

February 1, 2021

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building and by video-conference on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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| Dist. | 1 | Clr. Don Butler |
| | 2 | Clr. Deborah Wadden (by video-conference) |
| | 3 | Clr. Darla MacKeil |
| | 4 | Clr. Mary Elliott |
| | 5 | Deputy Warden Wayne Murray |
| | 6 | Warden Robert Parker (by video-conference) |
| | 7 | Clr. David Parker (by video-conference) |
| | 8 | Clr. Larry Turner |
| | 9 | Clr. Peter Boyles |
| | 10 | Clr. Randy Palmer |
| | 11 | Clr. Andy Thompson (by video-conference) |
| | 12 | Clr. Chester Dewar |

IN ATTENDANCE

Donn Fraser, Solicitor, Mac Mac & Mac (by video-conference)
Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer (by video-conference)
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk (by video-conference)
Sueann Musick, Communications Officer (by video-conference)
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

BY APPOINTMENT

Lachie MacIntosh & Graham MacNeil, Little Harbour Pickleball Group (by video-conference)

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Warden Murray called the meeting to order and invited Councilors to pray or reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the Municipality.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Boyles that the agenda be approved with the addition of the Abercrombie intersection.
Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – WOMEN'S INSTITUTE WEEK

Warden R. Parker presented a resolution to Council as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the first Women's Institute in Nova Scotia was formed in 1913 in Salt Springs, Pictou County; and

WHEREAS for 108 years, the Women's Institutes continue to provide Nova Scotia women with opportunities to improve the quality of life for families in their local and global communities through community service and involvement, education, and personal and leadership development.

THEREFORE, on behalf of the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou, I Robert Parker, Warden do hereby proclaim the week of February 14-21 as Women's Institute Week in Pictou County.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. the 1st of February, 2021.

Robert Parker
Warden

MINUTES

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Butler that the minutes of December 21, 2020 and January 11, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Janette Sears – Enclosing a copy of a letter & petition sent to the Province of NS on behalf of the residents of the Brookville Rd. asking that the road be prioritized for upgrading & paving during the 2021/22 budget year.
- (b) Thank you for grant funding (uncirculated) has been received from Dr. W. A. MacLeod Consolidated, Thorburn Consolidated, Salt Springs Elementary & NRH Schools.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Palmer that Council send a letter on behalf of the Brookfield Road residents to the Department of Transportations & Infrastructure Renewal asking that the Brookfield Road be included for upgrading and paving during the 2021/22 budget year.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – LITTLE HARBOUR PICKLEBALL GROUP (7: 10 P.M.)

Messrs. Lauchie MacIntosh, Graham MacNeil, and Rick Feehan met with Council by video-conference to provide an overview of Little Harbour Community Center's development to construct 3 outdoor pickleball courts. The project is expected to bring the community together and in comparison to other racket sports, it allows all ages and abilities to play together. It is the means that they have come closer as a community. They have formed committees and hired a local contractor and their goal is raise 30% of the costs. By December, 2020 they achieved that goal and they have also applied for provincial and federal government grants.

Mr. MacNeil reported they feel it is the right project for the right time and has potential for flexibility. It is a strong economic agent but with clinics, tournaments and leagues. Their Committees are strong and they have raised 1/3 of the \$150,000 budget. They have representatives on their Committee from the surrounding areas.

Mr. MacIntosh reported they also have the dimensions for para-pickle ball that allows for a larger margin around the court, wider gates and wider walkways.

Clr. D. Parker asked the amount they are requesting from the Municipality towards the project.

Mr. MacNeil reported they made application to the provincial government and federal governments so they would be looking at a \$25,000 to \$40,000 funding request from the county.

Clr. D. Parker asked if they have approached other municipalities in the County and Mr. MacNeil replied they have not since they are in the boundaries of this particular municipality.

Warden R. Parker asked if there is going to be a charge for using the facility and Mr. MacIntosh replied that once the 3 courts are built there will be membership fees so it will be generating revenue.

Warden R. Parker asked about insurance and Mr. MacIntosh replied there is a \$10 fee to Pickleball Nova Scotia that includes liability insurance.

Clr. Wadden thanked the gentlemen for the presentation this evening and for all the hard work they have done to bring this project forward.

Deputy Warden Murray thanked the gentlemen for their presentation. (7:30 p.m.)

UPDATE – INTERNET PROJECT

The CAO reported that he received more make ready applications from NSP and Bell Aliant. They have been slow coming in and unfortunately are not in any logical order. The Network Operations Center now has a timeline established for circuits into to Halifax. The CAO informed Council that if our network was to go down it would just be a matter of switching over to Eastlink. They are working through the legal portion on the Hardwood Hill site and they had some discussions with additional ISP's joining the network over the last 2 weeks.

Clr. Butler asked about the application to the Federal Government and the CAO replied he was speaking with the MP's office to see if they had heard anything and is awaiting a call with regard to inquiries that are being made on our behalf.

Clr. Wadden asked if the 1st phase is moving forward and the CAO responded that they are hoping to provide a more detailed timeline shortly.

Clr. D. Parker asked if there has been any work been on setting up a corporation and the CAO replied that they are going to continue discussions with i-Valley on that issue and are working on a Section 60 agreement.

Clr. Palmer asked if the fiber arrived and the CAO replied it is in Nova Scotia but not in Pictou County as yet, although the preference is to have it here for the construction phase.

RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANT EXTENSIONS

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 extension of the following Municipal Grants:

Municipal Services:

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| D01 | Kenzieville & Dist. Com. Club | \$ 2,000.00 | Extension of time to Jan. 31/22 to purchase Tables/Chairs/Flatware |
| D04 | Melville Seafoam Com. Hall | 1,900.00 | Extension of time to Jan. 31/22 for Bathroom Renos & Operating Exp. |
| D06 | Salem Athletic Assoc. | 1,017.38 | Extension of time to Jan. 31/22 for Bandstand & Dugout Repairs |
| D11 | Plymouth Com. Ctr. | 3,000.00 | Extension of time to Jan. 31/22 for Ramp Shelter Construction |

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| Seniors Outreach | \$10,000.00 | Extension of time to Jan. 31/22 for Lunch & Learn Programs |
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DATED at Pictou, NS this 1st day of February, 2021.

(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.

Clr. D. Parker asked if we should be looking at a blanket extension until March 31, 2022. The CAO replied he will look at that and bring it to the next Property/Finance meetings.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – NOMINATIONS

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 following appointments for the 2021/22 term:

| OUTSIDE BOARDS | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Cruise Ship Committee | Peter Boyles |
| Ship Hector Society | Mary Elliott |

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 1st day of February, 2021.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar
Don Butler

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – TAX EXEMPTION/REDUCTION POLICY

Clr. Wadden presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that the Tax Exemption and Tax Reduction Policy be amended to add the following to "Schedule A":

| AAN | OWNER | PROPERTY | EXTENT OF APPLICATION | CHARITABLE # |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|
| 03388069 09094997 09097201 08273111 | Harbour Authority of Pictou Landing | Lands & Buildings at Station Rd. & Lower Rd., Pictou Landing | The whole of the lands & buildings at Pictou Landing of the owner | |

DATED at Pictou, NS this 1st day of February, 2021.

(Sgd.) Deborah Wadden
Larry Turner

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Clr. Palmer presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted a 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 has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

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 1st day of February, 2021.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Chester Dewar

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.

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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 15th day of January, 2021.

Carolyn MacIntosh
COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME
COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – FCM PARTNERS FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION

Clr. Boyles presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI Canada) have established the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program to provide a forum for municipal governments to share their knowledge and experience with other municipal governments on how to reduce GHG emissions;

WHEREAS over 350 municipal governments across Canada representing more than 65 per cent of the population have already committed to reducing corporate and community GHG emissions through the PCP program since its inception in 1994;

WHEREAS the PCP program is based on a five milestone framework that involves completing a GHG inventory and forecast, setting a GHG reduction target, developing a local action plan, implementing the plan, and monitoring progress and reporting results;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou appoint the following:

- a) Corporate staff person: Brian Cullen
Chief Administrative Officer
902-485-2237
brian.cullen@munpict.ca
- b) Elected official: Peter Boyles
Councillor, Chair Climate Adaption Committee
peter.boyles@munpict.ca

to oversee implementation of the PCP milestones and be the points of contact for the PCP program within the Municipality.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. the 1st day of February, 2021.

(Sgd.) Peter Boyles
Mary Elliott

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

ABERCROMBIE INTERSECTION

Warden R. Parker reported that he was very pleased to hear the announcement of a roundabout at the Abercrombie Intersection that will be built this year. Municipal Council kept this issue on the front burner and he thanked all Council for its support.

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Turner that Council send a letter to the Minister of TIR (with a copy sent to Mr. Greg Chisholm, Area Manager) thanking him for the decision of putting in a roundabout at the Abercrombie Intersection.

Clr. Turner pointed out it was a cooperative effort from this Council as well as Mr. Greg Chisholm from TIR. He met with first responders from Abercrombie and they were ecstatic with the news because many of them do suffer from PTSD. He thanked Council for the cooperative effort in making this roundabout happen.

Clr. D. Parker thanked Clr. Turner for staying on top of this issue.

Motion carried.

MOTION - FIRE LIAISON COMM. RECOMMENDATIONS – WCB CANCER COVERAGE

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Turner that Council send a letter to the Minister of Department of Labour and Advanced Education urging the government to adopt the recommendations presented in the summer of 2020 to expand the list of presumptive cancer coverage under the Workers Compensation Act.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Warden Murray extended birthday wishes to Clr. MacKeil.

Clr. Butler reported they visited homes in the area and presented residents with their Seniors Outreach kits and informed Council it was very successful.

Clr. Palmer informed Council there is a free family skate at the Ivor MacDonald arena starting February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th and sponsored by the Municipality.

Clr. Elliott reported that Active Pictou County's winter program will include free broomball and soccer programs within Pictou County at local facilities.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS (UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUIRED)

There were no emergency resolutions (unanimous consent required).

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & COUNCIL

Clr. MacKeil reported she would like Council to have a conversation on human trafficking in Nova Scotia.

Clr. Palmer advised Council that the Planning Advisory Committee will be holding public meetings in Merigomish on February 8th and in Scotsburn on February 9th to receive input on potential changes to our Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.

Warden R. Parker reported they are trying to plan Council's planning session but they are waiting on Dr. Strang to loosen up the gathering limit.

Warden R. Parker reported they are continuing to work very hard to get the contractor to move on the internet project.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Turner that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (8:10 p.m.)

Wayne Murray
Deputy Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk