

May 2, 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 May 2, 2022 at 7:00 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          |
|       | 11 | Clr. Andy Thompson         |
|       | 12 | Clr. Chester Dewar         |

**IN ATTENDANCE**

- Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer  
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
Sueann Musick, Communications Officer  
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development (by video-conference)

**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 acknowledges that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people and would like to thank the Mikmaq 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. D. Parker that the agenda be approved with the addition of a discussion on the school breakfast program.

Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 5, 2022, Council Meeting were reviewed by the Municipal Council. There were no additions, deletions, or clarifications entered by members of Council. The Warden proclaimed the minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2022, as the official record of the meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Municipality of Shelburne- Letter opposing the implementation of Non-Resident Provincial Property Tax and Provincial Deed Transfer Tax.

## **PROCLAMATION-INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA**

**WHEREAS** the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression;

**WHEREAS** Nova Scotia is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions;

**WHEREAS** despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBT people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society;

**WHEREAS** May 17<sup>th</sup> is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, is celebrated as such in many countries and is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Émergence starting in 2003;

**WHEREAS** there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day;

**BE IT RESOLVED** That the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou proclaim May 17, 2022, as INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA.

**DATED** at Pictou, Nova Scotia this the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of May 2022.

Sgd. Robert Parker, Warden

## **PROCLAMATION-GAELIC NOVA SCOTIA MONTH: MAY 2022**

**WHEREAS** 2022 marks the 26th anniversary of Gaelic Nova Scotia Month which is a time to recognize, honour and celebrate the history, culture, language, contributions and achievement of Gaels across the province; and

**WHEREAS** Gaelic culture is integral part of the identity of Nova Scotia and one of the earliest non-indigenous cultures to settle in Mi'kma'ki; and

**WHEREAS** the new generations of language learners and cultural champions carry on the legacy of Gaelic Nova Scotia tradition bearers; and

**WHEREAS** government remains committed to collaborating with Gaelic communities to support opportunities for enhance learning to ensure Gaelic language and culture will thrive in the Municipality of the County of Pictou;

**THEREFORE**, I Robert Parker, Warden of the Municipality of the County of Pictou hereby proclaim May 2022 as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month in the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

**DATED** at Pictou, Nova Scotia this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022.

Sgd. Robert Parker, Warden

**RESOLUTION -LOAN GUARANTEE PICTOU LANDING FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Clr. Wadden presented a resolution to Council as follows:

**FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN GAURANTEE RESOLUTION**

**Amount: \$60,000  
Department**

**Fire Department: Pictou Landing Fire**

**Purpose: Hall Repairs**

**WHEREAS** the Pictou Landing Fire Department is a registered fire department with the Municipality of the County of Pictou

**WHEREAS** the Pictou Landing Fire Department is incorporated by the Societies Act;

**WHEREAS** the Pictou Landing Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of Hall Repairs by special resolution on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 as per section 10 (d) of the Societies Act;

**WHEREAS** the Pictou Landing Fire Department has requested the Municipality of the County of Pictou to guarantee the said borrowing;

**WHEREAS** Section 294 (6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a Municipality may grant or grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes; and

**WHEREAS** Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved the proposed borrowing or debenture and off the proposed guarantee;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Municipality of the County of Pictou does hereby approve the borrowing by the Pictou Landing Fire Department of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) for the purpose set out above;

**THAT** subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the guarantee, the Municipality, unconditionally guarantee repayment of principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

**THAT** upon, the issue of debentures the Warden and the Clerk at the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the Corporate Seal of the Municipality.

**DATED** at Pictou, Nova Scotia this the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of May 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. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – TRAFFIC AUTHORITY POLICY**

Clr. MacKeil 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 adopt the following policy with respect to Traffic Authority.



**Municipality of the County of Pictou**

**POLICY #2022-04-07**

**TRAFFIC AUTHORITY POLICY**

**1. PURPOSE:**

To establish a traffic authority over roads owned by the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

**2. OBJECTIVES:**

To provide clear guidance and administration of Municipality-owned roads within the Municipality.

**3. POLICY:**

- a. Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act Section 311 (2), Council hereby appoints **Logan Roy McDowell**, Director of Public Works & Development for the Municipality of the County of Pictou, as the Traffic Authority for all Municipality-owned roads within the Municipality.
- b. Council hereby appoints **Dan Allan Fortune**, Public Works Assistant, as the Deputy Traffic Authority for all Municipality-owned roads within the Municipality.
- c. The Deputy Traffic Authority, in the absence or incapability of the Traffic Authority, shall perform such duties and have all authority of the Traffic Authority.

