

March 17, 2025

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, March 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

- 1 Clr. Joe MacDonald
- 2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
- 3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
- 4 Clr. Ronald Baillie
- 6 Warden Robert Parker
- 7 Clr. Donald 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 (videoconference)
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Logan McDowell, Dir. of Public Works & Development
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Business Operations, Broadband Initiative
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT

5 Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Clr. Randy 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 Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Turner that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried**

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

Clr. Wadden requested an addition to the agenda for a streetlight on Sinclair Road. The request was previously sent, but Clr. Wadden was having difficulties with email.

MINUTES

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for February 18, 2025 and February 18, 2025, In-Camera session. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meetings on February 18, 2025, and the February 18, 2025, In-Camera as the official record of the meetings. **Motion Carried**

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT

The Public Works and Development Report for the month of February 2025 was received as presented.

Clr. Boyles received a call from a resident on Murray Lane regarding the new water cover, who stated that it has water all around it and is sinking. Clr. Boyles said there is a mess and requested somebody to investigate this issue. Mr. McDowell said a call had been received from Mr. Fanning, and staff did look at the issue. A load of gravel will be taken up, and the settlement is due to the work being done in the winter. Mr. McDowell said the cover would be built back up.

Clr. Boyles questioned if more information was available regarding a possible waterline through MacKay Road. Mr. McDowell said no additional feedback has been received. Mr. McDowell would be interested if Clr. Boyles has heard any further information.

Warden Parker requested an update on the Green Hill Subdivision. Mr. McDowell said there was development and a slight modification to the subdivision, but this would not set it back. Mr. McDowell heard back from both lawyers for the servicing agreement.

Warden Parker noted that there have been many problems with winter and summer maintenance in the last couple of years, particularly with chloride. The Warden asked if it could be stated as a requirement to be completed by a specific time. Mr. McDowell is working to develop those and other practices and said the goal would be to have the chloride on in June. Mr. McDowell stated that a new contractor was used last year, and going forward, these will be scrutinized more.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

The Development Officer Report for the month of February 2025 was received as presented.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Emergency Services Report for the month of February 2025 was received as presented.

Clr. Boyles asked if an emergency fund was put together for fire departments if extra money was required. CAO Cullen said there were no specific funds for that.

Clr. Boyles said that a request was made to Mr. Hale to do a training session on the AED machine, but this has not yet been completed. Clr. Palmer suggested that Clr. Boyles contact Mr. Hale to follow up on this training.

FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT

The Fire Inspector Report for the month of February 2025 was received as presented.

BUILDING OFFICIALS

Warden Parker questioned if the permits issued were for the wind towers and asked if that is the only role that Council plays. The Warden said that the new provincial rules can override the municipal bylaws for the setback distance, and those against wind towers need to know that this is a provincial rule. CAO Cullen said that all the wind tower permits issued comply with the existing bylaw of 1 km setback, and to make changes, the company that was issued the permit would need to withdraw those and comply with the new rules.

Clr. Palmer hopes that developers will work with residents when the new rules take effect. Clr. MacKeil asked if the provincial setback changes would null and void the municipal policy. CAO Cullens answered that they would, and the bylaw would need to be changed to bring in the minimum planning standard. Clr. MacKeil expressed disappointment by this and will not forget the humming from the wind tower at a visit to the Fitzpatrick Mountain site.

BYLAW OFFICER'S REPORT

The Bylaw Officer's Report for the month of February 2025 was received as presented.

BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

STREETLIGHT APPROVALS

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Turner to approve District 9 streetlight installations at 5830 Highway 4 Linacy and 205 Anderson Mountain Road.

Motion Carried

Mr. McDowell reviewed both requests and stated that both are within keeping of the policy under conventional street lights.

MOTION

District 2

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. MacKeil to approve the District 2 streetlight request for 25, 77, 166, 201, 202 and 260 Sinclair Road and a light at the intersection of Sinclair Road and Sugarberry Lane.

Mr. McDowell said this request would be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. MacKeil to table this request until the next meeting.

Motion Carried

DEFERRED BUSINESS

There was no deferred business.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcements were given.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK