

February 6, 2017

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Dist.	1	Clr. Don Butler
	2	Clr. Deborah Wadden
	3	Clr. Darla MacKeil
	4	Clr. Ronald Baillie
	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

ABSENT

Dist.	5	Deputy Warden Murray (Illness)
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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 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. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Baillie that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Butler that the minutes of October 3rd, 24th, November 7th, 28th, December 5th, 2016 and the minutes of January 3, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) NSUARB – Advising that vegetation management levels, power line staffing levels & system reliability are areas the Board periodically addresses as part of general rate applications, storm response reviews & establishing system reliability standards for NS

Power. The Board also enclosed a copy of the Board's Decision and Order in the performance standards proceeding hearing heard in September of 2016.

- (b) A letter of appreciation (uncirculated) for financial assistance was received from the Pictou County Food Bank.

RECOGNITION OF CARIBOU WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Clr. MacKeil rose in recognition of the Caribou Women's Institute and addressed Council as follows:

"Tonight I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Caribou Women's Institute.

Women's Institute is a local, provincial, national and international organization that promotes women, families and communities. The first branch was formed in February 1897 in Saltfleet, Ontario as an educational forum for rural women to learn about modern methods of taking care of their family and home, to become more responsible citizens and leaders in their community and to have opportunities for cultural and social events. In 1913, the first Nova Scotian Institute was organized in Saltsprings. Starting nationally in February 1919, it gave the rural women of Canada an empowered, united voice to initiate programming and resources, promote Canadian agriculture and community living and develop responsible citizens on issues affecting Canada and the world. In 1933, the Associated Country Women of the World was formed and today has over seven million members from more than seventy countries which Women's Institute is a member of.

In the County of Pictou, we have ten Women's Institute branches. And tonight, I would like to recognize the Caribou Women's Institute on their 50th Anniversary.

The first meeting of the Caribou Women's Institute was held February 27, 1967 at the home of Mrs. Kay Fraser with 23 local women in attendance. After 50 continuous years of service to their community, the Caribou Women's Institute is still thriving today with 20 members. Over the past fifty years, they have worked with other local WI's to bring the milk program to local schools, helped a new Syrain family by throwing them a shower to help make their new house a home, and volunteer yearly at the Pictou North Colchester Exhibition where they along with other local WI's host and judge local baked goods, jams and jellies and quilts and crafts at the Lyon's Club building. The Caribou Women's Institute has also worked with their provincial leaders to implement child safety seats in cars and adopt a highway programme. They are also instrumental in supporting the community through fundraising and offering support to local students through bursaries among many other things.

Tonight we have Caribou Women's Institute President Ruth Wortman and Joan Panting who was a member since their inaugural year. Please come up to the front ladies to receive your recognition. Thank you."

Warden R. Parker and Clr. MacKeil presented a certificate to Ms. Wortman and Ms. Panting in recognition of 50 years of dedicated service to the community.

RESOLUTION – PICTOU DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE WEEK

Clr. MacKeil presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the first Women’s Institute in Nova Scotia was formed in 1913 in Salt Springs, Pictou County:

AND WHEREAS the Women’s Institutes continue to provide Nova Scotia women with opportunities to improve life for their families, themselves, and their communities through community service and involvement, education, and leadership development, just as it did 104 years ago;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou does hereby proclaim the week of February 19th – 25th, 2017 as “Women’s Institute Week” in Pictou County.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6th day of February, 2017.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil
Don Butler

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Butler reported that the 20th anniversary of the Lismore Dinner Theatre Program will be taking place from March 3rd to 5th; tickets for the event go on sale Saturday.

Warden R. Parker reminded Council of the “Coldest Night of the Year” event taking place on February 25th in support of Roots for Youth. The Municipality has been challenged by the Town of New Glasgow and donations are not being accepted through a link on the Municipality’s website.

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 January:

1. Reviewed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of December.
2. Received correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal in response to Council’s concerns with the speed limit in Lyon’s Brook. The Department advises that a study in 2015 indicated that no changes to speed zones were warranted at that time. The Department has requested update collision data for review. If that data identifies an unusually high road user risk in the area a further assessment on potential countermeasures will be undertaken at that time.
3. Reviewed the results of further water testing conducted on the Bowden Road. Test results indicate that all measured levels meet the Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines.
4. Agreed to write the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal seeking clarification on the responsibility to address water drainage problems in the Hillside area.

5. Met in closed session to discuss issues relating to the lease of municipal property.
6. Discussed the current lease of the former River John School, together with the disposition of the contents of the building. (Resolution to follow)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6th day of February, 2017.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Chester Dewar

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

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 January:

1. Reviewed the Accounts Paid for the month of December.
2. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the months of November & December.
3. Considered several requests for financial assistance. (Resolution to follow)
4. Reviewed a draft loan guarantee resolution for the Linacy Fire Department. Resolution to follow)
5. Agreed that no adjustments to the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy were required at this time.
6. Discussed amendments to the Conference/Seminar/Training Advance & Expense Reimbursement Policy, and the Council Remuneration & Expense Policy. (Resolutions to follow)
7. Considered applications for volunteer members on the Ad Hoc Communication Strategy and the Ad Hoc Energy Committee. (Resolution to follow)
8. Agreed that Clr. MacKeil continue to represent Council on the Cruise Ship Committee
9. Received for information purposes a letter to from the deCoste Entertainment Society inviting Council to appoint a representative to the Society's Board of Directors.
10. Identified discussion items for future agendas.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6th day of February, 2017.

(Sgd.) David K. Parker
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

REPORT – MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL COMMITTEE

Clr. Wadden reported on behalf of the Municipal Alcohol Committee as follows:

“Councillors should have received the minutes from our meeting last month. Basically, it was a getting to know some of our new members now on this committee and bring them up to date on historical information on this committee and what we hope to accomplish over the course of the next couple of years.

We have been notified we were not successful in our application for funding which would have enabled us to do a northern zone intergenerational forum. At the end of the day there were quite a few applications for this funding and not enough funds to go around. We plan to continue our focus on promoting safe drives home after various festivals within our county planned for this summer.

By now most of you have probably heard the Liquor and Gaming Control Board have gone ahead and approved that licensed establishments that had previously required patrons order food with a drink can now have 2 drinks before required to order food. We are disappointed they went ahead with this approval even though we had support from many municipalities in Nova Scotia as well as our UNSM. Dr. Strang had concerns with this request but unfortunately, our concerns were not heard. Most business owners who were happy to have this change indicated they do not make money on food but on the alcohol, so this is good news for them. However, we know the alcohol culture in NS is different and our committee really felt this step was not a way to assist us with the harms of drinking. Alcohol abuse and binge drinking costs our province many dollars each year with health and mental costs alone. We really do not believe all concerns were taken into consideration but they do have the final say. This decision will not stop us from continuing our mandate of trying to promote the harms of excessive alcohol and how we can work within the system to lessen these harms. Like I have stressed before, we are not promoting prohibition but we do feel as a province we can do a better job of working together on this issue.”

REPORT – ECONOMIC DEV. WORKING GROUP

On behalf of the Economic Development Working Group Clr. Turner reported that at the last meeting of the group there was a discussion on RENS, particularly REN5 in Antigonish and the Colchester model. It was agreed that an exploratory meeting be held with the leadership in REN5 and that the contingent that travels to Antigonish should go down with a set of objectives. Mayor Nancy Dicks has offered to reach out to the leadership in Antigonish to start those proceedings. It was also agreed that if we do join a REN (which needs to be discussed around this Council table) that we will continue with our working group as we feel that it is a worthwhile exercise. There are some things that we can do as Councillors with regard to the regulatory environment that can affect business in Pictou County.

Warden Parker advised that the meeting with REN5 will not take place until after February 28th. When the meeting is scheduled, he and the Mayors will be meeting with that group. In terms of the Colchester model, the Department of Municipal Affairs has made it clear that all options with REN5 need to be explored before the Colchester model could be considered.

Because Councillors are not receiving a written report from the Economic Development Working Group, Clr. Wadden asked that Council members receive copies of the minutes of the Working Group's meetings in order to keep informed on activities taking place.

