

October 2, 2017

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, October 2, 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
Anne MacCarthy, Dog Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer
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. Turner and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Wadden that the minutes of September 5, 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

(a) Gardens of Grace – Asking that Council proclaim October 15th as “Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day” in the Municipality.

(b) Canada Post – Advising that the location of the community mail boxes on the Sinclair Road conforms to all safety requirements and is best suited for those in the area, as well as being

centrally located in the neighborhood. Relocation options in this area within reasonable geographic proximity were limited.

MOTION – PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the Municipality of the County of Pictou proclaim October 15, 2017 as “Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day” in the Municipality.

Clr. Wadden pointed out the only building in the County that people could see lights to commemorate the day would be the Wellness Centre.

Warden R. Parker reported that he will follow up with the Wellness Centre to see if they could put up some lights for that day.

Motion carried.

Clr. Wadden reported that she was disappointed with Canada Post’s response about the residents’ safety concerns on the placement of community mail boxes.

Clr. Dewar reported that many of these community boxes are not located in very convenient locations and are dangerous so the response is not satisfactory.

MOTION – CANADA POST

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Boyles that Council send another letter to Canada Post (with copies to Sean Fraser, MP and the 3 local MLAs) expressing disappointment with the response received on the placement of community mailboxes in District 2.

Motion carried.

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES HEARING – BRADLEY & DIANE SHARPE (7:05 P.M.)

At 7:05 p.m. Warden R. Parker convened a hearing with respect to a dangerous and unsightly premises assessed to Bradley Emery Sharpe and Diane Rose Sharpe, Off East River East Side Road (AAN 00613169). Neither Bradley Sharpe and/or Diane Sharpe nor anyone else representing this property were present in the Chambers.

Council viewed an electronic presentation of pictures taken earlier today by the By-Law Enforcement Officer showing the property in question.

Ms. MacCarthy reported she received a complaint form in late 2015 on this property. This property is listed as “off East River East Side Road” and the actual size of the property is 0.24 of an acre. There has been no communication with Bradley and Diane Sharpe on the property. Mr. Sharpe resides in Alberta but was in District 12 this summer so she attended the property but he would not come to the door. She left Mr. Sharpe a note to contact her but he did not respond. The nearest neighbor to this property is now working in Alberta and when he returns to his property in the near future he does not want to look at Mr. Sharpe’s unsightly property anymore. Mr. Sharpe’s property was so dilapidated in the early 2000’s that it did not receive civic numbering. The property is not clearly visible from East River East Side Road but it is definitely dangerous. Taxes are paid in full and the title search was received on September 13, 2017.

Clr. D. Parker asked if there was a right-of-way across the property and Ms. MacCarthy responded NSP has a right of way across the property.

Clr. D. Parker asked if the property has much value if the Municipality decided to sell it.

Ms. MacCarthy replied that she does not value property so she is not able to answer that question, other than to say that it is too small to put a septic system on it.

RESOLUTION – DEMOLITION ORDER

Clr. Thompson 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 finds that the property located at East River East Side Road, Sunny Brae (Tax Account #00613169), and further described in the attached Order is dangerous and unsightly;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Council, pursuant to Section 346 of Part 15 of Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the *Municipal Government Act*, make an Order in the form attached hereto and forming part of this resolution, the said Order to be signed and issued forthwith on behalf of the Council by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality or his designate.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 2nd day of October, 2017

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Randy Palmer

**ORDER
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, STATUTES OF NOVA SCOTIA, 1998, CHAPTER 18
ORDER REQUIRING DEMOLITION**

TO: Bradley Emery Sharpe
PO Box 36
Hopewell, NS B0K 1C0

AND: Diane Rose Sharpe
PO Box 36
Hopewell, NS B0K 1C0

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 346 of *The Municipal Government Act*, The Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou ("the Council" and "the County") has determined that the property located off East River East Side Road, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, associated with Tax Account Number 00613169, and PID #00900076, which lands are included in those more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto attached and forming a part hereof ("the Property") is dangerous or unsightly.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Council orders you to remedy these conditions by doing all of the following work, acts or things ("the work") on the property, that is to say:

Complete all required work to the property as listed below:

- (1) Demolish the house which is in a ruinous or dilapidated condition, leaving the site in a safe condition.
- (2) Remove all debris from the property and dispose at an approved site.

