

January 6, 2020

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Dist.	1	Clr. Don Butler
	2	Clr. 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
	11	Clr. Andy Thompson
	12	Clr. Chester Dewar

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Donn Fraser, Solicitor, MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald  
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Sueann Musick, Communication Officer  
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

**BY APPOINTMENT**

Helen Baudoux McLaughlin & Myrna Hallett, CA-RMA, Pictou Co. Chapter

**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 Municipality.

**AGENDA**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that the agenda be approved with the addition of a REN update.  
Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Wadden that the minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 be approved as presented.  
Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Municipality of Barrington – Asking Council’s support for an application to the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development to be able to provide a personal

development credit to students who join a volunteer fire department and complete the required training.

- (b) Thank-You Note (uncirculated) for financial assistance has been received from Alesha Dennis, Chesnea Livingstone, & Bella Livingstone 4-H Award Recipients); and from Pictou County Volunteer Ground Search & Rescue (Operating Grant)

### **MOTION – FIRE DEPT. CREDIT**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that Council support the Municipality of Barrington's application to allow schools in Nova Scotia to offer a Personal Development Credit for students that join a fire department and undergo required training.

Motion carried.

### **PRESENTATION – CA-RMA PICTOU COUNTY (7:05 P.M.)**

Ms. Helen Baudoux McLaughlin and Ms. Myrna Hallett of CA-RMA Pictou County met with Council to elaborate on the organization's Rescue, Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts as follows:

CARMA is an all-volunteer registered charity with Chapters throughout Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and as of August 2019 we are a member of Humane Canada; Canada's voice for animal welfare. Our mandate is to bring community cat populations into balance through trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs which not only improves the lives of these cats but also reduces the suffering while supporting the many caregivers who in the past have struggled to cope on their own. Although community cats have a shorter life span than tame cats, our Chapter works to ensure that the cats being returned to community life are healthy, have daily access to water, food and shelter.

Since 2016 we have been actively providing our TNR program throughout the Municipality of the County of Pictou receiving on average over 80 requests per year for assistance. Over the last three years, 873 adult cats were successfully TNR; 438 fetuses were aborted, and 482 kittens were recovered from community colonies within the Municipality. Our Chapter has been successful in providing as much service as we have thanks to the partnerships we have created and through the immense year-round fundraising we do.

We have worked hard over the last few years to create a successful working relationship with our local SPCA shelter in Granton. As a result of this relationship we have been able to surrender all kittens along with all stray (tame) cats that we have recovered from community locations. This relationship allows us to allocate our financial resources to the community cats of Pictou County verses having the responsibility to vet kittens and tame cats in addition to relieving us of the time and effort it takes to find good adoptive homes. This is a good example of our eagerness to form partnerships and work cooperatively which enables us to utilize our resources effectively and focus on our mandate of TNR.

Our relationship with the NSSPCA Mobile Clinic is such that when their resources allow will come to our County based on our request. When the NSSPCA Mobile Clinic comes to Pictou County our Chapter works diligently to secure a set up location at least 20 kms from the nearest Pictou County veterinary Hospital for the Mobile Unit to work from, trap 30 – 35 cats and have them secured the night before, have them weighed and prepared for the day of surgery, monitor their recovery often overnight in a Church of Community Hall, and then return to their respective colony the next day. Although this entails a tremendous amount of work for CA-RMA volunteers it involves little financial input from our Chapter. To date we are the only organization in Nova Scotia that takes full responsibility for the Mobile Clinic; in most other areas the NSSPCA staff does the trapping and set up thus they are always willing and eager to come to Pictou County. In 2018 we were fortunate enough to host six clinics resulting in a record high of 326 TNR, however, there is no guarantee of these opportunities and in 2019 we were only able to host two clinics which is reflective in a total of 196 for that year. We are pleased to present a letter of endorsement and support from the NSSPCA.

