

May 15, 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, May 15, 2023, at 8:20 p.m.

PRESENT

- 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
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
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. Elliott that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

MINUTES

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for April 17, 2023. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on April 17, 2023, as the official record of the meeting.

Motion Carried

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Parker that the Building Inspection Report be received as presented.

Motion Carried

BYLAW DOG CONTROL REPORT

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the Bylaw Dog Control report be received as presented.

Motion Carried

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the Development Officer report be received as presented.

Motion Carried

STREETLIGHT REQUESTS

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Butler that a streetlight be put in at 74 Inglewood Road in District 9.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Warden Parker that a streetlight be put in on Murray Road.

Motion Carried

LAND USE PLANNING UPDATE

Public Works and Development Director McDowell updated Council that work has been continuing with the Upland Consulting team and they have been sharing information. They are assembling base mapping and base information to start working on the document.

LANDFILL AND FIONA DEBRIS COLLECTIONS

Clr. Boyles said that at his ratepayers meeting, it was brought up that the cleanup was great last year, and then it stopped. He said there is still so much debris around and people asked if they would put the same thing on at the landfill again to drop off branches for a certain length of time without the charge, as previously had been done.

CAO Cullen said that the request would have to go to the Shared Services meeting, and they meet again in two weeks. This could be brought up at that meeting.

Warden Parker agreed with Clr. Boyles in that people couldn't finish the work in the fall. Residents could use some help, and we will certainly bring it up. He said could be just minutes away from a really bad situation; the more people have these branches, the more likely they will light them up. There is a higher risk of forest fires and Warden Parker agreed that Council must do its best to try to find a solution.

Clr. MacKeil asked to hear from Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services, on this situation. Mr. Hale said it is obviously great to help people out. The time frame of a week has been tossed around, but Hale said it wouldn't even begin to clean it up. Hale believes it would be nonstop if that effort were to continue.

Warden Parker suggested giving people more information about whom they can call and where stuff can go. Many residents are willing to pay for cleanup but don't know what to do with it.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Parker said that the information meeting scheduled for May 16, 2023, at the Union Centre Community Hall has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 15, 2023.

Warden Parker said that the Salem and Area Recreation Association would have a flea market on Saturday, June 3, 2023, with a rain date of Sunday, June 4, 2023.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK