

July 3, 2018

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Dist.	1	Clr. Don Butler
	2	Deborah Wadden
	3	Clr. Darla MacKeil
	4	Clr. Ronald Baillie
	5	Deputy Warden Murray
	6	Warden Robert Parker
	7	Clr. David Parker
	8	Clr. Larry Turner
	9	Clr. Peter Boyles
	10	Clr. Randy Palmer
	12	Clr. Chester Dewar

**ABSENT**

Dist.	11	Clr. Andy Thompson (Out of Province)
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**IN ATTENDANCE**

Joel Sellers, Solicitor, MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald  
Brian Cullen, CAO/Municipal Clerk-Treasurer  
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Anne MacCarthy, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer  
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Warden R. Parker called the meeting to order and requested that Councillors stand and take a moment in silence to pray or simply reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the County.

**AGENDA**

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the agenda be approved with the addition of a report from the REN Liaison Oversight Committee.

Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Butler that the minutes of June 4, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from the following:

Thank you notes (uncirculated) for financial support have been received from the Scotsburn Elementary School, Dr. W. A. MacLeod Consolidated School, Salt Springs Elementary School, East Pictou Middle School, NSCC Foundation, & Remembering Canada's Heroes

## **RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS**

There were no recognitions of individuals or groups.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

July 6<sup>th</sup> Land & Sea Rally at 12 noon at Hector Arena walking to the Pictou wharf and Boats are coming into the Harbour at 1 pm lead by the First Nations;  
August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Music LORDA Fundraiser;  
August 18<sup>th</sup> Lennie Gallant Concert at the old Merigomish School;  
July 7<sup>th</sup> District 3 putting a float in Lobster Carnival Parade;  
July 8<sup>th</sup> Rose Fraser Strawberry Tea at the Durham Comm. Hall from 3 to 5 pm.

## **DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES HEARING – TRI MAC INVESTMENTS LTD. (7:10 P.M.)**

Ms. MacCarthy reported that she received a complaint on April 24, 2018 and initial site inspection was May 4, 2018. The complaint was found to be valid. An initial notice was sent to Tri Mac Investments on May 9, 2018 and a gentleman by the name of Dwayne MacDonald contacted her on May 11, 2018. He planned to secure the house and the garage with the intention of renovating the house. He immediately had the grass cut on May 11<sup>th</sup> and somewhat secured the collapsed basement cinder block wall. By June 11, 2018 nothing further had been done to secure the site so she requested the title search which was received on June 18<sup>th</sup> and continued with the dangerous and unsightly process. On May 18<sup>th</sup> Dwayne MacDonald had a medical issue that has prohibited him from attending this evening. His medical issue also prohibited him from realizing the property was posted on Thursday, June 21, 2018 for his opportunity to attend tonight's Council meeting. The registered letter sent that date was returned to the County on June 28 marked "Moved Unknown" by the Post Office in Westville. At some point Tri Mac Investments closed out its post office box between the initial notice and the opportunity to attend Council. She contacted Dwayne MacDonald today and questioned if he would be attending this evening and he advised her of his situation. She spoke today with the CAO and Solicitor and explained the situation surrounding this file. Proper notice was given by posting the property and the notice that was mailed was returned by the Post Office. The Solicitor suggested she deal with any immediate safety concerns which are set out in the MGA and that Council consider adjourning the matter for 1 month to give Mr. MacDonald an opportunity to address Council regarding this matter if his health permits him. As an alternative, Council could choose to proceed with the matter this evening.

Clr. Palmer informed Council that he received a call today from Dwayne MacDonald and explained that he was in a bad accident. Mr. MacDonald had planned to clean up the property but the accident delayed his plans for the clean-up. He advised Council that Mr. MacDonald has asked for an additional 30 days to have the property cleaned up.

Deputy Warden Murray asked where that leaves the County regarding legal advice to clean up the property immediately.

The CAO replied that is for the By-Law Enforcement Officer to decide because she has the ability under the MGA to correct any unsafe conditions and does not require Council approval. He further advised that if Council decides to proceed with the hearing knowing the individual could not attend tonight and it was contested, an adjudicating body may show sympathies to the other party because Council was aware of their circumstance.

## **AGREED**

It was agreed that the Dangerous and Unsightly hearing for Tri Mac Investments Ltd. be postponed for 30 days.

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Clr. D. Parker presented the report of the Financial Services Committee as follows:

## FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

For information purposes the Financial Services Committee submits the following report on the activities of the Committee for the month of June:

1. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of May.
2. Considered several requests for financial assistance. (Resolution to follow)
3. Considered staff recommendations for tax write-offs. (Resolution to follow)
4. Received information from NS Health Authority recruiting Pictou County citizens to the Pictou West Community Health Board.
5. Discussed a request from the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board to consider a cost-of-living increase for Board employees beyond the 2018/19 Operating Budget for the Board which did not include wage increases. (Resolution to follow)
6. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for May.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Ronald Baillie

## **MOTION**

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

Clr. MacKeil reported that she offered to sit on the Pictou West Community Health Board but unfortunately its meets the same evening as Council so that was not possible. In the meantime several residents in her area have shown interest so hopefully they will be able to get someone to sit on the Board.

Motion carried.

## **PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Clr. Dewar presented the report of the Property Services Committee as follows:

### PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

For information purposes the Property Services Committee submits the following report on the activities of the Committee for the month of June.

1. Reviewed correspondence from TIR outlining measures take to improve signage on TCH 104 at Exit 26.
2. Agreed to write TIR asking that the Loch Broom Loop and Abercrombie Loop be moved up the priority list for improvements to the driving surface.
3. Reviewed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Warden for the month of May.
4. Received an up-date on the status of capital projects. Field work on the McLellan's Brook Water Line Replacement is complete and tender drawings are expected to be complete by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Springfield Estates Water & Wastewater and Abercrombie Wastewater Projects are progressing and are estimated for completion in 3 weeks. The Hillside hydrant modelling is complete and information has been shared with Council. An invitation will be extended to the Trenton Fire Department to meet with the Committee to review this data. No progress has been made on the tender documents for the demolition of the Linacy School as resources have been focused on the McLellan's Brook Water Line Project. Sidewalk contract documents are being processed and construction is expected to start shortly. The digital speed signs have been removed from Lyon's Brook. Staff training has been scheduled, after which the signs will be deployed to the various locations requested by Councillors.

5. Reviewed estimates requested for the following sidewalks:

Blue Acres	\$680,000
Little Harbour	190,000
River John	100,000

Staff has been directed to tender for the replacement of the River John Sidewalk, from the Post Office to the Library, and to report on alternatives to fund all 3 sidewalk projects.

6. Discussed concerns regarding cleaning of municipal sidewalks and curbs to prevent potential hazards.
7. Considered applications for intersection street lights. (Resolution to follow)
8. Agreed to invite the Towns of Stellarton, Westville & New Glasgow to a meeting to explore the benefits and costs of potential development opportunities at Exits 21, 23, 24 & 25.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar  
Randy Palmer

## **MOTION**

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

Clr. Boyles asked if work will be done on the hydrants before meeting with the Trenton Fire Department. The CAO agreed that was part of the discussion but he has not had an update on that work as yet.

Clr. Butler referred to correspondence from TIR in regards to improving signage at Exit 26 and he informed Council that additional signage has since been erected at Exit 29.

Deputy Warden Murray referred to the River John sidewalk and stated that he was of the understanding that we were not going to tender it but staff was going to take back a recommendation for the next meeting.

The CAO replied his notes indicate that we are to bring it back to the next meeting with recommendations on financing models.

Clr. Dewar referred to #4 and pointed out that the sidewalk in Blue Acres goes all the way from the bridge to the Stellarton/Trafalgar sidewalk. In front of the Esso garage there is a sidewalk and there was also discussion on a retaining wall in Blue Acres but cement is already there.

Motion carried.

## **MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT**

Clr. Wadden informed Council that you should have received your invitation to attend our Cannabis Conversation on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Glasgow Square. This is for all municipal councillors, CAO's and all pertinent staff who may be dealing with any issues concerning cannabis, such as planners, by-law officers, legal staff, etc. We also are inviting our local MLA's, police services and fire services. We now have the legislation in our province and will be discussing how we will be dealing with the issues from this legalization. Please remember to respond to Sophie with your plans to attend or not. Clr. Wadden reported they are waiting for our final report on our last Intergenerational Forum and will pass the results along to you as soon as they are available.

## **PARL BOARD**

Clr. Wadden reported that PARL had its AGM on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We had the opportunity to meet Lynn Somers, newly appointed Provincial Librarian. Our financial audit indicated the overall position of the board is still sound.

Activity across the region remained strong in all locations, services, and programs.

The report was emailed to all Councillors so I will leave that to you to read. If you have any questions I will try to answer them for you.

Our regular meeting followed the AGM and one of the items discussed was the lack of any wage increases for staff which we addressed here at committee last month. I am waiting in to hear how other units are dealing with this issue.

There are some very interesting summer reading programs being offered again this year so I urge all Councillors to let their residents know what is available at each of our libraries.

Work continues on the One Card Program in NS. The hope is that one Library card will work for all residents in NS to go from library to library to borrow books having just one library card. If you are in Halifax your Pictou County card will work there for you. Hopefully this will become a reality soon.

The Adopt-a-Library program is still looking for a warehouse for their book. Please keep this program in mind if you hear of a facility that could work.

Eric Stackhouse and Troy Greencorn are still working on funding for the development of the detailed business plan for Pictou Place.

## **FCM CONFERENCE**

Clr. Wadden reported that overall it was a very good conference as usual. The trade show was extremely informative and a good deal of information was collected with particular interest being paid to Fire Marque which I would imagine we will hear more about as our local fire services become more involved.

Being able to hear from the leaders of all four Federal parties makes one realize the importance of all levels of government continuing to work together. We cannot lose the in-roads we have made these past few years and the FCM is working very hard on our behalf to continue achieving goals that work for all municipalities.

The President's Forum: New Faces of Leadership emphasized the tools women bring to the table and why it is so important to support women in leadership to build tomorrow's Canada.

My favorite workshop was Stronger Together: Tools for Indigenous-Municipal collaboration which is most definitely a relationship we must become involved with on our own Council. It was most heartening to see the relationship unfold between Antigonish Town and County and their First Nations partners Paq'Tnkek Mi'kmaw Nation. They have entered into a community to community relationship in the spirit of lasting friendship and collaboration, economic prosperity and building community. They have achieved this partnership through the FCM's CEDI program - Community Economic Development Initiative.

Youth Forum - Engaging today's youth in tomorrow's Canada proved to be very entertaining. Led by Councillor Lindell Smith from HRM, he was joined by a panel of youth from across Canada who are building stronger communities by engaging their fellow youth in Municipal issues. We learned how engaging today's young people can bring about positive change and why it is so important in building tomorrow's Canada.

At 7:00 am on Sunday morning I had a dilemma of choosing between the workshop Getting Ready for Legalized Cannabis or the Breakfast Fundraiser FCM Women in Municipal Govt. I gave up my ticket for this fundraiser as I have placed so much importance in learning all I can about the implications of legalized cannabis for communities across the country. We learned about the policy and regulatory tools that are available to us to keep Canadians safe and well served in a world of legalized cannabis.

The wrap up Sunday evening of the Kitchen party hosted by HRM really showcased local talent and hospitality. Very well done! This was where our contribution to this conference was used and there was lots of advertising about our support. It was noted on each table (keep in mind there were over 2200 attending this function) and there were screens set up all over the facility which constantly highlighted the municipalities who contributed to what proved to be a very successful end to an excellent workshop. In fact, on our way back to our hotel we were speaking with two couples from Ontario who recognized we were from Pictou County and thanked us for supporting such a great evening. They have every intention of taking a real vacation to our province very soon as they were overwhelmed by the hospitality shown to them and they cannot wait to share their experiences with their families. I would like to thank Council for once again allowing me the opportunity to attend our Annual FCM Conference.

