

December 18, 2023

The Property Services Committee for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building by videoconference and teleconference on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

- 1 Clr. Don Butler
- 2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
- 3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
- 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

ABSENT

- 4 Clr. Mary Elliott

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
- Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
- Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Clr. Palmer, Chair of the Property Services Committee called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people.

AGENDA

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

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions brought forward.

MINUTES

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for November 20, 2023. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on November 20, 2023, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE (CIRCULATED)

A letter was received from Central Nova MP Sean Fraser regarding bank closures.

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT

The Public Works and Development report was received as presented.

Warden Parker asked for an update on the heating and cooling system in the Municipal Administration Building. Mr. McDowell said the equipment has arrived at Carmichael, the contractor, and installation of the units will begin tomorrow. Mr. McDowell said regarding energy efficiency, a request for quotes has been sent out to three companies. One company has responded and asked a few questions, but nothing has been heard from the other two companies.

Warden Parker asked about the progress on having flow meters installed and Mr. McDowell said that Mr. Sheehan has sent a list of the four most desired locations. The next step will be specifying the requirements and getting meter quotes. These four flow meters are expected to be completed this fiscal year.

Clr. Palmer requested that Mr. McDowell make the recommendation for the next council meeting to hire a consultant for the Coalburn/MacLellan's Brook water project.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

The Development Officer Report was received as presented.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

The Emergency Services Report was received as presented. .

Clr. Butler asked Mr. Hale about progress over the last two years in training fire fighters in Pictou County. Mr. Hale said that this year, a basic firefighter course in level one was offered for the first time in Pictou County. Twenty-eight county firefighters are being trained through this program; county instructors teach this program to the firefighters. Clr. Butler asked about the approximate savings by doing this training locally, and Mr. Hale

said that would vary, but this year, the total savings to the county departments would be around \$55,000.00.

Clr. Turner sits on the executive of the Abercrombie Fire Department and the concern that has been brought up is that when a fire department shows up for a medical response, they have to do some of the work that EHS is supposed to do. Clr. Turner requested to have this put on a future agenda to discuss in Council compensation to the fire departments when they respond and must do the work of EHS.

Warden Parker asked Mr. Hale if any fire fighters were being trained to fight forest fires actively. Mr. Hale said the only place that can do that training is through the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Hale said there was a meeting with DNR about a month ago, and in the spring, they may be rolling out a program to train volunteer firefighters for this.

FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT

The Fire Inspector Report was received as presented.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

The Building Inspector Report was received as presented.

BYLAW OFFICER'S REPORT

The Bylaw Officer's Report was received as presented.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION – STREETLIGHTS

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Parker to approve the installation of a streetlight for District 3 at the intersection of Highway 6 and Seaboard Cemetery Road.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Boyles to approve the installation of a streetlight for District 8 at 139 Conley Drive, RR 3 New Glasgow.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Parker to approve the installation of a streetlight for District 10 at 375 Wildfred MacDonald Road, MacLellans Mountain.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Dewar to approve the installation of streetlights for District 11 at the locations of Edward Street, Plymouth Park, the intersection of Sunnybrae/Eden Road and Highway 347 in Garden of Eden, Intersection of West Side Road, and Highway 347 in East River St. Mary's and at the intersection of Black Brook Road and Highway 347 in East River St. Mary's.

Motion Carried

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK