fire Dept	\$1,500.00	Equip and Operations
b. Blue Mountain Fire Department	\$1,500.00	Equip. and Operations
c. Garden of Eden Community Hall	\$2,000.00	Operating Expenses
d. Garden of Eden Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
e. Moose River Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
f. Green's Brook Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
g. Bridgeville Community Hall	\$2,000.00	Operations
h. Bridgeville Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
i. ERV Recreation Association	\$2,000.00	Operations
j. ERV Community Dev. Association	\$1,500.00	Newsletter
k. Glenco Community Hall	\$5,000.00	Demolition and Reclamation of Hall Property
l. Plymouth Comm. and Rec.Assoc	\$3,750.00	Paving of Reserved Parking Area
m. Plymouth Fire Department	\$1,500.00	Equipment and Operations
n. Plymouth Fire Dept. Ladies Aux	\$ 950.00	Equipment Purchases
o. Churchville Hall	\$2,000.00	Operating Expenses
p. Churchville Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
q. Springville Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
r. SBI 4H Club	\$500.00	Operating Expenses
s. Sunny Brae Cemetery	<u>\$400.00</u>	Maintenance

Total \$27,000.00

RECREATION GRANTS

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Palmer to sponsor the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference at St. F.X. in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Platinum level. **Motion Carried**

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Wadden to fund the Lismore and District Community Centre Youth Leadership Program through the Recreation Community Operating Grant. **Motion Carried**

MAINTENANCE TENDERS FOR ROADS

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to approve the maintenance tenders for the roads provided by Public Works and Development. **Motion Carried**

Warden Parker asked Mr. McDowell if there was a time that could be given to residents when the work would be completed. Mr. McDowell said it is about a month and a half earlier than previous years in awarding this work. Bidders were also requested to put in the time to complete the work. The longest wait time for the bids was approximately four weeks. The brush-cutting project had a time frame of six weeks.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Parker to go In-Camera. **Motion Carried**

It was moved by Clr. Parker and seconded by Clr. Turner is to go to regular sessions. **Motion Carried**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Wadden expressed thanks for the Community Connectivity Event Grant Fund, which was used for a community fun day. It was a fantastic day, and members of the community were very pleased.

Clr. Parker said there will be an open house at the West River Firehall on Thursday, June 20, 2024, from 3:00 to 5:00 and 6:00 to 8:00. The open house will have various stations, and experts will speak about the Carbon Run Program.

Deputy Warden Murray said there will be a meet-and-greet on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Lyons Brook Hall. A table for the MOPC Internet will also be set up to speak to residents.

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 8:44 p.m.

WARDEN

MUNICIPAL CLERK