**REN LIAISON OVERSIGHT REPORT**

Clr. Turner reported that the REN Board and the Liaison Oversight Committee met on June 21<sup>st</sup> with 2 provincial representatives. The Board of Directors was introduced to the Liaison Oversight Committee and they had a conversation about the roles and responsibility of each level of operations. It was officially announced at that meeting that the First Nations has joined the REN as well. They went through the roles of government and he pointed out that municipal governments are to refrain from interfering in management. There is a Municipal Advisor, 2 representatives from the Province as well as a representative from Labor & Advanced Education who will also be on the Committee. The biggest role of the Liaison Oversight Committee is to approve the Regional Economic Strategy. Clr. Turner Informed Council that he is Council’s representative on the Oversight Committee and will report back on a regular basis to Council. One of the Board’s first task is to hire a good strong CEO and the CEO will hire the REN staff.

Warden R. Parker reported the Economic Development Working Group has been working towards this goal for 2 years and it is good to see it starting to take shape.

Clr. Dewar asked the names of the Board members and Warden R. Parker replied that the names will be announced publically soon.

Clr. Palmer asked the location of the REN and Clr. Turner responded that there were a few suggestions but it is the Board’s responsibility to choose a location.

Clr. Palmer asked if that decision will be made soon and the CAO replied there are several other steps they have to be attend to first.

**RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS**

Clr. Baillie 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:

**Municipal Services**

D02 Little Hbr. Comm. Cent.	\$27,000	Playground Equipment
D04 Campbell’s Cemetery	2,500	Stone Repairs
D04 Melville-Seafoam Comm. Hall	5,500	Heat Pump
D04 Mountain Rd. Cemetery	1,000	Maintenance Expenses
D04 River John & Area Historical Soc.	7,000	Operating Expenses & Heat Pump
D04 River John & Area Recreation	1,000	Operating Expenses & Student Wages

D04 River John Festival Days	3,500	Event Expenses
D04 River John & Area Lions Club	3,000	Kitchen Renovations
D04 River John Meals on Wheels	2,000	Operating Expenses
D04 Royal Canadian Legion, Bch 108	1,500	Memorial Garden Expenses
D04 Salem United Church	1,200	Mowing & Maintenance Expenses
D04 St. John Anglican Church & Cemetery	1,500	Cem. Mtnce., Stone Reprs., Fill/Concrete
D04 Toney River Community Hall	3,000	Replace't. of Oil Barrel & Kitchen Faucets
D04 West Bch & Area Comm. Assoc.	3,500	Partial Roof Replacement & Paint
D04 West Bch Burns Mem. Presby. Ch.	1,175	Pew Cushions
D11 Churchville Community Hall	1,500	Capital Up-Grades to Building
D11 East Riv. Valley Fire Dept.	1,500	Improv'ts to Well/Pump/Water Source
D11 Sunny Brae War Mem. Society	500	Lawn Care
D11 Glencoe Community Hall	2,200	Operating Exp. & Window Replacement
D12 East Riv. Valley Comm. Dev. Assoc.	2,000	News Letter & Operating Expenses
D12 East River Valley Recreation	1,000	Operating Exp. & Field Maintenance
D12 Elgin Cemetery	1,000	Operating Expenses
D12 Eureka & Dist. Fire Dept.	2,500	Defibrillator
D12 First Presbyterian Church	300	Hopewell War Memorial Maintenance
D12 Friends of Iona Park	1,000	Operating Expenses
D12 Hopewell & Area Pk & Ftbridge Assoc.	2,500	Operating Expenses & Candy Cane Exp.
D12 Hopewell 4-H	1,100	Eureka War Mem. Mtnce. & 4-H Projects
D12 Lorne Hall	2,000	Operating Expenses & Hall Maintenance
D12 Riverton Community Hall	2,000	Hall Up-Keep
D12 Hopewell Cemetery	1,000	Operating Expenses
D12 Glengarry Community Hall	750	General Maintenance & Up-Keep
	<u>\$87,225</u>	

Recreation:

Pictou Co. Community Orchestra	<u>\$ 500</u>	Operating Expenses
	\$ 500	

Council:

Federation of Can. Municipalities	\$ 1,200	Advocacy Expenses
Pictou County 4-H	250	Awards Night Trophies
FH MacDonald Elementary School	<u>500</u>	Breakfast Pgm. (missed in error)
	\$ 1,950	

**GRAND TOTAL: \$89,175**

NG Farmer's Mkt. Cooperative	\$ 2,500	Repurposing of money originally approved for Insulation Kit. Funds to be used for Propane Heaters
Plymouth Community. Rec. Assoc.	10,000	Extension of deadline to March 31/19 to use funds approved by Council on June 12/17 for a Solar Project

