

July 4, 2016

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, July 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

Dist.	1	Clr. Sally Fraser
	2	Clr Deborah Wadden
	3	Clr. Darla MacKeil,
	4	Warden Ronnie Baillie
	5	Clr. Robert Parker
	6	Clr. Jim Turple
	7	Clr. David Parker
	8	Clr. Leonard Fraser
	9	Clr. Larry Turner
	10	Clr. Jamie Davidson
	11	Deputy Warden Andy Thompson
	12	Clr. Chester Dewar
	13	Clr. Randy Palmer
	14	Clr. Scott Johnston

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Donn Fraser, Solicitor, MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald  
Brian Cullen, CAO/Municipal Clerk Treasurer  
Karen E. Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Baillie 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.

### **MINUTES**

It was moved by Clr. R. Parker and seconded by Clr. L. Fraser that the minutes of May 2 and June 8, 2016 be approved as presented.  
Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Minister of Communities, Culture & Heritage – Advising that Provincial staff are currently reviewing feedback from regional library boards on the Library Funding Review Report.
- (b) Letters of appreciation (uncirculated) for financial assistance were received from the following: the Salvation Army, the Little Harbour Community Centre & the SPCA (donation in memory of the Late Edward MacMaster).

### **RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS**

There was no recognition of individuals and groups.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clr. MacKeil reported that on July 23, 2016 the Caribou District Fire Department will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it will be a day of fun for kids and families in the district.

Clr. S. Fraser reported the Old Merigomish School House there will be a Lennie Gallant concert on July 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Warden Baillie informed Council that he will be hosting the Warden's Tea will be held on July 28, 2016 at the River John Fire Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. as part of River John Festival Days.

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Clr. Palmer 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.
3. Considered numerous applications for financial support. (Resolution to follow)
4. Agreed to recommend the write-off of tax arrears for the year 2006 on a charitable property. (Resolution to follow)
5. Reviewed a summary of expenses for the Amalgamation application.
6. Discussed possible amendments to the Event Flag Policy to allow for the flexibility of flying other flags at half-mast during special circumstances. (Resolution to follow)
7. Directed staff to investigate the cost and logistics of putting cameras in the Council Chambers in advance of the November Council meeting to televise future Council meetings.
8. Discussed communications between the Pictou County MAP Committee and the UNSM regarding the inappropriateness of the Union promoting the "One Horse Town" event in Truro which is sponsored by the alcohol industry.
9. Agreed to resubmit our 2015 correspondence to the Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel & Tobacco Division of Service Nova Scotia concerning proposed amendments to the Liquor Control Act.
10. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of May.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer  
Chester Dewar

## **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Dewar that the report of the Financial Services Committee be received for information purposes.

Clr. R. Parker referred to Item #5 and asked if Council is going to receive a more detailed breakdown of costs for the amalgamation application.

Warden Baillie replied once the Steering Committee has its meeting the information will be available.

Motion carried.

### **PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Clr. D. Parker 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 the report of the Building Inspector, By-Law/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of May.
2. Met with Heather Morressey of Louisville who offered comments with respect to the enforcement of by-laws and processes with respect to animal control and relayed personal experiences from her years in by-law enforcement in other provinces of Canada.
3. Received for information purposes a request from Valley View Villa for a crosswalk installation.
4. Agreed to recommend the installation of 4 intersection lights in District 7. (Resolution to follow)
5. Agreed to write the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal conveying concerns with the lack of cell service and TMR/VHF radio service in the Micklefield to East River St. Mary's area.
6. Recommended the Plymouth-McLellan's Brook Wastewater Project, the Springfield Estates Water & Wastewater Project and the Abercrombie Wastewater Project to Council as the Municipality's top 3 priorities for funding from the Federal "Clean Water & Wastewater Program".
7. Agreed to write the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board expressing concern over the loss of the afterschool bussing program to the Playtime at Doodie's Preschool Program in Priestville and asking that the Board consider reinstating this complementary bussing service for the upcoming school year.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Jim Turple

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Turple that the report of the Property Services Committee be received for information purposes.

Motion carried.

### **MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT**

On behalf of the MAP Committee, Clr. Wadden advised that she has forwarded the current minutes from our MAP meeting held in June. Any questions from those minutes please contact me.

