

September 5, 2017

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 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  
Brian Cullen, CAO/Municipal Clerk-Treasurer  
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Karen E. Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
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. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Boyles that the agenda be approved as circulated.  
Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Butler that the minutes of August 8, 2017 be approved as presented.  
Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

(a) Min. TIR – Advising that the Walkerville, Anderson’s Mountain & Logan Roads are not currently included in the Department’s 5-Year Highway Improvement Plan but will be assessed and considered for upgrading during the development of a future plan. In the interim they will continue to receive routine highway maintenance to ensure that the driving surface remains in an acceptable condition until more extensive improvements can be completed.

(b) Mun. of the County of Antigonish – Enclosing a copy of correspondence sent to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal applauding the Province’s announcement that it will twin Highway 104 from Sutherland River to Antigonish.

(c) Cards of appreciation (uncirculated) for financial assistance were received from Paget Houston, Courtney Cruikshank & Pictou County 4-H.

Warden R. Parker reported that the County of Antigonish is requesting other municipalities send letters to Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal thanking them on their decision to twin Highway 104 from Sutherlands River, Pictou to the new twinned section outside the Town of Antigonish.

**MOTION – HIGHWAY TWINNING**

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that Council send a letter to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal expressing appreciation for the decision to twin Highway 104 from Sutherlands River, Pictou County to the new twinned section outside the Town of Antigonish and encouraging the province to complete this project as quickly as possible to assist first responders.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS**

There were no recognition of individuals and groups.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Opening of the Pictou North-Colchester Exhibition 6:00 p.m.
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	First Pres. Church Hopewell, Canada 150 Celebrations Church Hall 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	4-H Barn Announcement on new barn structure 6:00 p.m.

**REPORT – FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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 August:

1. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the months of June and July.
2. Considered a request for financial assistance from Rugby Nova Scotia. (Resolution to follow)
3. Agreed to recommend an appointment to the Police Advisory Board. (Resolution to follow)
4. Considered a recommendation for the repeal of the Election Deposit By-Law.
5. Discussed the method of calculating and levying fire hydrant protection rates, including the current level of subsidization and the impact on tax rates if the subsidization is removed. Also discussed were the provisions of the Municipal Government Act that permit the recovery of fire protection charges from non-taxable institutions. The Committee heard from a resident who did not support a flat rate charge for fire hydrant protection and was suggesting that, given the current mutual aid model of fighting fires with consistent fire flows, residents should be encouraged to contact their respective insurance companies seeking a premium reduction equivalent to having traditional hydrant protection. The consensus of this discussion was that the Pictou County Firefighters Association provide confirmation on insurance testing results that meet hydrant equivalency for

premium purposes. The Committee agreed to raise this issue during strategic planning discussions in January with the possibility of introducing any supported changes to fire hydrant protection rates during the 2018/19 budget process.

6. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of July.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Ronald Baillie

### **MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

### **REPORT – PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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 August:

1. Reviewed and discussed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of July.
2. Met with the developer of the Pictou County Condominium Corporation No. 17 who was requesting (on behalf of the residents of this development) that the Corporation be levied one street lighting charge rather than each of the 37 units paying separately. The Developer was advised that street lighting costs are recovered in that area based on the assessed value of properties and whereas each unit of the Corporation is assessed and the Corporation itself is not assessed, it is not possible to accommodate this request. As a compromise, the Developer has asked that the Municipality consider assuming ownership of the 3 street lights currently in place within the grounds of the development. Staff has agreed to look at that request and bring a recommendation back to the Committee.
3. Received an up-date on the status of capital projects. Completion of the Plymouth portion of the McLellan's Brook/Upper Plymouth Waste Water Phase II project is expected within 3 weeks. The pumping station is awaiting an electrical inspections and lines need to be tested at which point connections could begin. On the McLellan's Brook portion the 5 lift stations are complete and awaiting an electrical inspection. Approximately 60 – 70% of the pipe is yet to be completed but work is expected to be expedited when the Plymouth crew transfers to the McLellan's Brook Road. The projected completion date for the project is November. Efforts are continuing to verify Federal funding to replace the water line in that area. Design drawings for the Abercrombie Wastewater Extension project are nearing completion and tenders will be called shortly. Tenders on the Springfield Estates Wastewater Extension closed on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and are being reviewed by the consultant. The Green Acres Road Upgrade is complete but replacement of the asphalt apron will be necessary. The sidewalk projects remain incomplete but are expected to be completed in the current construction season.
4. Acknowledged receipt of correspondence from TIR advising that the request for "Children Playing" signs in Loch Broom will be assessed with the District Traffic Supervisor.