RESOLUTION – RJ SCHOOL LEASE & CONTENTS

Clr. Baillie presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS in August of 2015 the River John Community Action Society entered into a one year lease with the Municipality for the use of the former River John School property for community purposes, including the SCORE pre-school program;

WHEREAS in 2016 both parties agreed upon an extension of that lease to March 31, 2017;

WHEREAS the Action Society and the SCORE Program have requested a further extension of the lease to June 30, 2017;

WHEREAS the Action Society has requested that the Municipality donate the contents of the former school building to the Society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council grant a further extension on the lease to the River John Community Action Society to June 30, 2017.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Council donate to the Action Society all of the contents of the former River John School building.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6th day of February, 2017.

(Sgd.) Ronald Baillie
David K. 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 – MUNICIPAL GRANTS

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 approve the payment of the following Municipal Grants:

Recreation:

Pictou Co. Basketball Assoc.	\$ 1,027.50	Program Grant
Kanokai Judo Club	255.00	Program Grant
Valley View Villa	1,000.00	Recreation Programming

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6th day of February, 2017.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Peter Boyles

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – CONF./SEMINAR/TRAINING ATTEND. & EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Clr. D. MacKeil presented the following resolution to Council:

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 conference/seminar/training attendance and expense reimbursement:



POLICY # 2017-02-21

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/TRAINING ATTENDANCE & EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

In accordance with Section 65 (s) of the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1998, the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou hereby enacts a policy with respect to Conference/Seminar/Training Attendance and Expense Reimbursement as follows:

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

1. The Warden shall be permitted to use his/her discretion with respect to the number of seminars and/or conferences attended on behalf of the Municipality.
2. Elected officials shall be permitted to attend a maximum of four (4) seminars and or conferences of his/her choice in the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (Maritime Region).
3. Requests to attend any conference and/or seminar outside of the Maritime Region, with the exception of the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, shall be considered on an individual basis by the Financial Services Committee who shall make a recommendation to Council with respect to attendance.

UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES

4. All members of Council shall be permitted to attend the Annual Conference of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.
5. The Annual Conference of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities shall not apply towards the maximum number of conferences and/or seminars.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

6. The Warden or their designate shall be entitled to attend the Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities each year.
7. Notwithstanding clause 5, the maximum number of elected delegates permitted to attend the conference in any year shall be set at four (4).
8. Applications for attendance shall be submitted to the Financial Services Committee in December for the purpose of determining the delegates.
 - (a) If required, a random draw shall be made to select the delegates, should the number of delegates wishing to attend the conference exceed four (4).
 - (b) Any Council Member not attending a conference previously during the Council term shall be given precedence over a member who has already attended a conference.
9. Where an elected official fails to attend a conference and/or seminar for which the Municipality has paid registration fees and/or hotel deposits/guarantees for reasons other than those listed in Section 5 of the Council Remuneration Policy and penalties are incurred for all or a portion of those costs, the elected official will be financially responsible for those penalties and/or costs.
10. The Council reserves the right to approve the mode of travel which is in the best interest of the Municipality.
 - (a) Where a Municipal Councillor decides to use their own automobile to travel to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference, rather than flying to the conference site, the Municipality shall reimburse the Councillor an amount equal to the average transportation costs of the other members of Council attending the conference, plus the equivalent of mileage reimbursement to the airport.
 - (b) Air travel will be reimbursed at the economy fare rate.
11. Each Councillor attending the conference shall file a summary report with the Municipal Council within two months of returning from the conference.
 - (a) The report shall provide a summary of the topic and may include brochures, handouts, or any other material that may be useful in informing the Council of the subject area.
12. When the Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is held within the Maritime Region, all Councillors may attend.

SENIOR STAFF

13. The Chief Administrative Officer or their designate and one other senior staff member shall be permitted to attend the Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, provided

that the expenditure for attendance at conference and training sessions remains within their annual budget allotment for conferences and training.

14. The Chief Administrative Officer will authorize all conference attendance by each Department Head and ensure that the expenses will remain within budget allotments.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

15. The Municipality will arrange to provide hotel accommodations for representatives of the Municipality attending authorized conferences, seminars, training and/or meetings on behalf of the Municipality under the following circumstances:
 - (a) Events held outside the Province of Nova Scotia;
 - (b) Multi-day events held in the Province of Nova Scotia at locations outside of Pictou County.
16. Where, in the opinion of the supervising authority, it is necessary for the representative to depart prior to 7:00 a.m. in order to be present for the start time of the event, or it is not possible or practical for the representative to return following the conclusion of the event by 9:00 p.m., hotel accommodations for the evening prior to the event (or the evening following the event) may be authorized at the discretion of the supervising authority.
 - (a) For municipal employees, departure and return points shall be the Municipal Administration Building.
17. Wherever possible, arrangements will be made for invoices for hotel accommodations, together with related expenses for parking and taxes, to be forwarded directly to the Municipality for payment.

