

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS/YOUTUBE STREAMING CHANNEL

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Moment of Silence
- 3. Land Acknowledgement
- 4. Approval of Agenda
- 5. Emergency Resolutions

6. Errors and Omissions/Corrections to Minutes

a. Council Meeting June 3, 2024

7. Correspondence (Information enclosed)

- a. Letter from Municipality of Shelburne Regarding Federal Government's Expanding Qualifying Expenditures for the Canada Community Building Fund
- b. Letter from the Minister of Public Works Regarding RIM Program
- c. Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Regarding Changes in 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.
- d. Letter from Federal Minister of Justice Regarding Policing Review.
- e. Letter from NS Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables Regarding the Spring Bear Hunt.
- f. Thank You Note from Pictou Academy for Graduation Bursary.

8. Business Items Not Requiring Action

a. East River Business Park Business Development Report

9. Business Items or Items Requiring Action

- a. 2024/2025 Tax Rate and General Operating Budget Clr. MacKeil
- b. Area Rates for Streetlights, Hydrant and Sewer Deputy Warden Murray
- c. Water Utility Rates Clr. Elliott
- d. Fire Area Rates Clr. Thompson
- e. New Scotland Business Park Area Rate Clr. Wadden
- f. Council Grants Clr. Parker
- g. Sheep Valuer Appointments Clr. Dewar
- h. Municipal Service Grants
 - 1. Districts 2, 5, 6, 9 Clr. Boyles

- 2. District 4 Clr. Elliott
- 3. District 11- Clr. Palmer
- i. Provincial Capital Assistance Program Clr. Turner
- j. Recreation Nova Scotia Conference Sponsorship Clr. Palmer
- k. Lismore and District Comm Centre Youth Leadership Program Funding Clr. Butler
- I. Capital Planning
- 10. Consideration of Deferred Business
- 11. Community Announcements
- 12. Motions of Reconsideration
- 13. Adjournment



Naturally Yours

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May 23, 2024

Department of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
Ottawa, Ontario
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Attention:

Honourable Sean Fraser, Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

Email:

sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca

Re:

Expanding Qualifying Expenditures for the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)

Dear Minister Fraser,

I am writing to you as Warden of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, located in Southwest Nova Scotia. Like many others nationwide, our community has significantly benefited from the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). This support has been instrumental in developing crucial infrastructure across various sectors.

Recognizing the CCBF's profound impact, we propose an expansion of the fund's qualifying expenditures to better address specific, pressing needs in our community: housing, municipal building improvements and the enhancement of port, wharf and waterfront facilities. These areas are crucial for the continued welfare and economic stability of our community.

Housing: Our region faces a critical housing shortage that threatens the stability and welfare of our residents. Funding housing projects through the CCBF would provide essential relief by increasing the availability of safe and affordable housing.

Municipal Buildings: Our municipal facilities, including administrative offices and public works buildings, require modernization to keep pace with our community's growth. CCBF support for these projects would greatly improve our service delivery and operational efficiency.

Port, Wharf and Waterfront Facilities: Developing our maritime and waterfront infrastructure would not only propel local economic growth but also expand recreation and tourism, sustaining our community's long-term prosperity.

In addition to these specific areas, we propose providing Municipal Councils the authority to determine their infrastructure priorities and allocate CCBF funds as they see fit. This flexibility would empower local governments to address the most immediate and critical needs of their communities, ensuring that the funds are used in ways that provide the greatest benefit.

We respectfully request that you consider both the proposed expansions of qualifying expenditures and the empowerment of Municipal Councils to direct these funds. These changes would enable a more dynamic, responsive approach to local infrastructure development, reflecting both immediate needs and strategic, long-term planning.

Thank you for considering this multifaceted proposal. We are keen to discuss these suggestions further and explore how they can be implemented to benefit communities across the nation.

Sincerely,

Warden Penny Smith

c: Rick Perkins, MP - South Shore-St. Margarets



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Sueann Musick
Director of Corporate Services
Municipality of Pictou County
46 Municipal Drive
Pictou NS B0K 1H0

Dear Sueann Musick:

Thank you for your letter dated May 10, 2024, on behalf of the Council for the Municipality of Pictou County and resident Nova Poirier, regarding concerns related to roadside clearing along MacBeth Road in Pictou County.

The Department of Public Works' staff have been in contact with Nova Poirier and other residents regarding their concerns with the brush cutting along MacBeth Road. The local supervisor has met with residents onsite and some adjustments were made to the clearing limits where practical. The acting Area Manager has also provided responses directly to Nova Poirier addressing the concerns that had identified in previous emails.

The Rural Infrastructure Mitigation (RIM) Program along with our larger capital projects allow for brush cutting to be completed by machine. A mulching attachment on an excavator is the typical equipment used by most contractors to complete clearing work, and was the method used on MacBeth Road. Removal of overgrowth within the right-of-way (ROW) is necessary for the improvement of sightlines for motorists, removal of impact hazards from the travel-way, limiting the potential of treefalls obstructing the road during high wind events, allowing for improvements to roadway ditching and drainage structures, and increased snow storage during winter operations.