We are pleased to present a letter of endorsement and support from the NSSPCA. Other than benefiting from the NSSPCA Mobile Clinics we must fundraise for each cat we TNR. Fundraising efforts are time consuming and become the determining factor with the number of caregivers and colonies we can assist. It is proving to be impossible to fundraise and meet all the requests for assistance on a yearly basis especially considering we are all volunteers. Although 2018 allowed us to reduce our trapping list from nine

pages to two pages we still have requests from 2019 in addition to new calls and messages that we consider part of the 2020 trapping season, carryover from one year to the next has been our pattern. On average we are receiving 80 requests for service per year throughout the Municipality. Our Municipality covers a large geographical area and volunteers drive extensive amounts using their personal vehicles to transport equipment and cats. Our Chapter does not provide any compensation for fuel or wear and tear however tax receipts can be issued; \$12,933 was issued for 2018 and it is forecasted that approximately \$11,000 will be issued for 2019.

In addition to the driving, trapping itself can be time consuming as we make several trips to the colony; to set up equipment and instruct caregivers about the required feeding plan, to the day of the trap where we can spend hours waiting for the cats to unknowingly cooperate, followed by transport to and from the local veterinary clinics, along with the follow up trapping dates to ensure all colony cats are TNR or even returning months later when a new cat appears – leaving even one cat behind is not an option.

Not only do CARMA volunteers provide TNR services to community cats but also respond to more urgent requests of cats and kittens in need. Such instances have included; a cat in River John who was full of porcupine quills, having been abandoned and starving resorted to eating roadkill that ultimately would have resulted in his death; two kittens left at the roadside in Millsville as reported by a WEEKS Construction road crew; and relocating a small colony of cats from along the Scotsburn Road because the senior caregiver was no longer able to care for the cats due to failing health.

Although towns and municipalities do not currently address cats within their by-laws, the fact remains that intervention is needed and it is our hope that we are recognized as helping to fulfill that need thereby saving our Municipality substantial money and manpower while providing caregivers and citizens with access to a necessary resource. One noteworthy intervention this year in the Foxbrook area resulted in the following statistics at one colony; 35 adults TNR, 1 adult euthanasia, 1 adult tame surrender to the SPCA, removal of 5 kittens and most staggering was that the veterinarians performing the surgeries reported that a total of 35 fetuses were aborted. Not only would the caregiver have been completely overrun yet a colony of this size would have resulted in migration throughout the community, instead because of our TNR program this situation has stabilized and the caregiver who truly cares for the cats feels it is manageable and reports improved quality of life both for himself and the cats.

The caregivers we have helped over the years have consistently reported that the cats are healthier and that the numbers in their colony continue to decline through attrition – TNR programs do work; they humanely reduce the cat population.

When a community faces difficult economic times animals, in particular cats, are the first to be negatively impacted; the cats are often abandoned or discarded as people can no longer afford to feed them much less pay to have them spayed or neutered, or move and leave them behind, these cats then become the responsibility of the community at large. CA-RMA Pictou County Chapter wants to be in the best position possible to help respond to this need and we are asking for your continued and increased support.

Clr. MacKeil asked the goals for CA-RMA for 2020 and Ms. Baudoux McLaughlin replied that reducing the cat population is their main goal but they would like to secure more funds for calls received.

Clr. MacKeil asked the cost to neuter a cat and Ms. Baudoux McLaughlin replied that some of the vets do provide a reduction in cost but the cost is \$100 or more for a female to be spayed.

Clr. D. Parker noted CA-RMA would like increased funding and Ms. Baudoux McLaughlin responded that an increase in funding would mean more work could be done.

Clr. Boyles asked what happens when other animals are caught in the traps and Ms. Baudoux McLaughlin replied that the volunteers are trained in TNR. The volunteers stay and monitor when trapping and only feed in the morning.

Clr. Butler asked the types of funding the group does and Ms. Baudoux McLaughlin replied they sell tickets, bingo, yard and bake sales.

Warden R. Parker asked if the group receives funding from the other municipal units and Ms. Baudoux McLaughlin replied they have received funding from Stellarton and Pictou in the past.

Ms. Baudoux McLaughlin gave a demonstration on the live traps to the Council.

Warden R. Parker thanked Ms. Baudoux McLaughlin and Ms. Hallett for the presentation and excused her from the balance of the meeting. (7:40 p.m.)

## **RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS**

There were no recognition of individuals or groups.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no community announcements.

## **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 December:

1. Reviewed the report of Recreation staff and the Communications Officer for the month of November.
2. Considered several requests for funding. (Resolution to follow)
3. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of November.
4. Discussed an application to fill a non-elected position on the Board of Directors for 144 Construction Engineering Flight. (Resolution to follow)
5. Considered staff recommendations for tax account write-offs. (Resolution to follow)
6. Approved the selection of delegates to attend the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Clrs. Baillie, Turner, Palmer & Thompson will be attending on behalf of the Municipality.
7. Discussed the need to address community concerns over affordable liability insurance for community buildings. This has been identified as a year 2/3 action item under the Supportive Environment Goal in our Recreation Strategy and it is anticipated that work in that regard will begin early in 2020.
8. Agreed to pursue a discussion with EHS Nova Scotia on local service delivery.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Darla MacKeil

## **MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

## **PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Clr. Thompson 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 December:

1. Reviewed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Warden for the month of November.
2. Received an update on the status of the Rural Internet Project.
3. Received an update on current projects. Construction of the River John Sidewalk Replacement Project is complete with some clean-up work outstanding and hydroseeding to be done in the spring. The Stanwood Drive/Barclay Ridge Road Improvement Project is complete.
3. Received an overview of outstanding streetlight installations. 27 lights are currently in various stages of completion.
4. Approved the installation of 3 conventional streetlights on Hidden Cove Drive, Pictou Landing.
5. Met in closed session to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations and provided direction to staff as required.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson  
Chester Dewar

### **MOTION**

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

### **PARL REPORT**

Clr. Wadden presented the PARL Report as follows:

Items from Library Board Meeting of December 12, 2019

1. We are still waiting for written assurance that additional base provincial funding will be in place next fiscal year as described in the funding formula and as announced by the Minister of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, at the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia Conference.
2. The One Library Card initiative is underway with seven other regional libraries. Contracts and costs with the two main vendors, SirsiDynix and BiblioCommons, have finished and the 8 members of the One Library Card Alliance will be deciding shortly. The new systems are expected to go live in spring 2021.
3. In partnership with the Pictou Advocate, SeaLevel Sound, and several volunteers with visual challenges, the Regional Library has begun a "News Out Loud" project to record audio versions of key weekly articles (and obituaries) from the Advocate newspapers. This way, those with visual impairments can stay connected to local news and events. The recordings are currently made by PARL staff and volunteers at the studios of SeaLevel Sound at no cost. However, through grant funding, we will soon have our own sound room at the Westville Library. This room will be used to record the News Out Loud articles but can be used by the public for sound recordings, podcasts,

and other audio projects. To hear News Out Loud, go to [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca) and click on the YouTube icon.

4. The Antigonish People's Place Library will host a "sound booth" from the People's Archive of Rural Nova Scotia (PARNS) this winter. Shaped like a full size "Outhouse" a person can enter the booth and record a story about living and working in small town in rural Nova Scotia. The recording is then posted to [www.parns.ca](http://www.parns.ca). The "Outhouse" is expected to also visit the River John Library for a period this winter.
5. The Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program has distributed over 15,000 children and youth books leading up to the holiday season this year. These books have been obtained by the Adopt-a-Library and Public Library from publishers at minimal cost. The funds to obtain these are raised in the community. They are free for kids, youth, and families and are distributed in a variety of ways. Our informal "goal" is to have a book under every tree or in every home this Christmas and holiday season.
6. The Regional Library Board is now carrying out planning for the next several fiscal years. This is in anticipation of a base funding increase by the Province. Key areas such as staff salaries, collections and materials for the public, and children, youth and technology programming are all part of this process.
7. Along with municipalities and secondary institutions, regional library boards have been prescribed by the province to form an Accessibility Advisory Committee and have a plan prepared by April 1st 2021. This is a complex undertaking as it will involve buildings (which are owned by municipalities), services and programs (which are carried out by regional library), and online systems (which are shared with 7 other regional libraries). The Board approved a plan to form an advisory committee in January and set to work on a plan right away.