EXPENSES

18. Claims for expenses shall be submitted to the Finance Department for payment on a monthly basis.
 - (a) an expense form is to be completed and signed by the Councillor or Committee member prior to any reimbursement.
19. All members of Council shall be paid an allowance for travel at the rate of \$0.40 per kilometer.
20. All members of Council shall be paid an allowance for travel at the rate described in clause 9, for actual distance traveled once each day to go to, and return from, every daily session of a meeting of the Council or of a Committee.
21. An allowance for meal expenses shall be paid at a rate of \$80.00 per day.
 - (a) Reimbursement shall only occur when receipts are submitted;
 - (b) The meal allowance shall reimburse the Councillor or Committee member for the cost of the meal, plus sales tax, plus gratuity (20 percent maximum);
 - (c) The purchase of alcoholic beverages is not included in the meal allowance and will not be reimbursed.
22. The actual cost of travel and accommodations for Councillors or Committee members attending to the Municipality's business will be reimbursed.

- (a) Reimbursement for mileage will be at the rate determined by Council pursuant to section 19 of this policy;
- (b) Council members may submit for reimbursement: receipts for taxi fare to and from an airport to their hotel accommodations, should the mode of travel to attend the conference or meeting be by air;
- (c) Council or Committee members may submit for reimbursement: receipts for taxi fare to and from their hotel accommodations to the conference or meeting location, in the event that they are different;
- (d) Council or Committee members may submit for reimbursement receipts for parking and road tolls;
- (e) Council members may claim a maximum of \$10.00 per day for parking and road tolls without receipt.

REPEAL

- 23. Policy #2016-11-21 and all other policies with respect to conferences/seminars/training expenses for representatives of the Municipality are hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6th day of February, 2017.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil
David K. Parker

MOTION

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

RESOLUTION – COUNCIL REMUNERATION POLICY

Clr. Boyles 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 Council remuneration:

POLICY # 2017-02-01



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
COUNCIL REMUNERATION POLICY**

In accordance with Section 23(1) (d), (2), and (3) of the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1998, the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou hereby enacts a policy with respect to Council Remuneration and Expenses as follows:

REMUNERATION

1. Commencing on April 1, 2016 elected officials shall be compensated for their services to the Municipality at the following annual rates:

Warden	\$48,511.00
Deputy Warden	23,561.00
Councillors (excluding Warden & Deputy Warden)	18,021.00

2. One-third of the annual remuneration shall be considered an allowance for expenses incidental to the discharge of the duties of such persons as elected officers of the Municipality.
3. Each subsequent year on April 1st the compensation for elected municipal officials shall be increased annually by the Consumer Price Index as applied to the Canada Pension Plan.
4. Elected officials missing more than three Council or committee meetings in a year shall be subject to a deduction of \$60 for each meeting missed.
5. An elected official shall not be considered to be absent from a meeting under any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) he/she is attending another Committee/Commission/Board meeting, or conference/seminar which is being held simultaneously;
 - (b) illness and/or medical appointments of the Councillor;
 - (c) bereavement as a result of the death of a relative, including a parent, spouse, sibling, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or any other relative living in the same household;
 - (d) attendance at Court;
 - (e) when leave from the meeting has been granted by the Municipal Council;
 - (f) the elected official has not been given at least 72 hours prior notice of the intention to hold a meeting;
 - (g) inclement weather conditions;
 - (h) job related responsibilities.
6. The Councillor shall notify the Municipal Clerk or recording Secretary of the Council, Committee, Board and/or Commission prior to the meeting that he/she will be absent, in order that the minutes will reflect the reason for the absence.
7. Where a Council member is nominated or appointed by Council to a board, commission or other position, or is otherwise appointed as a representative of the Municipality, any remuneration from that position, including reimbursement of expenses, shall be paid to the Council member.