**DATED** at Pictou, Nova Scotia this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022.

(Sgd) Darla MacKeil  
Mary Elliott

**MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil, seconded by Clr. Elliott that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented. Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION-COUNCIL GRANTS**

Clr. Palmer presented the following resolution:

**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:

**Municipal Council Grants**

Pictou Chamber of Commerce	\$1500.00	Newcomer Award
North Nova Education Centre	\$1000.00	Bursaries
North Nova Education Centre	\$1000.00	Graduation Expenses
Northumberland Regional High School	\$1000.00	Bursaries
Northumberland Regional High School	\$1000.00	Graduation Expenses
Pictou Academy	\$ 200.00	Bursary
Tatamagouche Regional High School	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	Bursary
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5900.00</b>	

**DATED** at Pictou, Nova Scotia, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2022.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer  
Chester Dewar

**MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Palmer, seconded by Clr. Dewar that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION: WORLD OCEANS DAY**

Clr. Boyles presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Wednesday, June 8, 2022, is the 30th annual World Ocean’s Day. World Oceans Day is the United Nations Day for celebrating the role of the ocean in everyday life and inspiring action to protect it.

**WHEREAS**, Countries around the world, including Canada as a prominent leader, have committed to protecting 30% of their ocean territory by 2030 in order to reverse nature loss in the ocean and safeguard at-risk marine life.

**WHEREAS**, The ocean is home to hundreds of species at risk, vulnerable ecosystems, and is a crucial carbon sink shielding us from the worst of climate change.

**WHEREAS**, The ocean produces over half of the world's oxygen and absorbs 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere. Therefore protecting the ocean is in the interest of all life on Earth, and communities both coastal and inland, as it is essential to our shared future.

**WHEREAS**, It is the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, under various pieces of legislation and regulation, to establish marine protected areas in consultation with Indigenous Peoples. Many Indigenous nations and communities are leading in the conservation of the ocean, and have been stewards of the ocean since time immemorial.

**WHEREAS**, It is important for municipal leaders to demonstrate support for actions to safeguard the ocean, as they have for action on climate change and other environmental matters of national importance.

**WHEREAS**, In celebrating the ocean, and protecting its habitats and ecosystems, we can together raise the profile of ocean conservation's critical role in improving planetary health and slowing the crisis of species collapse and ecosystem decline.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality of the County of Pictou recognizes the 30th anniversary of World Oceans Day on June 8th, 2022 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030.

**DATED** at Pictou, Nova Scotia this the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of May 2022.

(Sgd.) Peter Boyles  
Larry Turner

#### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles, seconded by Clr. Turner that the preceding motion be adopted as presented. Motion Carried.

#### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Clr. Butler raised the issue of the breakfast program at the various schools and asked if Council was going to invest in the programs or would it be left to each of districts to fund through their municipal services grant fund. The CAO indicated that the program has not received funding since 2019 at which time the Municipality paid approximately \$10600 to the schools.

Clr. Boyles says he was contacted about providing funds to a backpack program and wondered if this is similar the breakfast program. Clr. Turner stated that the backpack program is a different program run independently of the breakfast program. Clr. Turner indicated that the United Way has provided some level of funding to the backpack program. Clr. Wadden indicated that she received a call from the same individual as Clr. Boyles and the backpack program is separate from the breakfast program.

Clr. Parker stated that any programs such as the backpack program or breakfast program.

#### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Dewar, seconded by Clr. Turner that Council allocates the same amount of funds as 2019 for the Breakfast Program.

Clr. Turner stated that there is a tremendous need for program in the schools. There are many children that do not come to school with breakfast. Clr. Butler stated that he supports the motion as it will provide continuity to the breakfast program. Clr. Wadden stated that she is not speaking against the motion, but rather the timing of the program. Clr. MacKeil stated the program she has been involved with, typically runs short of items and funds at the end of the year.

Motion Carried.

### **MOTION**

The Council discussed the backpack program and how it should allocate funding. There was general agreement

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil, seconded by Clr. that Council agree in principle to support a backpack program; however, table funding until further information is obtained.

Motion Carried.