Resident Poirier had indicated in their letter that they felt that a significant amount of debris from the brush clearing operation had ended up on their property beyond the ROW limits for the road. I will instruct staff to assess this area and if required, remove this material from resident Poirier's property.

Thank you for sharing the concerns of the constituents of MacBeth Road. If you have any further questions, please contact Keith MacDonald, P.Eng., Acting Area Manager, by phone at 902-755-7060 or by email at keith.macdonald@novascotia.ca.

Yours sincerely.

Kim D. Masland

Minister of Public Works

c: Troy Webb, District Director, Northern Keith MacDonald, Acting Area Manager, Pictou



Municipal Affairs and Housing Office of the Minister

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April 22, 2024

Your Worship Carolyn Bolivar-Getson President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Suite 1106, 1809 Barrington Street

Halifax, NS B3J 2K8

Via email: president@nsfm.ca

Dear President Bolivar-Getson:

Under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing must provide to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) 12-months' notice of any provincial legislation, regulation, or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities. This letter is intended to provide notice of such changes for fiscal year 2025-2026 and beyond.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH) canvassed all other provincial departments to seek information on plans for legislative, regulatory, and policy changes in the coming fiscal year. Below you will find a summary of the results of that process.

Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage*

Review of the Libraries Act Funding Regulations

Public regional libraries receive annual operating funding from the Province, municipalities, and their regional library boards. The *Libraries Act Funding Regulations* stipulate a sharing ratio that requires a contribution from municipalities. Currently, for libraries outside Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), the Province contributes 71%, municipalities contribute 26%, and library and boards contribute 3%, while within HRM, the Province contributes 26%, the municipality contributes 71%, and the board contributes 3%.

The department is currently conducting a funding review that may have an impact on the municipalities on April 1, 2025. However, at this time, the impact on the municipalities is not known, as this work is underway and will require Executive Council approval.

We will provide further updates on any potential impacts as we get closer to a decision on this initiative.

Department of Intergovernmental Affairs

Procurement Thresholds and Free Trade Agreements

Intergovernmental Affairs would like to advise that there are procurement thresholds under several free trade agreements that could impact municipalities.

Every two years, Global Affairs Canada updates its thresholds for covered procurements under the Canada-Europe Trade Agreement (CETA), the Canada-UK Trade Continuity Agreement (TCA) and the Canada Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). Municipal procurements are covered under these obligations. All procurements above the thresholds must be publicly tendered unless subject to an exemption.

The threshold values in Canadian dollars for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025, are as follows:

FTA	Goods	Services	Construction					
		Province						
	\$33,400 \$133,800 \$		\$133,800					
CETA	Municipalities and MASH							
CFTA	\$133,800	\$133,800	\$334,400					
	Crowns, Utilities, etc.							
	\$353,300	\$668,800	\$6,685,000					
	Province, Municipalities and MASH							
	\$353,300	\$353,300	\$8,800,000					
OFTA/TOA	Crowns							
CETA/TCA	\$627,200	\$627,200	\$8,800,000					
	Utilities, etc.							
	\$706,700	\$706,700	\$8,800,000					

Department of Justice

The Department of Justice are aware of the following changes:

- The current RCMP labour contract for regular members and reservists below the rank of inspector expires on March 31, 2023, and new labour negotiations began on April 1, 2023. The negotiations remain ongoing and are moving to mediation as of January 2024. The cost implications cannot be determined at this time.
- 2. RCMP Multi-Year Financial Plan (MYFP) of Nova Scotia's RCMP "H" Division includes RCMP salary increases, fleet requirements, accommodation, and business cases in 2023-24. The total financial impact for the new Provincial Police Service Agreement to Municipalities is \$6.231 million.

- Biological Casework Analysis Agreement provides municipalities with DNA analysis
 arising from criminal investigations. Costs will be determined upon the release of the
 "Total Uniform Assessment" by Municipal Affairs.
- 4. Work is underway for the development of the accessibility standards and compliance of the Act. The cost implications cannot be determined at this time. At a minimum, one-year notice will be given to municipalities and villages of any policy and regulation change related to obligations under the Accessibility Act and standards that impact revenue or expenditures.
- 5. The Dismantling Racism and Hate Act enables the Minister to require prescribed public sector bodies, including municipalities and villages to develop equity and anti-racism plans to address systematic hate, inequity, and racism. The provincial government is providing municipalities and villages with \$1.185 million to support this work. It is anticipated that plans will be required by April 1, 2025.
- 6. The Attorney General and Minister of Justice's Mandate Letter of September 14, 2021, directs the Minister to amend the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to give order-making ability to the Privacy Commissioner. The Department of Justice is undertaking a comprehensive review of access and privacy legislation with the goal of modernization. To ensure consistency in access and privacy legislation, Part XX of the Municipal Government Act is included in this review and will be updated at the same time. The Department of Justice is undertaking engagement with municipalities and villages as part of the review.

Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration

Firefighters' Compensation Regulations

This item is regarding the Firefighters' Compensation Regulations under the *Workers' Compensation Act*, and the expanded cancers included in the presumption in Nova Scotia. The estimated financial cost of this amendment was determined via an actuarial assessment. The Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia (WCB) will need to determine if the impact of cancer claims on the liability requires a rate increase for municipalities, as they are considered employers for volunteer firefighters in the *Workers' Compensation Act*. The WCB will communicate the 2025 rates to employers by September 2024.

Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Statement of Provincial Interest

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH) has initiated a review of the Statement of Provincial Interest (SPI) Regarding Housing and the Statement of Provincial Interest (SPI) Regarding Infrastructure. The current SPIs have not been amended since their inception in 1999. Municipalities are required to have a comprehensive land use plan for the entire extent of their municipality and new municipal planning documents, as well as

amendments made after these statements come into effect, must be reasonably consistent with them. Municipalities are also required to review their planning documents every 10 years, at a minimum. It is difficult at this time to determine if there will be a potential financial impact on municipalities, in the form of additional studies to support their planning work, as this will be dependent on the results of the review.

Department of Emergency Management

Regulations to support the new Act to Establish a Department of Emergency Management and Authorize the Establishment of a Nova Scotia Guard will be developed in the coming year which may have a financial impact on municipalities. This includes regulations respecting regional emergency management offices; the relationship between municipalities and regional emergency management offices; the provision of fire dispatch services through regional emergency management offices; vulnerable persons registries and their implementation; and a regional emergency alert system and the participation of municipalities in the system.

Department of Economic Development

The Department of Economic Development has two initiatives underway that could potentially have financial impacts on municipalities:

Review of the Peggy's Cove Commission Act

This review is seeking to modernize the role and administration of the Peggy's Cove Commission. Given the location of Peggy's Cove within the boundaries of HRM, any proposed changes to the Act or its administration could have an impact on the municipality, for example shifting responsibility for planning approvals.

Regional Enterprise Networks (RENs)

In 2023 the department engaged in a series of interviews, interactive sessions, and discussions around our vision for economic growth, the existing tools and partnerships that support this shared work, and opportunities to support continued economic growth in Nova Scotia. This, in part, involved municipalities and the Regional Enterprise Networks (RENs). There were common themes that emerged from the sessions, most notably the need for consistent service delivery across the province, complete geographical coverage, and improved navigation of existing programs and services for businesses. The outcome of addressing these challenges has the potential to impact the existing REN model, and therefore our municipal partners.

Sincerely,

Honourable John A. Lohr

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



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June 4, 2024

Via Email: emacdonald@cbrm.ns.ca

Councillor Eldon MacDonald President, Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance 320 Esplanade Sydney, NS B1P 7B9

Dear Councillor MacDonald

Re: Policing Review Update

I am writing to provide an important update to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance regarding the ongoing Nova Scotia Policing Review being conducted by Department of Justice. I kindly request that this correspondence be shared with Municipal Boards of Police Commissioners and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Police Advisory Boards across Nova Scotia.

The Department of Justice has engaged Deloitte, a globally recognized consulting firm with experience conducting comprehensive reviews of policing models, to assist in completing the Nova Scotia Policing Review. The primary objectives of the Policing Review are to evaluate the current state of policing in the province and identify gaps and opportunities for enhancing policing service delivery in Nova Scotia. Upon the conclusion of this review process, the Department of Justice will receive recommendations regarding the model of policing that may best serve all Nova Scotians. For greater clarity, the scope of this review is to present the Department of Justice with meaningful recommendations for improvements. The Department of Justice will then be responsible for analysing the recommendations and developing an informed strategic path forward for policing based on direction from government.

To achieve these objectives, Deloitte will engage with Nova Scotians, including diverse communities, and various system stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, Municipal Boards of Police Commissioners and Police Advisory Boards. This will include employing a variety of methods such as virtual meetings, interviews, surveys, and requests for data and information.

To date, the Department of Justice has initiated this process by sending formal requests to all law enforcement agencies operating within Nova Scotia. These requests pertain to the provision of data and information that are pertinent to the review. Police leadership in the province have been invited to attend sessions with Deloitte to discuss the current state of policing in Nova Scotia. Additionally, law enforcement front-line officers have been invited to participate in virtual group sessions where they can share their perspectives and experiences.

In the coming weeks, Municipal Boards of Police Commissioners and Police Advisory Boards will be presented with opportunities for direct engagement with Deloitte. These engagements will allow board members to share their unique perspectives and contribute to the review process. Your participation is crucial in ensuring that the review encompasses a comprehensive understanding of the policing landscape in Nova Scotia.

We are committed to collaborating closely with our law enforcement partners throughout this review process to facilitate robust and meaningful engagement opportunities. If you have any questions related to the Review in the context of Police Governance, please contact Charcy Marchand (Charcy.Marchand@novascotia.ca).

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your valuable contributions to the Nova Scotia Policing Review.

Sincerely,

Barbara Adams

Attorney General and Minister of Justice

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cc: Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
Juanita Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
David Campbell, Executive Director, Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia
Councillor Wayne Talbot, Chair, Truro Board of Police Commissioners

Brian Cullen, Chief Administrative Officer Municipality of the County of Pictou 46 Municipal Drive Pictou NS BOK 1H0

Sent via email: Brian.Cullen@munpict.ca

Dear Brian Cullen:

I am responding to your letter of February 21, 2024, regarding the spring bear hunt pilot project.

The online survey ended on February 24, 2024. The Department of Natural Resources and Renewables received many comments, both in support of and against the hunt, in response to our request for public feedback. After careful consideration, the Department has decided against holding a spring bear hunt at this time. A summary of the consultation can be found at https://novascotia.ca/spring-bear-hunt-engagement/.

Thank you for your interest in Nova Scotia's wildlife.

Regards,

Original signed by

Tory Rushton
Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables

c Honourable Tim Houston, Premier, MLA-Pictou East (premier@novascotia.ca)
Amanda van Veen (pictoueastamanda@gmail.com)
Honourable Karla MacFarlane, MLA-Pictou West (pictouwestmla@bellaliant.com)

Thank you so much for your generosity of your donation to the graduation end of year ceremny.

Sincerely

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Thank-You





BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

June 2024

East River Business Park

- Local service business interested in relocating and expanding business into ERBP has their building pricing completed and the letter of intent is expected in the next 7-10 days.
- Accepted letter of intent for lot A-1 with 60-day due diligence period. Meeting with representatives to
 discuss project as the LOI expires on July 15th. Ongoing communication related to purchase and sale
 agreement and proposed use of land.
- Continued correspondence with ownership group of Lot 12 on North Novie Drive. Initial discussions with Contractor to discuss permits and restrictive covenants.
- Continued conversations with business owner adjacent to East River Business Park wishing to purchase land to accommodate a potential building expansion. Site plan submitted for NSBDI Board approval.

Other Activities:

- Ongoing communication with ownership group as it related to the land development potential at Exit
 25 and prepared a LOI for the Board's consideration.
- Meeting with Invest Nova Scotia.
- Meeting with County Engineer, Logan McDowell to discuss LTCs, Exit 25 potential, MOPC lands, etc.
- Participated in the Mental Wellness Roundtable session.
- Meeting with Realty group to discuss ERBP land opportunities as well as firm's retail and service clients.
- Meeting with PC Partnership representatives to discuss biochar industry and potential opportunities for Pictou County.
- Correspondence with Business Development Manager for a group involved with a variety of sectors.
- Conversations with President of major transportation business about their expansion needs to accommodate their growth needs and modern technology coming to the sector. Construction and assembly of buildings in coming months.
- Correspondence with Director of Operations of African Nova Scotia Justice Institute regarding their need for office space in New Glasgow. Meeting scheduled with ANSJI Executive Director, Director of Family Law and Child Protections, and their new local staff lawyer (June 11, 2024).



RESOLUTION - TAX RATES 2024-25

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council that the estimated expenditures of the Municipality of the County of Pictou for the fiscal period **April 1**, 2024 – March 31, 2025 is approved in the amount of \$23,357,052.00 and after making the allowance for estimated revenue in the amount of \$5,216,781.00 the amount of \$18,140,271.00 is required from general taxation of the assessed valuation of \$1,989,736,350.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Rate for the fiscal period April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 be set at \$0.815 per \$100 of assessment for residential and resource property and at \$1.825 per \$100 of assessment for commercial property;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rates and taxes for the current period may be collected by Warrant of Distress without further notice if not paid on or before the 15th day of October 2024, with all costs and expenses of levy and on all proceedings incidental thereto: and further, if the said taxes are not paid before the 15th day of October 2024 an additional penalty charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 2nd day of July 2024.

(Signed)	



"Unaudited"

			"Unaudited" 2023-24		2023-24		2024-25	
					Budget		Budget	
	•			(E)	cluding Area Rates)	(Ex	cluding Area Rates)	
REVENUE								
TAXES		\$	24,083,645	\$	24,230,512	\$	20,277,907	
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES			275,540		263,677		290,367	
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE			1,093,037		657,696		1,136,506	
SALE OF SERVICES			106,294		173,500		73,500	
UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVE	RNMENTS		448,165		448,165		451,929	
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERN	IMENTS		22,057		30,359		196,840	
OTHER TRANSERS	-		1,636,457		1,738,369		930,003	
	TOTAL	\$	27,665,196	\$	27,542,278	\$	23,357,052	
Less	Area Rates		(4,261,390)		(4,264,480)			
	:	\$	23,403,806	\$	23,277,798	\$	23,357,052	
EXPENDITURES								
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES		\$	4,925,351	\$	4,906,873	\$	4,180,200	
PROTECTIVE SERVICES			8,600,983		8,865,534		6,047,900	
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES			492,764		639,761		390,778	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES			3,395,832		3,448,559		2,510,555	
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES			156,000		156,000		-	
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES			431,827		605,992		430,856	
RECREATION SERVICES			905,405		880,695		847,680	
CULTURAL SERVICES			250,451		256,112		586,112	
EDUCATION			5,650,488		5,650,482		6,338,598	
SPECIAL ITEMS			1,169,870		1,300,000		1,200,000	
FINANCING & TRANSFERS			50,898		832,270		824,373	
			26,029,870		27,542,278		23,357,052	
Less	Area Rates		(3,445,990)		(4,264,480)			
	TOTAL	\$	22,583,880	\$	50,820,076	\$	23,357,052	
Excess Revenue over Expenditure		\$	1,635,326	\$	-	\$	5.	



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	2023-24 Actual		2023-24 Budget		2024-25 Budget
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Excess Revenue over Expenditure	\$ 1,635,326	\$	-	\$	12



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		2023-24	2023-24	2024-25	Budget
		Year to Date	BUDGET	BUDGET	Difference
		(as at 03-31-2024)	Approved	Proposed	%
REVENUE	_	<u> </u>			
TAXES					
Residential		13,667,233.68	13,703,020.00	13,703,019.00	
Commercial		3,367,224.22	3,357,320.00	3,354,910.00	
Resource		1,020,458.20	1,029,808.00	1,031,380.00	
Area Rates		4,261,389.85	4,264,480.00	0.00	
Business Property		903,147.94	875,884.00	1,288,598.00	
Deed Transfer Tax	_	864,190.65	1,000,000.00	900,000.00	
	Sub-total	24,083,644.54	24,230,512.00	20,277,907.00	1.3%
				(exc	luding Area Ra
RANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES					
Federal government		16,130.78	11,594.00	14,886.00	
Provincial government		259,409.46	252,083.00	275,481.00	
G-1	Sub-total	275,540.24	263,677.00	290,367.00	10.1%
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SALE OF SERVICES	-		500.00		
Local Towns	_	541.19	500.00	500.00	0.0%
Recreation Services	_	67,851.26	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.0%
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NSP - Sale of Wind Power	Sub-total	37,901.80	150,000.00	50,000.00	-66.7%
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE					
Licenses and permits		80,106.00	95,700.00	90,800.00	
Return on Investment		977,295.42	530,000.00	875,000.00	
Miscellaneous		35,635.77	31,996.00	170,706.00	
	Sub-total	1,093,037.19	657,696.00	1,136,506.00	72.8%
JNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTH Provincial Government	ER GOVERN Sub-total	448,165.00	448,165.00	451,929.00	0.0%
Provincial Government	Sub-total _	448,105.00	446,103.00	451,929.00	0.8%
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CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM FEDERA	L AND PROV			105.110.00	
Federal Government		9,135.00	12,363.00	185,140.00	
Provincial Government	_	12,922.42	17,996.00	11,700.00	
	Sub-total _	22,057.42	30,359.00	196,840.00	548.4%
OTHER TRANSFERS					
Transfer from Other Funds & De	epts.	1,636,457.27	1,738,369.00	930,003.00	
	Sub-total	1,636,457.27	1,738,369.00	930,003.00	-46.5%
	_	-			_
	_		600	TEV TO MOST CONTRACTOR	
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	_	27,665,195.91	27,542,278.00	23,357,052.00	-15.2%
Less	Area Rates _	3,971,601.66	4,264,480.00	0.00	-100.0%
Net Genera	l Revenues	23,693,594.25	23,277,798.00	23,357,052.00	0.3%



Unaudited

	2023-24	2023-24	2024-25	Budget
	Year to Date	BUDGET	BUDGET	Difference
	_ (as at 03-31-2024)	Approved	Proposed	%
EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES				
Legislative	460,767.08	479,652.00	514,018.00	
General Administrative	2,637,630.94	2,799,822.00	1,557,191.00	
Taxation	293,936.79	298,102.00	389,954.00	
Assessment Services	490,435.32	490,436.00	501,447.00	
Banking & Interest Expense	12,997.26	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Reserve for Uncollectable Accounts	459,939.00	190,000.00	300,000.00	
Elections	46.93	0.00	227,151.00	
Council Grants	320,780.42	385,033.00	400,621.00	
Communications	73,193.91	78,828.00	92,757.00	
Intergovernmental relations	21,450.87	22,000.00	22,000.00	
Liability insurance	112,549.00	112,549.00	115,854.00	
Sundry	41,623.70	35,451.00	44,207.00	
Sub-tota	4,925,351.22	4,906,873.00	4,180,200.00	-14.8%
				
