

July 2, 2024

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building by videoconference and teleconference on, Tuesday, July 2, 2024 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
- 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
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden Parker called the meeting to order and invited Councillors to pray or reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the Municipality and to remember our Indigenous communities. He acknowledges that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaqi people and would like to thank the Mikmaqi people today for their ancestors sharing these precious lands with all our ancestors, whether they arrived here 400 years ago or four years ago. May we all live in peace and harmony together.

On behalf of Council, Warden Parker extended congratulations to all the graduates and wished them all the very best.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Parker that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried**

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions brought forward.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Warden Parker asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for the June 3, 2024 Council Meeting. The minutes of the June 3, 2024, Council Meeting were reviewed by the Municipal Council. Warden Parker proclaimed the minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2024, as the official record of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. A letter from the Municipality of Shelburne Regarding the Federal Government's expanding qualifying expenditures for the Canada Community Building Fund.
- b. Letter from the Minister of Public Works Regarding the RIM Program.
- c. Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding changes in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- d. Letter from the 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 the graduation bursary.

BUSINESS ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

The East River Business Park Business Development Report was received as presented.

BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

2024/2025 TAX RATES AND GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to approve the 2024/2025 Tax Rate and General Operating Budget. **Motion Carried**



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) _____

**Clr. Darla MacKeil
Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Motion Carried**

AREA RATES FOR STREETLIGHTS, HYDRANT AND SEWER

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Parker to approve the following area rates for streetlights, hydrant and sewer. **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION

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**:

<u>Type of Area Rate</u>	<u>Per \$100 Assessment Assessment Rate</u>	<u>Per Property Flat Rate</u>
Street Lights	\$ 0.052	
Street Lights (Little Harbour/Pictou Landing)	\$ 0.016	
Street Lights (Abercrombie/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.

(Sgd.) _____

**Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Clr. David Parker**

**Nay Vote Clr. Boyles
Motion Carried**

WATER UTILITY RATES

It was moved by Clr. Elliott and seconded by Clr. Wadden to approve the following water utility rates. **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the Water Utility Budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal period in the amount of \$564,540.00, the same having been reviewed and approved by the Financial Services Committee of Council.

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

(Sgd.)

**Clr. Mary Elliott
Clr. Deborah Wadden
Motion Carried**

FIRE AREA RATES

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Palmer to approve the following Fire Area Rates. **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou, that Council authorize the rating and collection of the following fire rates on properties assessed in the fire coverage areas throughout the Municipality for the fiscal period 2024-25:

#	Fire Department	Rate per \$100 Assessment	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.)

**Clr. Andy Thompson
 Clr. Randy Palmer
 Nay Vote: Clr. Deborah Wadden
 Motion Carried**

Cir. Wadden disagreed with how the money was taken from the fire departments three years ago and continues to disagree with how it is being done. The rates per assessment for these fire departments have not been looked at or changed, and Cir. Wadden thinks this is wrong. Cir. Wadden believed that Council would look to do something after the three years to help these departments. Cir. Wadden is disappointed that this continues to be done with these fire departments and would not be supporting this motion.

Warden Parker said that this is something that does need to be looked at going forward.

NEW SCOTLAND BUSINESS PARK AREA RATE

It was moved by Cir. Wadden and seconded by Cir. Turner to approve the New Scotland Business Park Area Rate.



RESOLUTION

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:

THEREFORE 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.

(Sgd)

Clr. Deborah Wadden
Clr. Larry Turner
Motion Carried

COUNCIL GRANTS

It was moved by Cir. Parker and seconded by Cir. Elliott to approve the following Council grants. **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the payment of the following grants:

#	APPLICANT	PURPOSE	FUNDING DECISION
	COMMUNITY GRANTS		

1	CARMA Pictou County	Operations	\$3,000.00
2	CHAD Transit	Operations	\$63,000.00
3	Citizens for Healthy Pictou County	Operations	\$24,200.00
4	Community Assisting Refugees	Operations	\$2,500.00
5	DEANS	Operations	\$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)	Operations	\$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	Operations	\$3,000.00
13	PC Mental Illness Family Support Assoc	Operations	\$3,000.00
14	Pictou County Pride	Operations	\$1,000.00
15	PC Seniors Outreach	Operations	\$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	Operations	\$3,000.00
19	School Backpack Program	Operating Expenses	\$9,500.00
20	School Breakfast Program	Operating Expenses	\$9,500.00
		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	Operations	\$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	Operations	\$2,500.00
32	Hector Arena	Operations	\$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	Operations	\$2,000.00
40	Pictou and Area Garden Club (Westville and Lismore)	Operations	\$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	Operations	\$5,000.00

46	Riverview Home Corporation	Swimming Program	\$5,000.00
47	Scouts Canada	Operations	\$1,000.00
48	Ship Hector Society	Promotions	\$10,000.00
49	The Jubilee	Operations	\$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

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

(Sgd.)

Clr. David Parker
Clr. Mary Elliott
Nay Vote: Clr. Peter Boyles
Motion Carried

Warden Parker said the grants helped many community organizations that would have difficulty continuing operations without them. This is a good expenditure to keep the communities alive and well.

