

March 7, 2022

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, and by video-conference and teleconference on Monday, March 7, 2022 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
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer (by video-conference)
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk (by video-conference)
Sueann Musick, Communications Officer (by video-conference)
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development (by video-conference)
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

BY APPOINTMENT

Scott Ferguson, CEO, Pictou County Regional Enterprise Network

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden R. 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 acknowledge 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 4 years ago. May we all live in peace and harmony together.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the agenda be approved as circulated.
Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the minutes of February 7, 2022 be approved with the following correction:

Pg, 2 "repaired" should read "compared"

Motion carried.

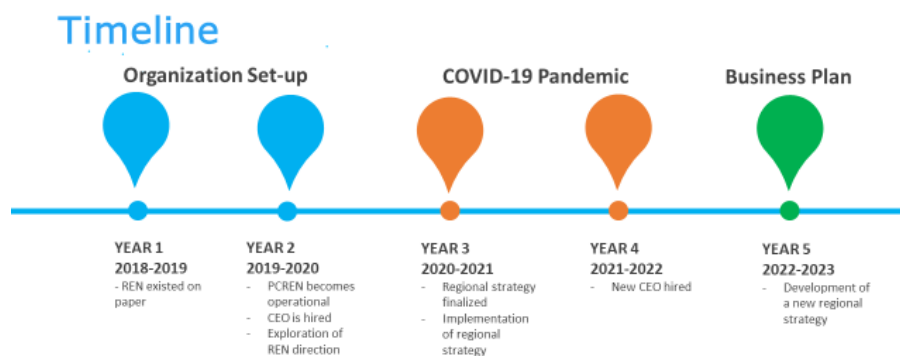
CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Min. Pub. Wks. – Advising that additional supplementary warning signage will be installed at the Abercrombie round-about when conditions permit.
- (b) Min. Pub. Wks. – Confirming that the Hedgeville Road is in poor conditioned and has been identified for either an upgraded gravel surface or a double chip seal treatment which will be considered during capital budget deliberations. In the interim efforts will be made through the annual operating budget to keep the road in an acceptable state of repair.

2022/23 PC REN BUSINESS PLAN – SCOTT FERGUSON, CEO (7:15 P.M.)

Mr. Ferguson presented the business plan for 2022/23 as follows:



PCREN Highlights

- **Business Development and Navigation:**
 - One-on-one navigation and Virtual Advisor program
 - Increased co-packing capacity
 - MIT Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration program
 - Ecommerce Fund, PictouCounty.com, Shop Here
- **Workforce Development Support:**
 - Provincial programs, Labour Mobility, Northern Connector program

PCREN as an investment

- Core Funding
- PNS Matching Funds
- PNS/Federal Program Funding
- PC Return

Core Funding

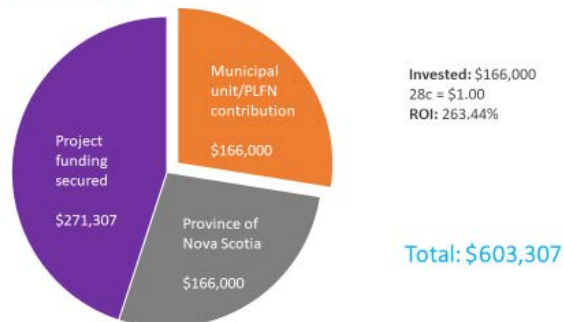
	Total received from municipal units	Total received (includes funds from municipal units + matched funds from the Province)
PCREN	\$166,000	\$332,000
REN 1	\$200,000	\$400,000
REN 2	\$250,000	\$500,000
REN 3	\$295,000	\$590,000

Project Funding Received

Workforce development/Immigration

Grant	Amount of funding received
IRCC	\$190,006
NSOI (now called LSI-IPG)	\$31, 875
Connector Program	\$15, 000
ACOA	\$30,426
LAE Connector Program (now under LSI)	\$4,000
Total:	271,307

PCREN as an Investment (2021-2022)



Business Plan 2022-2023 Core Themes

1. Business Development
2. Workforce Development & Population Growth
3. Communication
4. Measured Results

Strategic Plan Priorities

1. Business Retention and Expansion
2. Workforce Development
3. Business Navigation and Connections
4. Economic Innovation
5. Regional Branding and Attraction/PCREN Communications



Strategy 1: Business Retention & Expansion (BRE)

- Digital Growth and Innovation Initiative
 - Digital readiness measurement
- Continuity Planning/Succession
- Scale-Up Initiative



Strategy 2: Workforce Development

- Identification of Gaps
- Skills Attraction Initiatives
- Welcoming Environments



Strategy 3: Business Navigation & Connections

- **Business Connector**
 - Link for Entrepreneurs
 - Navigating Programs/Online Tool



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Strategy 4: Economic Innovation

- **Team Pictou County (MIT REAP)**
 - Stakeholder Leadership
 - Quality of Partnerships



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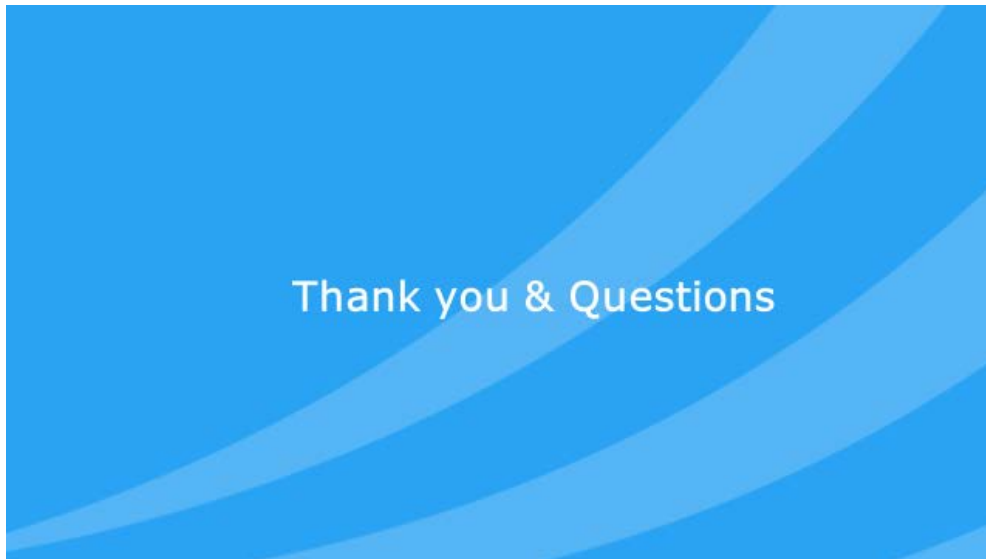
Strategy 5: Regional Branding & Attraction/ PCREN Communications

- **PCREN Exposure**
- **Success Stories**
- **Business Community Promoter Score**
- **Stakeholder Feedback**



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Pictou County Regional Enterprise Network Progress Dashboard				
PCPS: The Pictou County Promoter Score	0%			
Business Digital Readiness Rate	0%			
Business Retention and Expansion:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Companies Participating in the PCREN Innovation and Growth Program				
Grants Accessed for PCREN and I & G Programs				
Companies Completing Continuity Training				
Launch Digital Readiness Index				
Launch Scale Up Initiative				
Launch Digital Growth and Innovation Initiative				
Workforce Development:				
Completion Rate of Skills Gap Analysis				
Businesses participating in "Immigration ready"				
Applications to Provincial Immigration streams				
Workplace orientation support, and cultural/diversity training				
Positions filled with PCREN support				
Business Navigation and Connections:				
Business Owner Meetings in Person				
Grants and Resources Accessed for PCREN Businesses				
Economic Innovation:				
Companies Participating in the Scale Up Program				
Grants Accessed for PCREN or Businesses				
Partnership measurement created				
Regional Branding and Business Attraction:				
Success Stories Published				
Website and social media (reported separately analytics)				
Website launched				
Number of media mentions				



Warden R. Parker asked if any thought was given to re-branding the REN and Mr. Ferguson replied that it was difficult during COVID but he pointed out that they are going to be working on relocating the REN's office this year.