THE WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED AND DONE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THIS ORDER.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE

THAT in the event of failure by you to comply with the requirements of this Order within Thirty (30) days after its date of service, the administrator may enter upon the property without warrant or other legal process and carry out the work specified in this Order;

THAT the cost of the work, with interest at the rate determined by the Council, from the date of the completion of the work until the date of payment:

- (a) Is the first lien on the property upon which the work was done and that the property is liable to be sold in a tax sale in accordance with *The Municipal Government Act*, and;
- (b) May at any time be sued for and recovered in an action in the name of the County.

THAT after this Order is served; any person who permits or causes a dangerous or unsightly condition, continues to permit or cause a dangerous or unsightly condition or fails to comply with the terms of the Order is liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, and not more than Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars, and, in default of payment, to imprisonment for not more than three (3) months;

THAT every day during which the condition is not remedied is a separate offence.

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

There were no recognition of individuals and groups.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct. 8th Canada 150 Celebrations @ Linacy Fire Hall from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.;
- Oct. 21st Taste of Nova Scotia @ Lismore Hall from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. To host local and N.S. products. Free will offering at the door will go to the homeless shelter.
- Oct. 14th Lobster Chowder @ the Caribou Fire Hall from 11 – 1:00 p.m.

Warden R. Parker reported that he was speaking with Jack Ferguson who informed him they had a successful Exhibition this year.

Warden R. Parker informed Council there is a Pictou County Chapter of Silent Witness which is for mostly women who have lost their lives to their partner. They are having Barb's Bench Dedication Ceremony & Remember Walk on October 21, 2017. He will be away for the dedication so he asked Clr. MacKeil to represent the Municipality at that dedication.

Warden R. Parker informed Council that Clr. MacKeil has been asked to speak and be on a panel for Equal Voice Nova Scotia at St. F.X. on October 26, 2017. The event is about ways to get more women involved in politics and the event is sponsored by the Daughters of the Vote.

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 September:

1. Reviewed and discussed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of August.
2. Received an up-date on the status of capital projects. The Plymouth portion of the McLellan's Brook/Upper Plymouth Waste Water Phase II project is complete. The McLellan's Brook portion is expected to be completed by the 2nd week of November. With respect to the replacement of

the McLellan's Brook water line, information is being provided to the Department of Municipal Affairs and an application for cost-sharing will be submitted for infrastructure funding. The required permit from TIR has been received for the Springfield Estates Wastewater Extension. NS Environment approval is expected by mid-October at which time the contract will be awarded to the successful bidder. Final drawings for the Abercrombie Wastewater Extension have been received and staff will proceed with the tender call for construction. This project will also require permitting from TIR and NSE. Two of the three sidewalk projects involve natural gas pipelines, consequently design approval from Heritage Gas is needed before proceeding to tender for this work.

3. Discussed the disposition of the former River John School. Proposals were invited for redevelopment or sale of the property however no responses were received. Staff is proceeding to carry out the preliminary work for demolition. Tender results will be presented to Council for consideration at a future meeting.
4. Agreed to deny a request from the developer of Pictou County Condominium Corporation No. 17 who was requesting that the Municipality consider assuming ownership of the 3 street lights currently in place within the grounds of the development.
5. Discussed the timeline to have new street lights installed and to have existing lights repaired. Staff is experiencing lengthy periods to have new lights installed due to the need to coordinate with NS Power on scoping and additional costs before having the installer complete the installation. Warranty work on repairs to existing lights is proceeding at a better pace but does require some coordination with the installer before human resources and equipment are deployed.
6. Agreed to write Bell Aliant seeking improvements to cellular service in the Sutherland's River to James River area.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2nd day of October, 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.

REPORT – FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Clr. MacKeil 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 September:

1. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of August.
2. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of August.
3. Considered several requests for financial assistance. (Resolution to follow)
4. Considered tenders received for the sale of 3 surplus properties in Lyon's Brook. (Resolution to follow)

5. Discussed requests for adjustments to tax accounts. (Resolution to follow)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2nd day of October, 2017.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT

Clr. Wadden reported the last meeting was held September 18th and dealt primarily with organizing our Cannabis Information Session. By now you have received your invitation for October 25th at NSCC. I am pleased with the excellent response to attend from this Council and I believe only two Councillors have not confirmed. If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Did anyone from our Council attend the Police Conference in Pictou last month? I was hoping to get an update on their session on cannabis.

