

January 16, 2023

The Property Services Committee for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building and by videoconference and teleconference on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 7 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 (Chair) |
| 11 | Clr. Andy Thompson |
| 12 | Clr. Chester Dewar |

IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Sueann Musick, Communications Officer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development

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 Clr. MacKeil 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 Dec. 19, 2022. There were no errors or omissions entered by the members of the Committee. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on December 19th, 2022, as the official record of that meeting.

MOTION – BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the Building Inspection Report for the month of December 2022 was received for information purposes.

Motion Carried.

MOTION – BY-LAW/DOG CONTROL REPORT

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Warden Parker that the report of the By-Law/Dog Control Officer for the month of December 2022 be received for information purposes.

Chair Palmer asked for an update on the status of property 446 Thorburn Road. Mr. McDowell said a second package needs to be delivered for the second unit on the same property.

Warden Parker asked what happens when a property comes under the new ownership of property deemed to be unsightly. Mr. McDowell said the complaint would continue, and new order does not need to be issued.

Deputy Warden Murray asked if demolition permits had been issued for Tower Road, Millsville.

Motion Carried

MOTION- DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Wadden that the report of the Development Officer for the month of December 2022 be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

COTTAGE COLLECTION TONNAGE REPORT

The report was received for information services. Clr. Elliott said that based on tonnage, residents would be able to keep the service in the next contract. CAO Cullen said this would be taken into consideration during budget deliberations. Clr. Thompson said the condition of the roads in the off-season months must be considered and to ensure the roads are not being damaged by the collection. Warden Parker said many cottages are being used as permanent homes by people and what is being done now is adequate.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the Central and East Community Health Boards about sidewalks in the Blue Acres areas was reviewed by the Committee. Clr. Thompson said the letter outlines concerns he has expressed about the area.

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Palmer that a letter be sent to the Town of New Glasgow and the Town of Stellarton to request they help fund

the sidewalks in Blue Acres.

Motion Carried

ROADSIDE DEBRIS AND BRUSH COLLECTION

Clr. Boyles said he has heard concerns from residents about grinding work done by the Province of Nova Scotia to clear tree limbs from power lines. He said some residents had substantial property damage from the debris left behind after removing the limbs. Clr. D. Parker said he had a similar situation in his district where a landowner had considerable debris left on his farmland, and a fence was destroyed. Clr. Wadden said similar debris has been left on properties by Nova Scotia Power after Hurricane Fiona cleanup. She said trees were cut and left on the properties for the residents to clean up.

It was moved by Clr. Peter Boyles and seconded Clr. D. Parker to send a letter to local MLA Tim Houston and the Department of Transportation and the Minister of Transportation to ask why residents are left with this debris and why they are not responding to it residents' complaints about property damage. Motion Carried

It was moved Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. MacKeil to send a letter to Nova Scotia Power requesting that residents with a brush left on their properties due to work done by Nova Scotia Power after Hurricane Fiona have it removed by the company. Warden Parker said Nova Scotia Power would be meeting with the Warden and Deputy Warden in the future, and the topic could also be brought up there. Based on this information, the mover and seconder withdrew the motion.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Dewar thanked municipal staff and fellow councillors for attending the opening of the Eureka Mills Bridge.


Clr. Boyles said the Hillside Hall was approved for a generator by the provincial government.

Clr. D. Parker said that on January 17 at Tatamagouche Fire Hall at 7 p.m. there will be a meeting with woodlot owners and contractors to discuss and coordinate some of the recovery efforts from Hurricane Fiona.

Clr. Elliott said Toney River Community Hall is hosting its annual seafood chowder fundraiser.

ADJOURN

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting to be adjourned.



CHAIRPERSON



MUNICIPAL CLERK