Clr. Dewar was very pleased that a community grant helped Pictou County Ground Search and Rescue. People come from all over the province to help when needed.

Clr. Boyles said many good things were being supported throughout the county but has an issue with using county tax dollars to support things in the other towns.

Clr. Parker said differences of opinions will occur, and some feel some are more worthy than others. This is one of the hardest meetings, and there are many deserving organizations. Ultimately, this is one of the main tools to help community groups and volunteers.

Warden Parker said there is a hard deadline of the last day of February for application for the Council grants. They should not be eligible if the application is not received by the deadline.

SHEEP VALUER APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Thompson to approve the following Sheep Valuer appointments. **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section 9(1) of the Sheep Protection Act provides for the annual appointment of Sheep Valuers;

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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 Willard MacDonald

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(Sgd.)

**Clr. Chester Dewar
Clr. Andy Thompson
Motion Carried**

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Butler to approve the following Municipal Service Grants for districts 2, 5, 6 and 9: **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED 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

b. District 5:

District 5 – Lyons Brook Hall	\$7,500.00	– Assist for Instillation of lift in Hall
District 5- Elmfield Hall Streetlight	\$40.00	– Yearly Cost
District 5 – Meadowville Hall Streetlight	<u>\$40.00</u>	– Yearly Cost
Total	\$7,580.00	

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	<u>\$5,635.00</u>	Exterior Work on Hall
Total	\$35,635.00	

d. District 9:

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

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(Sgd)

**Clr. Peter Boyles
Clr. Don Butler
Motion Carried**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the following
Municipal Service Grants:

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
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
l. Salem United Church Street Light	<u>\$40.00</u>	Yearly Cost

Total \$29,067.00

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(Sgd)

**Clr. Mary Elliott
Clr. Deborah Wadden
Motion Carried**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the following Municipal Service Grants:

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. Sunny Brae Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
s. SBI -4H	<u>\$500.00</u>	4-H Program Expense
Total	\$27,000.00	

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(Sgd)

**Clr. Randy Palmer
Clr. Andy Thompson**

Motion Carried

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Wadden to approve the Provincial Capital Assistance Program. **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS 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.

WHEREAS it could also include engineering design and technical studies related to these categories.

WHEREAS 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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(Sgd)

**Clr. Larry Turner
Clr. Deborah Wadden
Motion Carried**

RECREATION NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Wadden to approve the Recreation Nova Scotia Sponsorship. **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS the Municipality of Pictou County's Recreation Department staff will be co-hosting 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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(Sgd)

**Clr. Randy Palmer
Clr. Deborah Wadden
Motion Carried**

LISMORE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Boyles to approve the Lismore and District Community Centre Youth Leadership Program Funding. **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS 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.

WHEREAS 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.

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

(Sgd)

**Clr. Don Butler
Clr. Peter Boyles
Motion Carried**

CAPITAL PLANNING

CAO Cullen said that the results of the Capital Planning Survey have been completed. Eight projects received majority support. Mr. Cullen went through the list of the survey results and explained the projects that were viewed as priorities or those that were to be deferred for future consideration.

CAO Cullen said the results from this survey will be brought to another meeting, and a financing plan will be built on how these projects will be prioritized and to build a financing plan on how they will be completed.

Clr. Thompson asked about the Blue Acres Sidewalk because it was not listed on the survey. CAO Cullen said that was already on the list from last year.

Clr. Wadden expressed disappointment with the Little Harbour Sidewalk and there has to be a way of dealing with some of the smaller projects because the larger projects will always overpower them.

Warden Parker said there is a safety issue, but the Department of Transportation must be part of the solution, which would be the first step. Clr. Wadden said that has been put forward to the Department of Transportation, and they are hoping to hear positive results. However, this still won't solve the issue of smaller projects being overshadowed.

Warden Parker said that a letter was received from Divert NS. The warden read the letter to the Council saying that Divert NS will pay 75% in advance for the 2024 diversion credits and map allocation. A diversion credit of \$401,348.00 is a result of the current year's advance of 358,000 plus the 2023 adjustment of \$43,348.00. The Map allocation of \$62,888.00 is a result of the current year's advance of \$56,900.00 plus the 2023 adjustment of \$5,988.00. The Warden said considerable money goes to the landfill part of Shared Services to help with education and modernization of whatever the funds are needed for. If it weren't for that, the municipality cost would be more, so the tax rate would have to go up.

CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

There was no deferred business.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Warden Murray said that the annual Scotsburn Fire Department Pork Chop Barbeque will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$15.00 and there will be some tables set out this year.

Warden Parker said that the Salem and Area Recreation Association (SARA) will be hosting Music in the Park on Sunday, July 21, 2024. The Warden said this will be a chance for the public to enjoy the park and to see the work that is being done.


Clr. Elliott said there will be hosting a Down Memory Lane event at the Seafoam Community Hall on Friday, July 5, 2024 beginning at 7:00 p.m. They will be featuring a video of the history of the hall and a music performance by The Strange Valentines and a story time. Advance tickets are \$12.00 and tickets at the door will be \$15.00. The event is welcoming all former students, new community members and everyone from around the area. All proceeds are going to the Seafoam/Melville Hall. The contact number is (902) 890-0240.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.





WARDEN

MUNICIPAL CLERK