On behalf of our committee we have submitted another response to the current changes to the Liquor Control Act, namely the removing of Wet/Dry areas in NS thereby eliminating the plebiscite for the province and the associated costs as well as the 2 drink rule for establishments serving food with Alcohol.

I have forwarded with today's meeting information a fact sheet from our committee and why we feel these changes are not necessary.

On June 29 2016, we received our 12 Month Notice Letter from the province and these notices are usually the indication changes are coming from the province to the municipalities which also indicates more downloading from the province. Such is true for these changes to the Liquor Control Act. The province indicates the plebiscites associated with the wet/dry issue are expensive for the province to run. Therefore they will eliminate this provincial cost by making all areas wet. Municipalities will have a year's notice to make any zoning changes to prevent a dry area from going wet but the cost is to the municipality for any zoning changes. Here in the county we have no zoning, so the onus will be on the communities effected to contact council to implement the zoning to prevent these changes. The province indicates the charges are minimal, but experience tells me we seem to have a different view of what is minimal. However, there are also additional concerns here, one is that there are over 100 communities in the province which are still dry. I have been unable to get a list of these communities although one has been requested. I have been told that the list is very difficult to get as some of these communities are very small and do not follow boundaries. So to me that is a red flag that determining some on these new possible zoning changes could get quite confusing. Secondly, if most of these communities are small, chances are they will not support a lounge or drinking establishment but they may support a local restaurant where alcohol can be served and then we are hit with the new 2 drink rule and the concerns associated with that - such as a rural area with no transit so the risk of drinking and driving. The change to the 2 drink rule is not mentioned in our letter from the province but it is a part of the Wet/dry change being pursued.

We know the board is indicating how archaic our rules are in NS and trying to use that angle to implement the changes they want for a higher profit margin. Our Committee, which you support, have very grave concerns about these changes so we ask you to continue your support to oppose these changes and if you so desire, write your own letter for yourself or on behalf of your residents, opposing the change or speak with your local MLA and let him or her know these changes are not in the best interests of Nova Scotians.

Once again I just want to stress that our committee is not for prohibition, we are simply trying to minimize some of the harms associated with alcohol use in this province. We speak so often here at council about the state of our health care in this province. The way we consume alcohol is having a major impact on our health system so what may seem like a huge cost to the province in the form of a plebiscite may actually be much cheaper than the costs associated with someone who is involved in an alcohol related accident or the associated medical costs from someone drinking too much.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

Clr. R. Parker reported he had nothing new to report this evening and hopefully the Working Group will be meeting soon to get things moving before the election in the fall so there is something there for the next group to follow. The importance of this Working Group is even more important now that we are not going to join together with the other municipalities. He commented that he is hearing good things and they may be only rumors at this point that the Trenton site and Michelin Tire may have some good things coming.

Clr. Wadden clarified this is the second month in a row that Clr. R. Parker has referred to the plebiscite being an issue with the Economic Development Committee. She spoke to a couple of members on that Committee and their concerns were not the plebiscite but they could not find an appropriate time for all members to meet.

### **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:

Municipal Services:

D01 District One Newsletter	\$ 1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D01 District One Meals on Wheels	600.00	Operating expenses
D04 Methodist & 4 Pioneer Cemeteries	1,000.00	Maintenance Expenses
D04 River John & Area Historical Soc.	3,000.00	Operating Expenses & Grounds Maintenance
D04 Campbell's Cemetery	2,000.00	Maintenance Expenses
D04 River John Community Action Soc.	800.00	Summer Student Expenses
D10 Linacy Fire Department	33,000.00	To assist with the purchase of a New Pumper Truck
D12 District 12	3,995.00	To defray the cost of St. Lights
D12 Lorne Community Hall	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
D12 Hopewell & Area Park & Footbridge Assoc.	2,500.00	Park, Parade & Candy Cane Expenses
D12 Friends of Iona Park	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D12 Eureka & Dist. Vol. Fire Dept.	2,000.00	Stairs & War Mem. Flag Pole
D12 First Presby. Church Hopewell	250.00	Operating Expenses at Church & War Memorial
D12 Riverton Community Hall	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
D12 MacLeod Cemetery	750.00	Operating Expenses
D12 Elgin Pioneer Cemetery	750.00	Operating Expenses
D12 Hopewell 4-H Club	750.00	War Mem. Exp. & Project Costs
D12 East Riv. Val. Comm. Dev. Assoc.	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D12 Eureka Recreation	310.00	Up-keep of Playground & Ballfield
D13 MacPherson's Mills Comm. Hall	4,000.00	Up-size Water Heater, Improve Basement Plumbing & Improve Bathroom Access
D13 Freedom Bible Church	1,500.00	Disabled Access Points & Basement Insulation
D13 Telford Cemetery Assoc.	2,500.00	Completion of Gate Project & Gravel
D13 Sutherland's Riv. & Dist. Com. Assoc.	3,800.00	Exterior Painting

D14 Bridgeville Community Club	5,000.00	Roof Replacement
D14 Garden of Eden Cemetery	500.00	Stone Repairs
D14 Garden of Eden Community Club	2,000.00	Soffit & Fascial Replacement, Roof Ventilation, Tables & Chairs
D14 Blue Mtn. & Dist. Vol. Fire. Dept.	4,500.00	Turnout Gear & Firefighting Equip.
D14 Thorburn & Dist. Fire Dept.	3,000.00	Heat Pump
D14 East Riv. Val. Comm. Dev. Assoc.	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D14 East Riv. Valley Recreation	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D14 Springville Church Hall	500.00	Electrical Outlets
D14 Glencoe Comm. Hall Assoc.	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D14 MacLellan's Mtn. Cemetery	500.00	Operating Expenses
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 92,005.00</b>	
D12 Riverton Comm. Club	\$ 652.49	Extension of the Deadline to utilize unspent funds originally approved by Council on Jul. 6/15 for up-keep of Hall

Recreation:

4 <sup>th</sup> Thorburn Beavers & Cubs	\$ 350.00	Development of new Youth Pgm.
Trenton Fun Fest	250.00	Event Sponsorship
Dist. 13 Rec. & Planning Comm.	25,000.00	Operating Expenses
Peter Corbin	100.00	NS. Jr. Triathlon Team Travel & Lodging Expenses
Garden of Eden Community Club	500.00	Magnetic Letters for Signage
Pictou County Seniors' Festival	500.00	Event Expenses
River John Action Society	<u>150.00</u>	D04 Clr. Allotment – Canada Day Celebrations
	<b>\$ 26,850.00</b>	

Council:

Multicultural Assoc. of Pictou Co.	\$ 500.00	Fusion Festival Expenses
Pictou Co. 4-H	250.00	Exhibition Awards Night Trophies
Remembering Canada's Heroes	1,000.00	School Presentation Expenses

Canadian Red Cross	<u>10,000.00</u>	Fort McMurray Relief Efforts
	<b>\$ 11,750.00</b>	
District One Development Society	713.91	Extension of the Deadline to utilize unspent funds originally approved by Council on Jul. 6/15 for the Community Co-ordinator Pgm.
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$130,605.00</u></b>	

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar  
Scott Johnston

**MOTION**

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

Clr. Wadden reported that the Garden of Eden Community Club should have applied for a Municipal Services Grant and not a Recreation Grant.

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Wadden)

**RESOLUTION – TAX WRITE-OFF**

Clr. S. Fraser 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>
08270783	Trustees of Dist. 17 & Area Recreation	\$ 141.05	2006 Tax Arrears inadvertently missed in the annual charitable write-offs.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

(Sgd.) Sally Fraser  
Jamie Davidson

**MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. S. Fraser and seconded by Clr. Davidson that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION – EVENT FLAG 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 Council adopt the following policy with respect to Event Flags:



**POLICY #2016-07-30**

### **MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU EVENT FLAGS POLICY**

#### **PURPOSE**

To establish a uniform policy for a fair and consistent response to groups and organizations requesting that their event flag be flown from a Municipality of the County of Pictou flag pole and to provide general direction and procedures to determine when the Canadian Flag will be flown at half-mast at the Municipality of the County of Pictou Administrative Building.