Clr. Thompson asked what we can do as a Municipality to make Pictou County more inviting and Mr. Ferguson replied that he is working with local businesses and are they welcoming new workers into the workforce. The community itself is very welcoming but there are still a lot of pieces needed that will help move them forward.

Warden R. Parker thanked Mr. Ferguson for the presentation and excused him from the balance of the meeting. (8:05 pm)

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Warden R. Parker presented a proclamation to Council as follows:



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
PROCLAMATION

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
May 2022

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a blacklegged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*; and

WHEREAS blacklegged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick-borne diseases;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Warden Robert Parker, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month".

Dated at Pictou, Nova Scotia this day of May, 2022

Robert Parker
Warden

RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Clr. Dewar presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the payment of the following Municipal Grants:

Recreation (Councillor Allotments):

Little Hbr. Pickle Ball Committee	\$ 150.00	Operating Expenses
Scotsburn Recreation	150.00	Operating Expenses
Salt Springs 4-H	150.00	Program Expenses
Union Centre Community Club	150.00	Operating Expenses
Glencoe Hall Community Assoc.	<u>150.00</u>	Operating Expenses
	\$ 750.00	

Recreation (Capital)

Pictou Co. Forest School	\$ 1,000.00	Boardwalk Construction
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Recreation (Extension to Jan 31/23)

Hillside Community Society	\$12,600.00	2 nd Installment – Hall Extension
Pictou Co. Snow Riders	12,500.00	1 st Installment - Groomer
Real Canadian Recreation	12,500.00	1 st Installment – Roof & Deck
Pictou Co Trails Assoc.	1,000.00	2 nd Installment – Unspent Balance
Riverview Home Volunteer Assoc.	5,079.63	Unspent Bal. – Rec. Programming

Council Grants (Extension to Jan 31/23)

NS SPCA	\$ 5,000.00	Construction of New Facility
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Municipal Services Grants (Extension to Jan 31/23)

D01	Kenzieville & Dist. Com. Ctr	\$ 659.97	Operating Expenses
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DATED at Pictou, NS this 7th day of March, 2022.

(Sgd.)

Chester Dewar
Andy Thompson

MOTION

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It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Thompson that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – SERVICE NS MOU

Clr. D. Parker presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Municipality with the Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division of Service Nova Scotia for the purpose of facilitating improved customer access to zoning information as part of the liquor licence application process.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 7th day of March, 2022.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Mary Elliott

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – TAX WRITE-OFFS

Clr. Wadden presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the following write-off on taxes, the same having been reviewed and approved by the Financial Services Committee:

INACTIVE ACCOUNTS NO LONGER ASSESSED

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
00346624	Garret Smith	\$ 21,996.97
00467847	Felix Rorison	2,625.39
01577514	Helen Fletcher	2,202.14
01586858	Leo Fraser	734.90
03937755	Garfield Rhyno	2,213.16
04128877	Harry Mosher	8,025.68
04270169	Lillian Isabel Simms	2,498.74
05130573	David Aikans	8,235.15
05260434	Morrison Dean	4,831.41
05501792	Fred Smith	1,344.84
05548241	George Cormier	11,356.15
05559804	Donald Josey	7,296.81
05566096	Bradley MacPherson	3,254.81
05952239	Edna Parker	8,282.06
06116817	Robert Langille	3,259.78
06147127	Robert Sangster	954.64
06169392	June MacLean	3,094.62
06275443	Roy Kenny	156.64
06333834	James Halliday	3,179.62
07414005	Roy Murray	1,900.56
07414161	Donald Morrison	3,815.62
07414552	Mary H. Myers	7,244.79
07415559	Janet Bourque	1,961.65
08249466	Hugh Mason	2,050.17
08253706	Malcolm Dean	3,973.95
08256225	Ed Phalen	11,022.86
08265917	Gary Rudolph	798.76
08266085	Joseph Stewart	2,040.49
08266204	Grant Gosbee	330.68
08273537	Elizabeth MacLeod	104.06
08275882	Lloyd Rose	3,442.63
08835632	Darlene Smeltzer	942.35
08837961	Patricia Robertson	186.28
08840687	Avery Fleming	1,973.70
08840776	David Porter	2,805.32
08841128	Patricia L. Malloy	6,251.28
08841519	John O'Laney	671.31
09161619	Kurtis J. Stewart	3,324.00
09168923	Wendell Stedman	205.73
09465863	James Rupert Boyles	3,490.46
09708820	June Stewart	2,131.78
10246628	Joseph Pettipas	1,788.82
10369037	Pheron O'Brien	806.17
		<u>\$158,806.93</u>

ACCOUNTS NOW ASSESSED AS EXEMPT PROVINCIAL PROPERTIES

00336572	NS Department Natural Resources	\$	1.21
02106566	Trans & Infrastructure Renewal		9.02
02716461	Her Majesty The Queen		1.06
04201523	Her Majesty The Queen		38.99
04911768	NS Department Natural Resources		27.17
08252823	NS Department Natural Resources		0.78
08845522	NS Department Natural Resources		0.98
10527147	NS Department Natural Resources		17.39
10869684	NS Department Natural Resources		0.55
10869692	NS Department Natural Resources		10.85
10877350	Her Majesty The Queen		<u>95.89</u>
		\$	203.89

COMMERCIAL MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

03400417	Municipality Pictou County	\$	<u>102.23</u>
		\$	102.23

GRAND TOTAL **\$159,113.05**

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of March, 2022.

(Sgd.) Deborah Wadden
Don Butler

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Butler that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Clr. Boyles reported he cannot support writing off this amount of taxes when so many other people are paying their taxes.

Clr. Wadden reported the Audit Committee is working on the issue of collection of taxes and for better efficiency.

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Boyles)

D1 RD. NAME CHANGES

Clr. Butler presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the following road name changes which are necessitated by the twinning of Highway 104 and the opening of a new interchange at Barney's River, and recommended by NS Public Works:

Road #1	Community Name: Kenzieville
	Centreline Length: 1.072 km
	Description: From Jct Trunk 4 to end of Cul-de-Sac
	Road Name: Middle Brook Road

UKRANIAN RELIEF

Clr. Wadden spoke on the terrible events occurring in Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion and recommended that Council consider making a financial donation through the Red Cross to provide relief to the many people displaced as a result of this aggression. She noted that at the moment the Federal Government is matching donations.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Butler that the Municipality contribute \$25,000 to the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.

Council discussed posting links on our website to groups and/or businesses that are organizing relief efforts to support the people of Ukraine.

Motion carried. (Nay Votes: Clr. Boyles)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Wadden reminded Councillors that the CEO of the NS Federation of Municipalities will be at the Wellness Centre on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to go over proposed changes to the restructuring of that organization.

Clr. MacKeil reminded Council that the Annual Clean Up Program organized by Pictou County Solid Waste will be happening in communities on April 22nd as part of the “Go Clean, Get Green” initiative.

Warden R. Parker reported that we are getting very close to having our first customers on the County’s Internet Project which is very positive news for the County.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & COUNCIL

There were no referrals to committees and/or Council

ADJOURN

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Turner that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (8:49 pm)

WARDEN

MUNICIPAL CLERK