### **RURAL BROADBAND PROJECT UPDATE**



## WIRELINE UPDATE

- Telecon are working in the field to complete splicing in Lyon's Brook Area
  - (2 Weeks-3 Weeks)
- Telecon will begin installing drops to homes in Lyon's Brook Area
- Telecon will begin installing fibre/splicing from Lyon's Brook to West River Fire Hall
  - West River Fire Hall Whitespace to be completed
- Telecon will begin installing strand/fibre/splicing from West River Fire Hall towards Salts Springs and New Glasgow
  - Make Ready on River Crossing and Rail Crossing still pending

MOPC	Lattice	Tower will be erected on Friday April 22nd	Tower Shall be live by June 1st and connect	
Eureka	Lattice	Site preparation will begin 1st week of May	to Hardwood Hills tower late June	01-Jun
		Lease will be signed by River John Fire Dept mid May	Tower shall be erected by end of May	01-Jun
River John Mountain Rd	Monopole		Tower Shall be erected June	30-Jun
Baileys Brook Crown Land	Monopole	Offer letter will be sent by NSNR (Soon)	Construction anticipated to start by June 1st	01-Jul
		Lease request sent to province and continuing to look for private land	Unknown	Unknown
Caribou Island	Monopole	Looking for suitable land	Lease under negotiation	Unknown
Poplar Hill	Monopole	Area under review		
Blue Mtn 2	Monopole	Area under review		
East River	Monopole	Negotiating lease with landowner	Expect to have lease signed by mid May	01-Jul
Eden Lake	Monopole		Ground level work will be installed during May	30-Jun
Green Hill	Colo	Colo agreement signed with Bell	Ground level work will be installed during May	30-Jun
Hardwood Hill	Colo	Colo agreement signed with Bell	TIR Colo agreement will be shared in a few days	30-Jun
Sunnybrae	Colo	MW license approved by ISED	Scheduled installation for end of July "Stingray Colo"	30-Jun
Mt. Thom	Colo	MW license approved by ISED	TIR Colo agreement will be shared in a few days	30-Jun
Willowdale	Colo	MW license approved by ISED	TIR Colo agreement will be shared in a few days	30-Jun
McLellans Mountain	Colo	MW license approved by ISED	TIR Colo agreement will be shared in a few days	30-Jun
Melkefield	Colo	MW license approved by ISED	TIR Colo agreement will be shared in a few days	30-Jun



## ROLL OUT STRATEGY

- Communications will be rolled out in phases by two groups:
  - Fibre Network Segments
  - Tower Sites
- All communications will be sent by mail
  - Follow ups may include other strategies including phone calls & in-person

## INITIAL COMMUNICATION FLYER

- Each resident will receive the digital information flyer encouraging them to confirm before a specified date their connection to the network.
  - Flyer will set out the procedures to be followed
  - All pertinent dates will be contained in the flyer.
- Residents can confirm their connection by mail, phone or online.
  - By mail, they will complete a pre-paid postage reply card
- Reminder notices will be sent by mail.
  - Additional strategies will be employed when necessary; including phone or in person visits.

## COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

- General Flyer
  - Printed in batches to coincide with launch of sites and segments
- Pre-stamped reply-card
  - Each connection will receive a pre-stamped reply-card for those who do not wish to complete online registration.

## WIRELESS SERVICE

- Each person will receive specific information on the wireless service being offered as well as information when they will be able to access other services such as the fibre network.

## NEXT STEPS

- Development and launch of a transactional website
- Branding and Logo Design
- Stakeholder Mapping
- Refinement of key messages
- Web Approach
- Strategy for each stakeholder

Clr. Palmer asked who does the install on the various services. The CAO replied that a third-party installer will install fibre to the home and the second step of the project is done by the ISP in terms of the service within the home. On the wireless side a third-party contractor will do the install with the service being provided through the municipality as the ISP.

The CAO in response to a question indicated that the live map is a work in progress. Some of the data does require some interpretation and the communications officer stated that there is a disclaimer on the data. The CAO indicated that the map is based upon a computer simulation and deals with absolutes, so it is challenging to convey the message; however, if someone calls staff can provide some clarity.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENTS**

Clr. MacKeil wished the fisherman a safe season which starts on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Clr. David Parker Mill Brook Community Hall- Mother's Day Turkey Supper on Saturday May 7, 2022 from 10:30-1:30 pm.

### **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

There were no emergency resolutions.

### **CLOSED SESSION**


It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray, seconded by Clr. MacKeil that Council meets in closed session to discuss matters relating to public security and contract negotiations and sale of municipal property.  
Motion Carried (8:25pm)

**Open Session**

Council resumed in open session at 9:00 pm

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the meeting the Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

  
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