Warden R. Parker reported that he will be bringing to the next Financial Services Committee meeting to ask if Council wants to continue with the Municipal Information Network.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Clr. Turner reported that the 6 municipal units have agreed to join a REN and send a letter of cooperation to the Provincial Government. The CAOs have been directed to develop an inter-municipal agreement and from there it will go to the 6 units for approval. Warden R. Parker and Jack Kyte met with Chief Andrea Paul of the Pictou Landing First Nations and there will be a representative from the Pictou Landing First Nations at the next Economic Development meeting. They discussed a start-up budget, provincial funding, an office location and selection of Board of Directors. A few members of the Economic Development Group attended a presentation in Baddeck that was put on by active RENS in the province. Clr. Turner informed Council the next meeting will be held on October 11, 2017.

Warden R. Parker reported the Working Group agreed the office should not be located in any of the 6 municipal offices. There is available space at Glasgow Square where the Chamber of Commerce is located. Once the inter-municipal agreement is accepted by the Provincial Government the Oversight Committee which will be the Economic Development Working Group reduced to half its size. The Oversight Committee will then select the Board of Directors and the skill sets that Board will need. The Board of Directors will hire a CEO and we will need a preliminary budget with the Province funding 50% and the other 50% will come from the PRDA funds.

Clr. Thompson asked the funding formula for the municipal units because Council never agreed on any funding.

Warden R. Parker replied that there were 3 motions approved at Council, including the PRDA funding.

Clr. Thompson reported that he did not believe that Council had a firm commitment on the funding formula.

Warden R. Parker reported that a 50/50 funding formula was agreed on where 50% comes from the Province and 50% comes from the 6 units. Each of the units pays an equal amount for 50% of the cost and the remaining 50% is based on population. This resolution was brought to each of the Councils and voted on by Council as well as the PRDA money.

Clr. Wadden reported that she was of the understanding that they were waiting for the inter-municipal agreement to come back to Council before agreeing on any funding.

Warden R. Parker pointed out the motion was subject to the inter-municipal agreement and that job was given to the CAOs so hopefully it will be ready for our next meeting.

RESOLUTION – ELECTION DEPOSIT BY-LAW REPEAL

Clr. Baillie 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 Elections Deposit By-Law of the Municipality, approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on July 13, 1979 be and is hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 2nd day of October, 2017.

(Sgd.) Ronald Baillie
Darla MacKeil

MOTION

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

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Boyles)

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:

D03 The Pictou Cemetery Co.	\$ 1,500.00	Gravel & Fill @ Haliburton Cem.
D03 Pictou Island Church	759.00	New Windows
D07 Saltsprings 4-H Club	2,000.00	Stone Repairs @ Ebenezer Cem.
D07 Gairloch Cemetery	3,950.00	Rd. Repairs, Topsoil & Lawn Mower
D07 LORDA	<u>1,350.00</u>	Subscription Membership
	\$ 9,559.00	

Municipal Council:

Remembering Canada's Heroes	\$ 800.00	Classroom Education
Molly's Rainbows Society	100.00	Event Expenses
McKenna Battist	<u>100.00</u>	Miss Teen Atlantic Pageant Exp.
	\$ 1,000.00	

GRAND TOTAL: \$10,559.00

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2nd day of October, 2017.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar
Andy Thompson

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – SALE OF LYON’S BK. PPTIES.

Clr. Wadden presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Municipal Council has declared three properties in Lyon’s Brook to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality, and has instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to advertise the properties for sale by public tender;

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

	LOT #1 ACCOUNT # 00300174	LOT #2 ACCOUNT # 09347003	LOT #3 ACCOUNT # 04439244
JC Forestry	\$1,200	\$21,000	\$12,000
Thomas Fiander	5,800	19,500	
Joe Fiander	7,550	28,450	
Svilen Velchev			30,000
Twin River Properties			32,000

WHEREAS the CAO recommends the acceptance of the highest bids;

WHEREAS the Financial 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 offers from Joe Fiander in the amounts of \$7,550 and \$28,400 for Lots # 1 & 2, and the offer from Twin River Properties in the amount of 32,000 for Lot #3.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 2nd day of October, 2017.