#### **POLICY**

##### **1) Flags to be Flown**

It shall be the policy of the Municipality of the County of Pictou that no flag, other than a Federal flag, a Provincial flag, a Municipal flag and/or a First Nations will be flown from a municipal-owned flagpole.

Flags other than the aforementioned, may be flown, when appropriate, in accordance with section 2 – 5 of this policy.

Flags shall be flown in a manner consistent with flag etiquette of the Federal Department of Canadian Heritage.

##### **2) Recognition of Prominent Public Figures**

The flag will be flown at half-mast to mark the passing of any of the prominent public figures listed below, for a period beginning when the Municipality is notified of the individual's death until and including the date of the funeral or memorial service:

Across Canada and abroad on the death of:

- The Sovereign, or a member of the Royal Family related in the first degree to the Sovereign (spouse, son or daughter, father, mother, brother or sister);
- The Governor-General or a former Governor General of Canada;
- Prime Minister of Canada.

Within the Province on the death of:

- The Lieutenant Governor;
- The Premier;
- Another person similarly honoured by the Province.

Within the Municipality of the County of Pictou on the death of:

- Warden or former Wardens of the Municipality of the County of Pictou;
- Councilors or former Councilors of the Municipality of the County of Pictou;
- Members of Parliament or former Members of Parliament who represent or represented constituencies in the Municipality of the County of Pictou;
- Members of the Legislative Assembly or former members who represent or represented constituencies in the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

**3) Recognition of persons from Pictou County whose duties can be described as “Protective Services”, including but not limited to police, fire, emergency health services, DNR Conservation Officers, Fisheries Officers.**

The flag will be flown at half-mast to mourn the passing of persons in or from the Municipality of the County of Pictou whose lives are lost while in the line of duty for a period beginning when the Municipality is notified of the individual's death until and including the date of the funeral or memorial service.

**4) Recognition of Canadian Military personnel**

The flag will be flown at half-mast to mourn the passing of members of the Canadian Military from the Province of Nova Scotia whose lives are lost while on active duty for a period beginning when the Municipality is notified of the individual's death until and including the date of the funeral or memorial service.

**5) Other Circumstances**

The flag will be flown at half-mast to mourn lives lost in tragic national and international events. In such cases, a decision to lower the flag and the period during which it remains at half-mast will generally mirror the practice of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Other individuals and events may be recognized by lowering the flag at the direction of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

**PROCEDURE**

- 1) Any citizen, councilor, or staff member of the Municipality of the County of Pictou who becomes aware of an individual deserving of recognition under this policy should contact the Chief Administrative Officer or the Deputy Municipal Clerk as soon as possible to inform them of the name of the individual, the individual's qualifications for recognition under this policy, and the date of the funeral or memorial service.
- 2) The Chief Administrative Officer or the Deputy Municipal Clerk will arrange to have the flag properly lowered and flown at half-mast in accordance with this policy.

**REPEAL**

All former policies and/or practices heretofore enacted with respect to event flags are hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

(Sgd.) Deborah Wadden  
Sally Fraser

**MOTION**

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

Clr. D. Parker reported this is a step forward in the right direction for a more inclusive and respectful community.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – INTERSECTION ST. LIGHTS**

Clr. D. Parker 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 #7;

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 #2015-02-34, at the following intersection:

- District #7: at the intersection of the Hamilton Road & Pump Road, Hamilton Rd.;
- at the intersection of the Alma Road & Sylvester Road, Sylvester;
- at the intersection of the Alma Road & Loch Broom Loop, Loch Broom;
- at the intersection of the Sylvester road and the Dan Fraser Road, Greenhill.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Jim Turple

**MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – SHEEP VALUERS**

Clr. Johnston 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 2016/17:

DIST. #12      Willard MacDonald

DIST. #14      Carolyn Thompson

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

(Sgd.) Scott Johnston  
Chester Dewar

**MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – EUREKA WASTEWATER TENDERS**

Clr. Dewar presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS public tenders were called for the extension of the wastewater system in Eureka;

WHEREAS five tenders were received and considered as follows:

	<u>TENDER AMOUNT (Excluding HST)</u>
S W Weeks Construction Limited	\$109,572.00
C F Construction	151,654.00
Dexter Construction	149,230.00
Blaine F. MacLane Excavation	95,756.00
Atlantic Road Construction & Paving	211,081.00

WHEREAS all tenders have been reviewed by the Director of Public Works & Development to determine compliance with tender specifications;

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works & Development has found no discrepancies or reasons to advise against possible award, and recommends acceptance of the lowest tender;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works & Development and award

the construction contract for the Eureka Wastewater Extension Project to Blaine F. MacLane Excavation in the amount of \$95,756.00 (exclusive of HST).

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

(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.

Clr. Turple asked what would happen if the contractor cannot fulfil the work and the CAO replied as part of the tender process there is bonding in place so if the contractor is unable to complete the work we would pull the bond.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – 2016/17 FIRE RATES**

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 authorize the rating and collection of the following fire rate on properties assessed in the district for the fiscal period 2016/17:

<b>DIST. #</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>PAYABLE TO</b>
1	\$0.18/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Merigomish Fire Department
	\$0.18/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Barney's River Fire Department
2	\$0.08/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Little Harbour Fire Department
	\$0.19/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Pictou Landing Fire Department
3	\$0.09/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Caribou Fire Department
4	\$0.09/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Caribou Fire Department
	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	River John Fire Department
5	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	River John Fire Department

	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Scotsburn Fire Department
	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	West River Fire Department
6	\$0.09/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Caribou Fire Department
	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Scotsburn Fire Department
7	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Alma Fire Department
	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	West River Fire Department
	\$0.14/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Eureka Fire Department
8	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Alma Fire Department
	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	West River Fire Department
	\$0.14/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Eureka Fire Department
9	\$0.10/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Alma Fire Department
	\$0.85/\$100 Residential Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Abercrombie Fire Department
	\$0.95/\$100 Commercial Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Abercrombie Fire Department
10	\$0.08/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Little Harbour Fire Department
	\$59.86/Property \$0.01/Acre	Trenton Fire Department
	\$0.17/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Linacy Fire Department
11	\$0.17/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Linacy Fire Department
	\$0.14/\$100 Assessment	Eureka Fire Department

	\$0.01/Acre \$0.20/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Plymouth Fire Department
12	\$0.14/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.16/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Eureka Fire Department East River Valley Fire Department
13	\$0.18/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.18/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.17/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.14/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.16/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Merigomish Fire Department Barney's River Fire Department Linacy Fire Department Thorburn Fire Department Blue Mountain Fire Department
14	\$0.18/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.20/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.14/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.16/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.16/\$100 Assessment \$0.01/Acre \$0.16/10 Assessment \$0.01/Acre	Barney's River Fire Department Plymouth Fire Department Thorburn Fire Department Blue Mountain Fire Department East River Valley Fire Department East River St. Mary's Fire Department

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer  
Scott Johnston

## **MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION – 2016/17 ST. LIGHT & RD. MTNCE. AREA RATES**

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

### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou, in respect of the districts hereinafter set out, that Council authorize the rating and collection of additional rates on properties assessed in the respective districts as follows for the fiscal period 2016/2017:

### **AREA RATES**

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Type of Area Rate</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Per \$ 100 Assessment</u>	<u>Flat</u>
1	Street Lights	Merigomish & Area		\$96.92
1	Intersection Lights	District 1		13.80
2	Street Lights	Pictou Landing	\$0.0884	
2	Street Lights	Little Harbour	0.0234	
3	Street Light	Poplar Hill	0.1671	
4	Street Lights	River John East		128.56
4	Street Lights	River John West		128.56
4	Street Lights	Welsford		109.86
5	Street Lights	Lyons Brook & Area		91.82
5	Street Lights	Pleasant Heights		54.29
6	Street Lights	Lyons Brook & Area		91.82
6	Street Lights	Scotsburn	0.09383	
7	Street Lights	Greenhill		53.20
7	Street Lights	Springfield Estates		126.67
7	Street Lights	Union Centre		81.43
7	Street Lights	Green Acres		7.92
7	Road Capital Charge	MacIntosh Drive		170.16
7	Rd Maintenance Fee	Green Acre Subdivision		300.00
9	Street Lights	District 9	0.0322	
9	Road Capital Charge	Maple Estates Drive		484.56
10	Street Lights	Hillside		82.82
10	Street Lights	Little Harbour Road	0.0376	
10	Street Lights	Little Harbour	0.0234	
10	Street Lights	Frasers Mountain	0.0789	
10	Street Lights	Linacy	0.0821	
10	Street Lights	Priestville/Walkerville		64.60

11	Street Lights	Plymouth & Area		75.29
11	Street Lights	Priestville/Wkville Area		64.60
12	Street Lights	Riverton	0.0690	
12	Street Lights	Hopewell	0.1065	
12	Street Lights	Eureka	0.1346	
12	Street Lights	Lorne	0.1844	
12	Street Lights	Marshdale	0.1232	
13	Street Lights	Thorburn & Area		108.89
14	Street Lights	Thorburn & Area		108.89
14	Intersection Lights	Merigomish, Dist. 1		13.80
14	Street Lights	Plymouth		75.29
	Annual Sewer Capital Charge			\$833.33

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the 15th day of October, 2016. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October, 2016 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Scott Johnston

**MOTION**

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

Clr. R. Parker asked why there is such a discrepancy in the cost for street lights and the CAO replied that it is a combination of lights, users, density and assessment.

Clr. R. Parker asked if we are going to a single uniform charge system will it be a flat rate or based on assessment.

The CAO responded that the aim is to have it uniform, however once we determine what that is an analysis will have to be done to see what the burden of switching would be and you may end up with 2 ways of doing it.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK**

Deputy Warden Thompson presented a resolution to Council as follows:

PROCLAMATION  
RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 2, 2016

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS Part XX of the Municipal Government Act gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality of the County of Pictou; and

WHEREAS access to information ensures citizens of Nova Scotia have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulation, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliation of divergent views; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging international Right to Know Week;

THERE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou do hereby proclaim September 26 to October 2, 2016 to be Right to Know Week in the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 2, 2016.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson  
Chester Dewar

### **MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

### **PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE**

Clr. D. Parker reported that he was trying to help a resident in his area get a doctor to do a medical assessment and discovered that there were no doctors in Pictou County taking new patients. During his quest he received a call from a doctor who is the officer in charge of Recruitment and Retention of doctors in the northern region. He indicated that things had significantly changed in the last few years where many of the new doctors coming out of medical school do not wish to buy into a practice but instead they only want short-term placement. Clr. D. Parker reported that he recently spoke to a G.P. from the Halifax area and he asked him the same questions and was told that these young doctors spend 8 – 10 years getting an education in the city and then they are not that interested in going to rural areas. Clr. D. Parker pointed out that we have to find a way of getting the government to get doctors into the rural areas and he asked what ideas we can generate that would help bring and keep younger doctors. We have among the highest ratios of doctors per capita anywhere in Canada and the problem is they are not well distributed. Clr. D. Parker asked the best way to tackle this issue.

Warden Baillie asked if Council wish to discuss this issue in detail at a future meeting of the Committee of Council as a Whole.

Clr. D. Parker reported that maybe we need to put together a group that includes several physicians to discuss this issue.

Clr. R. Parker reported we do not have a voice anymore in the County because there is only 1 Health Board in Nova Scotia, and asked if Council is still trying to meet with the Health Board and Warden Baillie responded we are still waiting for a reply.

### **AGREED**

It was agreed that a discussion of physician shortage be put on the agenda of the next Committee of Council meeting.

## **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

There were no emergency resolutions.

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

Clr. R. Parker asked that a review of the finances for the Wellness Centre be put on the agenda of the next Financial Services or Council meeting. There seems to be a significant improvement in operating costs this year and felt it would be helpful to know the plans going forward.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Council met in closed session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss matters relating to the sale of municipal property.

## **OPEN SESSION**

Council resumed in open session at 8:35 p.m.

## **MOTION – TRADE/INVESTMENT MISSION**

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Turple that Council authorize two representatives of the Municipality to travel to Boston to meet with the Consul General and Trade Commissioners for the promotion of the New Scotland Business Park at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

Motion carried.

## **ADJOURN**

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

Motion carried. (8:35 p.m.)

Ronald Baillie  
Warden

Brian Cullen  
Municipal Clerk