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

(Sgd.) Ronald Baillie  
David Parker

**MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – TAX WRITE-OFFS**

Clr. Palmer 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 water and taxes, the same having been reviewed and approved by the Financial Services Committee:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
152994.00	Scott Leonard Hayman	\$ 519.17	Property has been abandoned & is not being serviced.
02877791	DNR – Formerly DeYoung	171.52}	Non-Taxable Properties - Receiving Grant-in-Lieu of Taxes.
08252823	DNR – Formerly Schella	130.24}	
08845522	DNR – Formerly Cent. Forest	163.23}	
00336572	DNR – Formerly Cent. Forest	198.94}	

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer  
Chester Dewar

**MOTION**

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

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION – LIBRARY WAGE INCREASE**

Clr. Wadden presented a resolution to Council as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS Municipal Council has budgeted an expenditure of \$186,904 for regional library board expenses for the 2018/19 fiscal period;

WHEREAS the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board advises that the Board's operating budget does not provide any cost-of-living wage adjustment for Board staff and therefore the Board has asked that the participating municipal units in the Pictou-Antigonish Region approve an additional contribution of funding for this purpose;

WHEREAS the Financial Services Committee has discussed this request and supports the concept of additional funding that would see COLA increases implemented under specific parameters;



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve additional funding for the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library to permit the payment of a 1% wage increase to Board staff in 2018/19 under the following circumstances:

Funds to be Granted:	\$4,553;
Conditions:	Remaining 7 municipal partners to contribute their proportionate share;
Source of Funding:	Community Grant Fund

DATED at Pictou, NS this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

(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.

Deputy Warden Murray reported that he cannot support this resolution because when the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library requested funding for 2018/19 the wage increase was not included. He had questioned the matter which staff who informed him that PARL did not submit a budget request for 2018/19 when asked to do so and therefore staff budget an expense equal to the prior year. His concern was that the library is underfunded by the Province and that issue will never be addressed as long as the municipal units provide supplementary funding for expenses of this nature.

Clr. Butler pointed out that Stellarton has already decided not to grant the request for additional funding and therefore our condition of funding from all municipal units in the region cannot be met.

Clr. D. Parker stated that it is shameful the way the provincial government treats libraries across the province. Most of the library employees are university graduates and well trained but they are given such a low wage.

Clr. Wadden reminded Council that this issue was fully discussed at the Financial Services Committee level where there was support for the additional funding and she is very disappointed that Council is changing its position with this decision. This was a decision made by the Library Board and not the Chief Librarian so she was disappointed this did not come out at the Committee meeting.

Clr. Turner reported the people who are going to be effected by this decision are the front line workers and they are going to suffer because of our decision.

Clr. Palmer pointed that we already agreed to support the request at the Financial Services Committee and tonight we are defeating it.

Motion defeated. (Nay Votes: Clrs. Butler, MacKeil, D. Parker, Boyles, Dewar, Warden R. Parker & Deputy Warden Murray)

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that a letter be sent to the Province expressing dissatisfaction with the funding levels for libraries.

Motion carried. (Nay Votes: Clrs. Wadden, Baillie & Palmer)

### **RESOLUTION – INTERSECTION ST. LIGHTS**

Clr. MacKeil presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted a policy with respect to the provision of street lighting at intersections in areas where residential street lighting does not exist;

WHEREAS this policy is intended to aid in the safe passage of motor vehicles on public streets or roads and pedestrian traffic at street intersections and other pedestrian infrastructure in a manner which is both affordable and adequate for vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

WHEREAS the Property Services Committee has considered requests for intersection street lights in District #3 & District #11;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the installation of intersection street lights, in accordance with Policy #2016-03-34, at the following intersection:

District #03      at the intersection of Bayview Road & Division Road, Braeshore;  
                         at the intersection of Hwy 6 & R. Grant Road, Caribou River.

District #11      at the intersection of French River Road & Moose River Road;  
                         At the intersection of J. W. McCulloch Road & Sherbrooke Road.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil  
Ronald Baillie

**MOTION**

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

Clr. D. Parker asked are there still street lights available in districts 3 and 11 and the CAO replied they are still within their allotments.