5. Discussed the status of the Wind Turbines in Riverton. Currently 5 of the 6 turbines are operational. The remaining turbine is awaiting a decision on insurable loss before decisions are to be made on repairs.
6. Agreed to recommend a change the GSA boundary between districts 11 and 12. (Resolution to follow)
7. Reviewed tenders received for the sale of two lots in Central West River, together with a recommendation from the CAO on award to the high bidder. (Resolution to follow)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

(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.

### **MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT**

Clr. Wadden informed Council we are continuing to plan an information session for all elected officials in the county. Possible dates being looked at are Monday, OCT 23, Tuesday OCT 24 or Wednesday OCT 25. I have suggested the best evening for our council is usually Monday with our second choice Tuesday. The session will run 6 to 8 or 630 to 830. Our hope is to provide an informative overview to help our elected officials with the responsibilities they may have when Cannabis is legalized in 2018.

The outline of the evening is provided in your copy of the minutes so if you have any questions or suggestions please contact me. We will be finalizing most of the session at our next MAP meeting on September 18.

You should have received an email from the FCM around Aug 28 which stated FCM is working on an implementation guide for municipalities and also included a primer to help answer key questions and give you a check list for developing a work plan. I do suggest if you haven't had an opportunity to read the document, please try to do so. There is some very good information being provided to us. If you do not have the email or cannot find it, just let me know, I will forward a copy to you.

We are pretty sure the legalization of cannabis will not go smoothly so the more prepared we are for next July, the better for all of us.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

Clr. Turner reported that all municipal units have agreed in principle to participate in a REN. Jack Kyte and Warden R. Parker reached out to the First Nations and Chief Andrea Paul and they will be meeting in the near future. The first thing that has to be done is a Declaration of Cooperation and that is in the process of being drafted. The declaration will set out all the guidelines in moving forward.

### **RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS**

Clr. Butler 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:



WHEREAS the Municipality, the Nova Scotia Geomatics Centre or the Emergency Management Office of Nova Scotia may initiate a change to an existing GSA where it is felt that the adjustment to the boundary will enhance and/or improve efficiencies of emergency responder service;

WHEREAS the Municipality's Civic Address Coordinator recommends a change of boundary affecting Assessment Account #10745549, a portion of which is currently located in the Plymouth GSA so as to include the island portion of said GSA in the Riverton GSA;

WHEREAS the Property Services Committee agrees that the boundary change is warranted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve a change in the GSA boundary for the island portion of AAN 01745549, moving it from the Plymouth GSA to the Riverton GSA, in accordance with the Municipality's General Service Area Boundaries Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray  
Darla MacKeil

**MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – LAND TENDERS**

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS Municipal Council has declared the two properties in Central West River to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality, and had instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to advertise the properties for sale by public tender;

WHEREAS tenders were called and resulted in the receipts of the following bids:

	LOT 1	LOT 2	TOTAL
1 <sup>st</sup> Century Mini and Mobile Home Movers	\$3,514	\$3,514	\$7,028
Dehann Property Management			6,825
Eddie Dehann			4,625

WHEREAS the CAO recommends the acceptance of the highest bid;

WHEREAS the Property Services Committee concurs with this recommendation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the offer from 1<sup>st</sup> Century Mini and Mobile Home Movers of \$7,028 for the purchase of the former Randal Goodwin Property (identified with Assessment Account #01741403) and the former Randall & Gail Goodwin Property (identified with Assessment Account #04177851).