#### **LIAISON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Clr. Turner reported that he received an email from the Executive Director of the REN in regard to Northern Pulp. The Executive Director will be getting a debriefing today from the Deputy Minister Kelly Ann Dean who is leading the Transition Team. The Executive Director will then update the LOC and for the time being her primary message with the Pictou County REN in relation to the Northern Pulp closure is not yet clear. We will need to be prepared to act quickly once we do identify whether there are gaps, we can fill or support can be provided. The necessary first step is finding out what supports, resources and options the Province intends to put in place for people for small business impacted and for the sector as a whole.

Warden R. Parker informed Council that the REN will be required to play a key role moving forward in regard to Northern Pulp.

#### **RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS**

Clr. Dewar 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:

#### **Recreation:**

District 1 Fitness Challenge	\$	150.00	Clr. Allotment – Event Expenses
Moore Lodge #17, IOOF		150.00	Clr. Allotment – Xmas Tree Lighting Exp.

Hopewell & Area Pk. & Footbridge Com. Exp.	75.00	Clr. Allotment – Candy Cane Comm.
Hopewell 4-H	75.00	Clr. Allotment – Program Expenses
Pictou Co. Invasion Volleyball Club	<u>100.00</u>	Leadership Training
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>	

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar  
Andy Thompson

**MOTION**

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

**RESOLUTION – OUTSIDE BD. APPOINTMENT**

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 nominations for the 2019/20 Council term:

<b>OUTSIDE BOARDS</b>	
144 Construction Engineering Flight	David Freckelton (to Nov., 2021)

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 6th day of January, 2020.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer  
Andy Thompson

**MOTION**

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

**RESOLUTION – TAX WRITE-OFFS**

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 approve the following write-off on 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>
02716461	Her Majesty the Queen Dept. Natural Resources	\$ 29.90	Ownership now PNS
04377923	NS Dept. Natural Resources	95.64	Ownership now PNS
10287731	NS Dept. Natural Resources	<u>742.56</u>	Ownership now PNS
		\$ 850.10	

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil  
David Parker

### **MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION – DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

Deputy Warden Murray presented a resolution to Council as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou did, on July 7, 1986, adopt a by-law which provides for the destruction of any documents or records after they are no longer required for municipal purposes;

WHEREAS the aforementioned by-law received the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs on October 24, 1986;

WHEREAS administrative staff has undertaken a process of reviewing obsolete files with a view to seeking the necessary approval to destroy those which are no longer required, in accordance with the Destruction of Documents By-Law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council authorize the destruction of the documents described in the attached affidavit of the Municipal Clerk which indicates that he has personally examined each document or record and confirms that there is nothing of value therein.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray  
Don Butler

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Butler that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.



**AFFIDAVIT OF CLERK**

IN THE MATTER OF THE DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND  
RECORDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU.

I, Brian Cullen of New Glasgow, in the County of Pictou, Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, do make oath and say:

1. That I am Municipal Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Pictou.
2. That I have personally examined each of the documents or records listed immediately below pursuant to a by-law permitting the destruction of documents and records which are no longer required.

**SHELF #**

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3. That the aforesaid list does not contain any document or record exempt from destruction pursuant to Section 3 of the by-law governing the destruction of documents.
4. That to the best of my knowledge there is nothing of value contained therein.
5. That the said documents and records are no longer required by the said Municipal Council.

BRIAN CULLEN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

SWORN before me at Pictou, in the  
County of Pictou and Province of Nova  
Scotia this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

Carolyn MacIntosh  
COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME  
COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

**RESOLUTION – NORTHERN PULP CONTRACTOR/TRUCKING EQUIPMENT**

Clr. D. Parker presented a resolution to Council as follows:

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia has caused the closure of the Northern Pulp Mill at Abercrombie Point, NS;

WHEREAS the forestry contractors and truckers have been deprived of their employment and income;

WHEREAS most contractors and truckers have loans or other financial obligations to pay for their equipment and now face default on their obligations and bankruptcy;

WHEREAS the current market for their used equipment is greatly depressed or non-existent within Nova Scotia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council request that the Province of Nova Scotia immediately implement and pay for a program to move said equipment to areas within Canada where a fair market exists.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Chester Dewar

## MOTION

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

Clr. Wadden pointed out that we need representation on the Transition Team from Pictou County and if we send all this equipment to other areas it will be the taxpayers who will have to pay these costs. She was not in favor of supporting this motion because we are jumping too fast and we should let the Transition Team work with the issues.