Clr. D. Parker asked for a report indicating how many street lights are left in each district.

Clr. MacKeil reported since she became Councillor in District 3 there was only 1 street light so we have added several since that time because it has been a safety issue.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – SHEEP VALUER**

Clr. Dewar presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section 9(1) of the Sheep Protection Act provides for the annual appointment of Sheep Valuers;

WHEREAS appointments to this office have been made throughout the various districts of the County of Pictou;

WHEREAS in accordance with the aforementioned Statutes of Nova Scotia, these appointments require the approval of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the appointment of the following Sheep Valuers for 2018/19:

DIST. # 4      Doug White

DIST. #12      Willard MacDonald

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar  
Randy Palmer

### **MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION – NATIONAL UNIVERSAL PHARMACARE PROGRAM**

Clr. Boyles presented a resolution to Council as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION FOR A NATIONAL PHARMACARE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou has recognized and has demonstrated in the past, its commitment to healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged and economically vibrant community; and

WHEREAS over 3 million Canadians, including many in our local community, don't take medicines prescribed by their doctors because they can't afford them; and

WHEREAS Canada is currently the ONLY country with a universal Medicare program that does not have a national, universal pharmacare program; and

WHEREAS the risk of having no insurance for medicines is higher among lower income Canadians, which includes the service industry, precarious workers and seasonal workers; and

WHEREAS studies show that adding a national, universal pharmacare program to our health care system would lower costs to businesses by over \$8 billion per year, providing companies in Canada with a competitive advantage; and

WHEREAS recent research confirms that these gains can be achieved with little or no increase in public investment; and

WHEREAS municipal government expenses for employee benefits would be significantly reduced by a national, universal pharmacare program; and

WHEREAS a national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors; and

WHEREAS a national, universal pharmacare program is sound policy, both economically and socially, since health and economic studies show that such a program would improve health in

municipalities, give local businesses a competitive advantage in the global marketplace and lower costs for municipal governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou call on the federal government to work with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a national, universal pharmacare program;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality forward this resolution to Sean Fraser, Member of Parliament for Central Nova, the Nova Scotia Minister of Health, the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Federal Minister of Health and the Prime Minister.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

(Sgd.) Peter Boyles  
Larry Turner

### **MOTION**

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

Clr. D. Parker pointed out the working poor will benefit from a national pharmacare program because they have no coverage. This is a wonderful proposal and it is good economic and social policy so if it is a strong national program the cost of our drug insurance program should go down. We do have a universal medicare program but it does not include drugs, teeth, eyes and ear but he like to know why those last 3 items are not part of our body.

Clr. Palmer asked who is going to pay for this pharmacare program and Clr. Turner explained that it is a matter of economies of scale so if you spread these costs over a large population that is where the money is going to come from. Clr. Turner reported that it is a step in the right direction and it should be part of our national pharmacare program.

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Palmer)

### **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

There were no emergency resolutions.

### **REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & NOTICES OF MOTION**

Clr. Boyles informed Council that he took Clr. MacKeil's concern regarding power bills to a meeting he attended with NSP. He has a report from that meeting that he would like to put on the next agenda.

Clr. Boyles asked the Solicitor if there was an update on the land for the Hillside Community Hall and the Solicitor replied he will look into the matter to see if there are any new developments.

Clr. D. Parker informed Council that at the next Financial Services Committee meeting he will present a new proposed protocol for capital projects. Clr. D. Parker asked that the policy on changing street names be added to the Property Services Committee agenda.

Clr. MacKeil acknowledged that NSP has contracted companies to remove the tree growth on power lines. In District 3 they have done extensive cutting that has been long overdue and hopefully it will decrease power outages.

Clr. Wadden asked that the proposed tax changes for municipal officials be put on the next Financial Services Committee meeting. The CAO replied a meeting on this issue is scheduled for September.

Deputy Warden Murray asked that issues that are brought forward to a Committee meeting be referred to staff before making any decisions.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the meeting adjourn.  
Motion carried. (8:15 p.m.)

Robert Parker  
Warden

Brian Cullen  
Municipal Clerk