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS

8. A Committee member who is not a Council member shall be paid an annual honorarium for serving on the Committee as follows:

Riverton Guest Home Corporation	\$1,000
Eastern Mainland Housing Authority	250

REPEAL

- 9. Policy #2015-01-01 and all other policies relating to Council remuneration are hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6th day of February, 2017.

(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.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Clr. Turner 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 2016/17 Council term:

<u>OUTSIDE BOARDS</u>	
Ad Hoc Communications Strategy Committee	Darla MacKeil, Wayne Murray, David Parker, Larry Turner, Ray Strickland, Gregg MacDonald, Stuart Cresswell, Rochelle Heighton
Ad Hoc Energy Committee	Wayne Murray, Peter Boyles, Andy Thompson, Mike Jenkins, Stuart Cresswell, Kathy Kenny
Cruise Ship Committee	Darla MacKeil

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 6th day of February, 2017.

(Sgd.) Larry Turner
Peter Boyles

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – CANADA 150 FUNDING

Clr. Dewar presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS 2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Confederation, an opportunity for all Canadians to commemorate and honour our great country;

WHEREAS communities across the municipality are expected to be planning events and activities to celebrate this occasion;

WHEREAS Municipal Council wishes to support those communities and the various community groups that will organize events;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council establish a Canada 150 Fund in the amount of \$12,000 to support activities hosted by communities throughout the County of Pictou in 2017 with the funds to be distributed evenly among the 12 districts.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the applications for funding be accessed through the members of Council, beginning on April 1st and ending on May 31st so that funding can be made available on a timely basis to assist with expenses.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6th day of February, 2017.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar
Andy Thompson

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 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 6th day of February, 2017.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Andy Thompson

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 18th day of January. A.D., 2017.

CAROLYN MACINTOSH
COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

MOTION

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

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

DISTRICT 9 BALLOT BOX (POLL 9A)

Clr. Boyles reported that it has been brought to his attention that the ballot box for Polling Station 9A was opened and the ballots were recounted. He asked who has the authority to take that action and are the ballots supposed to be destroyed.

Warden R. Parker stated that the matter will be investigated and the results will be brought to the Financial Services Committee.

ABERCROMBIE FIRE DEPT. – FIREMEN’S INSURANCE COVERAGE

Clr. Turner read a letter to Council from the President of the Abercrombie Volunteer Fire Department outlining concerns with regard to the provision of life, accident and disability insurance coverage for volunteer firefighters who are 70 years of age and older. The department had asked that the current limit of age 65 be increased and because no action was taken on that request by the Municipality, the department has had to purchase additional coverage at a cost of \$2,940.

Warden R. Parker explained that the Firefighter Liaison Committee is meeting tomorrow and one of the items on that agenda is the renewal of the current policy and potential changes in coverage levels. In preparation for that all departments have been asked to submit details on the number of firefighters who are 70 years of age or older. That information will be provided to insurers who will be asked to provide quotes on premiums.

VALLEY VIEW VILLA

Clr. Dewar asked that space on the next Financial Services Committee agenda be reserved for a report from Valley View Villa in closed session.

COST OF COURT PROCEEDINGS – DISTRICT 9 ELECTION

Clr. Boyles asked that information on the cost of the court proceeding with regard to the District 9 election be provided to the Financial Services Committee.

ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN FINANCING

Clr. Thompson asked that the agenda for the next Financial Services Committee include a discussion on electoral campaign financing, including third party financing.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING/ORGANIC COLLECTION CONTRACTS

Warden R. Parker reported that the Pictou County Shared Services Authority met earlier today and has accepted tenders for the collection of solid waste, recycling, and organics that will see significant savings to the municipalities over the next 5.5 years. A contract was also awarded for testing at both the Mount William Transfer Station and the former Priestville Landfill Site which, while not the lowest, will provide superior service.

Warden R. Parker reported that both the Mount William Transfer Station and the East River Environmental Control Centre are working well. At the moment attempts are being made to secure funding for generators at the ERECC facility.

PCSSA & PCWC MINUTES

Clr. Wadden asked that the past practice of distributing copies of the Shared Services Authority and Wellness Centre Authority minutes to all members of Council be continued so that Council members are kept informed on the activities of both organizations.

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried (8:10 p.m.)

Robert Parker
Warden

Carolyn MacIntosh
Deputy Municipal Clerk