PROTECTIVE SERVICES				
Police Protection	4,191,096.00	4,191,996.00	4,449,344.00	
Court Expenses	19,614.56	25,000.00	23,000.00	
Corrections	297,107.85	300,000.00	0.00	
By-Law Enforcement	87,579.46	92,472.00	94,543.00	
Fire Protection	418,308.23	738,265.00	752,483.00	
Area Rates	3,113,886.87	2,987,546.00	0.00	
Emergency Services Department	130,087.93	149,089.00	330,806.00	
Emergency measures organization	34,407.52	34,407.00	28,010.00	
Building Inspect. Dept Expense	301,733.95	330,759.00	354,714.00	
Unsightly Property & Dog Control	7,160.70	16,000.00	15,000.00	
Sub-tota	8,600,983.07	8,865,534.00	6,047,900.00	1.9%
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES				
Roads & Streets	282,103.07	267,729.00	274,278.00	
Sidewalks	121,065.61	110,000.00	110,000.00	
Street Lighting	4,401.22	14,500.00	6,500.00	
Area Rates	85,194.40	247,532.00	0.00	
Sub-tota	492,764.30	639,761.00	390,778.00	-0.2%
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	204 202 66	4 000 400 00	0.00	
Area Rates	991,093.66	1,029,402.00	0.00	
Sewer Services	76,276.97	80,000.00	80,000.00	
Garbage & Recycling Services	1,658,584.02	1,633,836.00	1,702,447.00	
Public Works Department Expenses	667,788.35	702,321.00	725,108.00	
Other Enviornmental Health	2,089.05	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Sub-tota	3,395,832.05	3,448,559.00	2,510,555.00	2.7%
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PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE				
Housing Authority Deficit Sub-tota	156,000.00	156,000.00	0.00	-100.0%
CAUGRONNAENTAL DEVELOPMENT				
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT		464 64		
GIS Department Expenses	110,219.19	119,513.00	106,170.00	
Environmental Specialist Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Municipal Planning	0.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	
Development Officer Expense	95,809.79	96,771.00	104,410.00	



A SCO		Unaudited		
		2023-24	2023-24	2024-25
		Year to Date	BUDGET	BUDGET
	l:	is at 03-31-2024)	Approved	Proposed
Regional Development		134,732.25	130,176.00	135,176.00
Grants		20,000.00	20,000.00	14,100.00
Climatate Change Initiatives		6,048.33	15,000.00	10,000.00
Boundaries		780.15	1,000.00	1,000.00
Wind Farm Expenses		64,237.59	152,000.00	40,000.00
Affordable Housing Options		0.00	51,532.00	40,000.00
Assessibility Committee Programs		0.00	•	10,000.00
	b-total	431,827.30	605,992.00	430,856.00
CREATION SERVICES				
Recreation Wages & Expenses		251,412.83	257,416.00	266,809.00
Recreation Grants		272,835.00	272,900.00	229,400.00
Recreation Program Expense		90,632.26	53,000.00	49,000.00
Intermunicipal Contributions		290,525.40	297,379.00	302,471.00
	b-total	905,405.49	880,695.00	847,680.00
JLTURAL SERVICES				
Regional Library		195,112.00	195,112.00	195,112.00
Branch Library		41,490.71	43,000.00	43,000.00
Heritage Services		0.00	0.00	0.00
Tourism & Marketing Levy		1,291.78	0.00	330,000.00
Community Services		12,556.65	18,000.00	18,000.00
Sub	o-total	250,451.14	256,112.00	586,112.00
UCATION				
Mandatory Contribution Sub	o-total	5,650,488.00	5,650,482.00	6,338,598.00
CIAL ITEMS				
Municipal Services Grants		305,679.07	300,000.00	300,000.00
Deed Transfer Tax		864,190.65	1,000,000.00	900,000.00
Sub	o-total	1,169,869.72	1,300,000.00	1,200,000.00
NANCING and TRANSFERS				
Transfer to Capital Fund		50,897.92	832,270.00	200,370.00
Transfer to Capital Funds		0.00	0.00	624,003.00
		50,897.92	832,270.00	
500	J-(O(a)	30,837.32	832,270.00	824,373.00
TAL GENERAL EXPENDITURE		26,029,870.21	27,542,278.00	23,357,052.00
Less Area R	Rates	4,190,174.93	4,264,480.00	0.00
Net General Expendit	tures	21,839,695.28	23,277,798.00	23,357,052.00

Date: July 2, 2024

TOTAL EXECESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES

1,635,325.70

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipal of the County of Pictou, that Council authorize the rating and collection of area rates for streetlights, hydrant fire protection and sewer maintenance fees on applicable properties assessed in all districts as follows for the fiscal period **2024-25**:

	Per \$100 Assessment	Per Property
Type of Area Rate	Assessment Rate	Flat Rate
Street Lights	\$ 0.052	
Street Lights (Little Harbour/Pictou Landing)	\$ 0.016	
Street Lights (Abercromble/Granton)	\$ 0.017	
Street Lights		\$ 49.35
Street Lights (District 1)		\$ 9.09
Hydrant Fire Protection Residential		\$ 280.00
Hydrant Fire Protection Commercial	\$ 0.440	
Hydrant Fire Protection Institutional	\$ 0.480	
Sewer Maintenance Fee		\$368.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and paid to the Treasurer on or before the 15th day of October 2024. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October 2024 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 2nd day of July, 2024.

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	BE IT F	RESOL	<u>.VED</u> by th	іе Мі	inicipality o	of the	e Co	unty of Pic	tou that C	ouncil appro	ve
the Wa	ater Utili	ty Bud	get for the	202	4/2025 fisc	al p	eriod	in the am	ount of \$5	64,540.00, t	the
same	having	been	reviewed	and	approved	by	the	Financial	Services	Committee	of
Counc	il.										

DATED at Pictou, NS. On this 2nd day of J	uly, 2024.
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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou,

that Council authorize the rating and collection of of the following fire rates on properties assessed in the fire coverage areas throughout the Municipality for the fiscal period 2024-25:

		Rate	Rate per \$100		
#	Fire Department	Ass	essment	Rate per Acre	Flat Rate
1	Abercrombie	\$	0.100	\$ 0.01	\$
2	Alma		0.098	0.01	
3	Barney's River		0.195	0.01	
4	Blue Mountain		0.195	0.01	
5	Caribou		0.086	0.01	
6	East River St. Mary's	·	0.195	0.01	
7	East River Valley		0.195	0.01	
8	Eureka		0.133	0.01	
9	Linacy		0.162	0.01	
10	Little Harbour		0.100	0.01	
11	Merigomish		0.174	0.01	
12	Pictou Landing		0.195	0.01	
13	Plymouth		0.190	0.01	
14	River John		0.100	0.01	
15	Scotsburn		0.124	0.01	
16	Thorburn		0.133	0.01	
17	Trenton			0.01	60.45
18	West River		0.124	0.01	

BE FURTHER IT RESOLVED, that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and paid by the 15th day of October 2024. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October, 2024 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

Dated at Pictou, this 2nd day of July, 2024.

(Sgd.)			



WHEREAS New Scotland Business Inc., the Municipality of the County of Pictou and the Town of New Glasgow have agreed that the tax rates for the East River Business Park should not exceed \$1.89 per \$100 of assessment as a residential rate and \$2.90 per \$100 of assessment as a commercial rate and:

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou has set the 2024-25 tax rates at \$0.815 per \$100 of assessment as a residential rate and \$1.825 per \$100 assessment as a commercial rate:

THERFORE BE_IT_RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipal of the County of Pictou, that Council authorize the rating and collection of an area rate for the East River Business Park for the for the fiscal period 2024-25 as follows:

Residential Rate

\$1.075 per \$100 of assessment

Commercial Rate

\$1.075 per \$100 of assessment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and paid to the Treasurer on or before the 15th day of October, 2024. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October, 2024 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 2nd day of July, 2024.

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<u>WHEREAS</u> numerous applications for funding were received and considered by the Municipality during the preparation of the 2024/25 General Operating Budget;

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u> the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the payment of the following grants:

#	APPLICANT	PURPOSE	FUNDING DECISION	
	COMMUNITY GRANTS			
1	CARMA Pictou County	Programming Support	\$3,000.00	
2	CHAD Transit	Operating Expenses	\$63,000.00	
3	Citizens for Healthy Pictou County	Operating Expenses	\$24,200.00	
4	Community Assisting Refugees	Programming Support	\$2,500.00	
5	DEANS	Operating Expenses	\$19,000.00	
6	Moore Lodge	Chair Lift	\$3,500.00	
7	New Glasgow Farmers Market	Maintenance	\$4,921.00	
8	Northern Respite Service (HCRS)	Programming Support	\$1,500.00	
9	Pictou Agricultural Society	Site Maintenance	\$10,000.00	
10	Pictou Agricultural Society (barn)	Year 2 of 2 Payment	\$45,000.00	
11	PC Christmas Fund	Annual Donation	\$1,000.00	
12	PC Cruise Committee	Programming Support	\$3,000.00	
13	PC Mental Illness Family Support Assoc	Programming Support	\$3,000.00	
14	Pictou County Pride	Programming Support	\$1,000.00	
15	PC Seniors Outreach	Programming Support	\$5,000.00	
16	PC Vol. Ground Search and Rescue	Operations	\$10,000.00	
17	Pictou United Church	Ryans Case for Smiles	\$1,000.00	
18	Read by the Sea	Programming Support	\$3,000.00	
19	School Backpack Program	Operating Expenses	\$9,500.00	
20	School Breakfast Program	Operating Expenses	\$9,500.00	
	- J	TOTAL	\$222,621.00	
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS			
21	District One Development Society	Community Coordinator	\$5,000.00	
22	District 13 Recreation & Planning Comm.	Community Coordinator	\$4,100.00	
23	East River Valley Comm. Dev. Association	Community Coordinator	\$5,000.00	
		TOTAL	\$14,100.00	
	RECREATION/CULTURE GRANTS			
24	Antigonish Highland Society	Gaelic Song Preservation	\$1,000.00	
25	Autism Pictou County	Swim Program	\$5,000.00	
26	Camp Geddie	Water Filtration	\$15,000.00	
27	Creative Pictou County	Programming Support	\$2,500.00	
28	DeCoste Performing Arts Centre	Operations	\$15,000.00	
29	District 13 Rec and Planning Commission	Operations	\$25,000.00	
30	District 13 Rec and Planning Commission	Truck Purchase	\$20,000.00	
31	East Pictou Rural Fair	Programming Support	\$2,500.00	
32	Hector Arena	Operating Expenses	\$25,000.00	
33	New Caledonia Curling Club	Maintenance and Repairs	\$10,000.00	
34	North Nova Education Centre	Bursary and Graduation Exp.	\$2,000.00	