Deputy Warden Murray reported the dust has not settled yet and we cannot take this equipment out of here yet. The Irving Company is having a job fair at the Holiday Inn this week and they are looking for contractors/operators and truck truckers. Irving announced in the next few years they are going to increase the number of full time jobs. He pointed out that the Province did not close Northern Pulp, they closed itself. They were at the table when the Boat Harbor Act was put in place and they signed it so we are no further ahead than we were 5 years ago.

Clr. MacKeil commented that we do not want to rush into this but we want to pass on this information to the Transition Team.

Clr. Baillie pointed out that a month from this evening Northern Pulp will be closed. The forestry industry is very important so we have to help these wood contractors and he was very disappointed that no one from Pictou County was picked to sit on the Transition Team.

Clr. Turner asked if it was government's role to provide compensation for industries that are negatively affected by closures and if doing so now would set off a series of dominoes with other industries affected by the closure of Northern Pulp.

Clr. Boyles pointed out that the contractors have known for 5 years that this might happen and a lot of them should have business interrupter insurance. He asked who is going to help the people who worked for these contractors? He recalled that when representatives of this Council met with the Premier they were invited to return in the future and that was the route he felt Council should be taking instead of sending letters.

Clr. Palmer reported that we are only asking for a short-term solution for a small group of people but at least you will be helping a few people.

Clr. Butler reported the Transition Team meets this Thursday and the REN will be working with the team but the letter should go to the Transition Team.

Clr. Butler pointed out this is a large issue that is effecting the entire County.

## **CHAIR**

Deputy Warden Murray assumed the Chair.

Warden R. Parker reported this issue has been very difficult for everyone in the County but it was particularly unfortunate that announcements were made just a few days before Christmas. We hope the Transition Team will help but right now these people have to deal with the present. There are young families who are making large payments and now they cannot be made. We have to try to pull together as a County and do everything we can to help each other. This is one small step that can help some people.

## **CHAIR**

Warden R. Parker reassumed the chair.

## **MOTION TO AMEND**

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Dewar that the resolution be amended as follows with copies sent to the Transition Team, and the 3 local MLAs:

Change #1: Replace the text in paragraph #1 to read: WHEREAS it appears that Northern Pulp will not carry on operations in the normal course after January 31, 2020 deadline imposed by the Boat Harbour Act;

Change #2: Remove the words "and truckers" from paragraph #2;

Change #3: Remove the words "and truckers" from Paragraph #3;

Change #4: Remove the words "and pay for" and "and trucks" from paragraph #5.

The motion to amend carried.

The motion, as amended, carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Wadden)

## **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

There were no emergency resolutions.

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

Clr. Turner reported he sits on the Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame Committee and they have a new curator, Mike Malcolm. He would like to make a presentation to all Councils so he would like to get him on an agenda within the next few months.

## **MOTION – TRANSITION TEAM**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that a letter be sent to the Premier asking why someone from Pictou County is not on the Transition team.

Clr. Palmer declared a Point of Order because Council is on Referrals to Committees & Notices of Motion.

Clr. Dewar informed Council there has been many discussions lately about Antigonish getting a round-about so we have to keep pushing for a round-about at the Abercrombie intersection.

Clr. MacKeil asked that Council have an update on the Fire Liaison Committee regarding fire service risk assessment. Warden R. Parker replied there is no update as yet and they were going to meet with the Fire Chiefs once they had their session on the risk assessment.

Deputy Warden Murray reported they were going to meet with the Fire Chiefs prior to the risk assessments being done so that should happen soon.

Clr. D. Parker informed Council that he will be bringing a motion in February regarding silver culture workers and perhaps another one about trucks.

**AGREED**

It was agreed that Clr. Boyles present a motion to Council.

**MOTION – NORTHERN PULP TRANSITION TEAM**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that a letter be sent to the Premier with copies sent to the 3 MLAs requesting there be a Pictou County representative sit on the Transition Team.

Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Council met in closed session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations.

**OPEN SESSION**

Council resumed in open session at 10:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. (10:00 p.m.)

Robert Parker  
Warden

Brian Cullen  
Municipal Clerk