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Ronald Baillie

**MOTION**

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

**RESOLUTION – D1 FIRE RATE CORRECTION**

Clr. Butler presented a resolution to Council as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that, with respect to District 1, Council authorize the rating and collection of the following amended fire rates on properties assessed in the fire coverage areas for the fiscal period 2017/18:

#	FIRE DEPARTMENT	RATE PER \$100 ASSESSMENT	RATE PER ACRE	FLAT RATE
1	Barney's River	\$0.18	\$0.01	\$
2	Merigomish	0.18	0.01	

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

(Sgd.) Don Butler  
Deborah Wadden

**MOTION**

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

**RESOLUTION – ALMA-SPRINGFIELD EST. WATER & WASTEWATER EXT. TENDERS**

Clr. Thompson presented a resolution to Council as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS public tenders were called for the supply and installation of watermain, gravity sewermain, trenchless pipe installation, manholes, environmental protection measures, asphalt reinstatement, accommodating existing utility infrastructure, construction of a water boosting station, including a new building, connection to the existing watermains, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation and control system;

WHEREAS four tenders were received and considered as follows:

TENDER AMOUNT (Excluding HST)

Dexter Construction	\$2,423,166.00
Atlantic	2,799,771.00
Brycon Construction	2,719,500.00
S. W. Weeks	1,961,955.00

WHEREAS all tenders have been reviewed by CBCL Limited to determine compliance with tender specifications;

WHEREAS the low bid from S W Weeks meets all requirements of the tender and CBCL sees no reason why the contract should not be awarded to that firm;

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works & Development recommends award to the low bidder;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the recommendation of CBCL Limited and the Director of Public Works and Development and award the contract for the Alma-Springfield Estates Water & Wastewater Extension to S W Weeks Construction Limited in the amount of \$1,961,995.00 + HST, subject to receipt of required permits from the Department of Environment and Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson  
Larry Turner

**MOTION**

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

Clr. D. Parker commented that sub-division was established in the mid 1970's and was built on a very steep hill. As a result of that there has been problems with septic systems and water issues so these people will be very pleased this project will be moving forward.

Motion carried.

**NOTICE OF MOTION – ELECTION DEPOSIT BY-LAW**

NOTICE OF MOTION

TAKE NOTICE that the following resolution will be presented to Council for consideration on Monday, October 2, 2017.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

(Sgd.) Ronald Baillie  
Financial Services Committee

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that the Elections Deposit By-Law of the Municipality, approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on July 13, 1979 be and is hereby repealed.

## **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

Clr. Dewar reported that he was approached this year regarding the Municipality helping out with bussing the students to the exhibition on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **MOTION – PICTOU CO. 4-H TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that a Council Grant in the amount of \$500.00 be approved for bussing students to the Pictou North Colchester Exhibition.

Motion carried.

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

Clr. D. Parker asked if there was any progress on the formal evaluation of senior staff and Warden R. Parker replied that it has been a slow process but a template is now in place and during September Council is going to have a session totally devoted to that topic.

Clr. Thompson asked what was meant by "senior staff" and Clr. D. Parker replied it was his understanding that the process of evaluating the CAO has to be done by an external party which could include Council. Clr. D. Parker also pointed out the CAO is responsible for evaluating non-union staff that are under his direct control.

Clr. Thompson pointed out that Council can only evaluate the CAO and Clr. D. Parker indicated Council can direct the CAO to evaluate those staff.

## **ADJOURN**

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

Motion carried. (7:35 p.m.)

Robert Parker  
Warden

Brian Cullen  
Municipal Clerk