35	Northumberland Regional High School	Bursary and Graduation Exp	\$2,000.00
36	Pictou Academy	Graduation Exp.	\$200.00
37	Tatamagouche Regional High School	Graduation Exp	\$200.00
38	Pictou County 4H Leaders	Maintenance and Repairs to 4H Building	\$7,500.00
39	Pictou Arts Society	Programming Support	\$2,000.00
40	Pictou and Area Garden Club (Westville and Lismore)	Programming Support	\$1,500.00
42	Pictou County Forest School	Building Construction	\$7,500.00
43	Pictou County Historical Society	Programming Support	\$500.00
44	Pictou Trails Association (East Side)	Trail Improvements	\$15,000.00
45	Pictou Lobster Carnival	Programming Support	\$5,000.00
46	Riverview Home Corporation	Swimming Program	\$5,000.00
47	Scouts Canada	Programming Support	\$1,000.00
48	Ship Hector Society	Promotions	\$10,000.00
49	The Jubilee	Programming Support	\$5,000.00
		TOTAL	\$185,400.00
	COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY FUND		
50	Toney River Community Hall	Building Improvements	\$35,000.00
51	MARSHA	Building Improvements	\$49,756.00
52	NRHS Greenhouse	New Greenhouse Construction	\$10,000.00
53	Gut Bridge Repair	Reconstruction	\$35,000.00
		TOTAL FOR CCF	\$129,756.00
		UNCLAIMED AMOUNT FOR CCF	\$20,243.00
		TOTAL FOR CCF	\$150,000.00
		GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL GRANTS	\$572,121.00

<u>DATED</u> at Pictou, NS. on this 2nd day of July, 2024.	
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<u>WHEREAS</u> Section 9(1) of the Sheep Protection Act provides for the annual appointment of Sheep Valuers;

<u>WHEREAS</u> appointments to this office have been made throughout the various districts of the County of Pictou;

<u>WHEREAS</u> in accordance with the aforementioned Statutes of Nova Scotia, these appointments require the approval of Council;

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u> by the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the appointment of the following Sheep Valuers for 2024/25:

DIST. #2 Allan Keefe

DIST. #3 William Ferguson
DIST.#12 William MacDonald

DATED at Pictou, NS. on this 2nd day of July, 2024.

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<u>BE IT RESOLVED</u> that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the following Municipal Service Grants:

District 2:

LH Walking and Bicycling Trail Society	\$2,000.00	Composite Picnic Table @ Roy Island
Total	\$2,000.00	@ Roy Island
 b. District 5: District 5 – Lyons Brook Hall District 5 - Elmfield Hall Streetlight District 5 – Meadowville Hall Streetlight Total 	·	•
c. District 6:		
Loch Broom Log Church Committee	\$5,000.00	Maint of Church and Property
Salem and Area Recreation	\$25,000.00	Construct Multi Use Pad
West River Presbyterian Church Total	\$5,635.00 \$35,635.00	Exterior Work on Hall
	400,000.00	
d. District 9: Hillside Community Society	\$14,000.00	Upgrades to Basement
Total	\$14,000.00	opgrades to basement
Dated at Pictou, NS, on this 2nd day of	July 2024	
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BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the following Municipal Service Grants:

District 4:

a. Bellevue & Extension Cemetery Assoc.b. River John Community Action Society	\$3,500.00 \$2,737.00	Maintenance 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
I. River John & Area Historical Club	\$5,750.00	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
I. Salem United Church Street Light	<u>\$40.00</u>	Yearly Cost
Total	\$29,067.00	

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<u>BE IT RESOLVED</u> that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the following Municipal Service Grants:

District 11:

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

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<u>WHEREAS</u> the Provincial Capital Assistance Program may fund up to 50 percent of eligible project costs and is intended to support categories such as capital construction for Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater infrastructure.

<u>WHEREAS</u> it could also include engineering design and technical studies related to these categories.

<u>WHEREAS</u> staff of Pictou County Shared Services is recommending the Municipality of the County of Pictou support funding applications for two projects this fiscal year. They include:

- a. Emergency Standby/Backup power detailed design for tender-ready drawings—Wastewater Treatment Plant, costing \$46,000.00.
- b. Emergency Power Concept Development Study Wastewater Collection 17 Pumping Stations for \$19,500.00.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou make the Emergency Standby/Backup Power detailed design for tender-ready drawings for the Wastewater Treatment Plant its first priority for funding applications through the Provincial Capital Assistance Program for 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou make the Emergency Power Concept Development Study – Wastewater Collection System 17 Pumping Stations its second priority for funding applications through the Provincial Capital Assistance Program for 2024.

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<u>WHEREAS</u> Recreation Nova Scotia is hosting its Annual Conference at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish from October 16-18, 2024.

<u>WHEREAS</u> the Municipality of Pictou County's Recreation Department staff will be cohosting this important conference in collaboration with other recreation members from the Highland Region.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve \$3,000.00 for Platinum Level Sponsorship for the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference.

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<u>WHEREAS</u> The Lismore and District Community Centre's Youth Leadership Program is for youth aged 7 to 15 years which develops the creative talents of the area's next community leaders.

<u>WHEREAS</u> youth have been developing their skills in visual arts, filmmaking, drama, and cooking and building their confidence by volunteering at community events.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve \$2,500.00 in Sponsorship for Lismore and District Community Centre's Youth Leadership Program.

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