(Sgd.) Deborah Wadden
Don Butler

MOTION

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

Clr. D. Parker asked if the properties are assessed at fair market value and the CAO replied the PVSC will make that determination.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – TAX WRITE-OFF

Clr. Thompson 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 sewer charges and hydrant fees, 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>
09757848	Garnet & Mae Worthen	\$ 496.00	Bldg. removed; lot now vacant
09757821	Mae & Garnet Worthen	<u>496.00</u>	Charges already billed to mobile home which is assessed separately
		\$ 992.00	

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2nd day of October, 2017

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Chester Dewar

MOTION

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

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & NOTICES OF MOTION

Clr. Turner reported that he was asked to meet with Dave Hood, Rae Gunn and YMCA Interim CEO Jim Pomelroy at the Wellness Centre to discuss further the traffic study that was done several years ago. They would like to make a presentation to Council regarding the infrastructure around the Wellness Centre.

Clr. Turner inquired about the traffic speed indicators that Council purchased and the CAO replied hopefully they will be operational this week.

Clr. Boyles reported that he had a concern with the recent boil water advisory in the Priestville/Walkerville area because the residents were not advised until later in the day. The residents would like to make a presentation to Council to show the problems they are having with the water. Clr. Boyles pointed out the water was supposed to come from Grants Lake but now it is coming from the reservoir.

Clr. Wadden reported that she would like to review Council’s policy on its meeting structure at a future Committee of Council or at Council’s January meeting.

Warden R. Parker referred to an email received from UNSM in regards to a reminder to submit applications to UNSM’s Carbon Sur-Charge Fund. The deadline to submit applications is October 6, 2017 and this year UNSM has \$2,250 to disburse from the Carbon Sur-Charge Fund and is inviting municipalities to apply for the funding. The funding recipient will be announced at the fall conference on November 8, 2017. The objective of the fund is to support small scale initiatives that will help municipalities reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There is a group that is working on food security within our County and there are a lot of people in this County that grow local food. Some of these farms sell their products at Farmers Markets but that is only for a few hours a week. Many of these farmers do sell their products at their farms

but the majority of people do not know where these farms are located. Warden R. Parker suggested a map that would show people where these farms are and the products that are available.

AGREED

It was agreed the Municipality fill out an application to the UNSM's Carbon Sur-Charge Fund.

Warden R. Parker reported that he attended the Shared Services meeting today and he informed Council there will be money coming back to all the municipalities from the Shared Services Authority in the amount of \$310,000. Balodis has been awarded the contract for hauling garbage to Guysborough and the recycling to Kemptown. There was a Mayors & Warden meeting directly following the Shared Services meeting in regards to the Deed Transfer Tax. There was also some discussion on the homeless shelter and the municipal units agreed it was important to support this shelter. There will be a group making a presentation to the Mayors & Warden and they will be looking for funding for the homeless shelter. Warden R. Parker informed Council the addition to the hospital will not be opening until late October and the residents of Pictou County are getting tired of waiting for it to open.

Clr. Thompson reported that Westville is not involved in using their Deed Transfer Tax for the addition to the Aberdeen Hospital. He asked the additional cost for the emergency entrance to the hospital and what is the Municipality's share. Clr. Thompson pointed out that Westville is not contributing towards the Wellness Centre and their residents are using it. Clr. Thompson asked who is paying for the road into the hospital for emergency vehicles and Warden R. Parker replied New Glasgow is paying for it up to this point.

Warden R. Parker pointed out that Westville will pay their share towards the hospital.

Clr. Turner asked if there was a request from the Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame to be included as a Shared Service at today's meeting. Warden R. Parker responded it was felt it was not a shared service compared to other facilities.

Clr. Wadden reported she used to receive minutes from the Wellness Centre and the Shared Services Authority but she would like to see an effort made to get those minutes out to Councillors.

MOTION – LETTER OF APPRECIATION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Boyles that Council send a letter of appreciation to Earle Cameron, COO, Pictou County Landfill Site thanking staff for all its efforts on budget control.

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (8:10 p.m.)

Robert Parker
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk