

January 2, 2018

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 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
Karen E. Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

BY APPOINTMENT

David Hachey, Resident of District 5, CEO of BidSquid

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 Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the agenda be approved with the addition of a report from Valley View Villa and the deletion of the Pictou County Food Security Coalition recognition.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Thank you letters (uncirculated) for financial assistance have been received from 4-H participants (Sidney Baillie, Sarah Sherman) & Junior Achievement. A thank you note has also been received from Carolyn MacDonald for her milestone certificate.

PRESENTATION – DAVID HACHEY (7:08 P.M.)

Mr. Hachey met with Council and made a Power Point Presentation as follows:



BidSquid
Online Marketplace

Making Markets in Rural Commodities

David Hachey

www.bidsquid.ca dave@bidsquid.ca



Browse **Dashboard** **BidSquid.ca** **99%** **Deal History**

Categories

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Jobs/Services (Cleaning, Sealing)
- Agricultural Products
- Meat
- Pork
- Beef
- Goat
- Chicken
- Lamb
- Fishing
- Bakery Supplies
- Equipment

Location

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- New Brunswick

Pork (Sides)

Wanted

Wanted, heritage, pasture raised pork (black pigs), half side.
\$3.75 / lb
Wanted: 50 lbs

Looking for a side of pork
\$3.3 / lb
Wanted: 100 lbs

Pork, pork, pork (whole)
\$3.25 / lb
Wanted: 250 lbs

Sides of pork, lots wanted, must be provincially inspected
\$3.2 / lb
Wanted: 500 lbs

For Sale

Sides of Pork available in fall, Provincially inspected
\$3.95 / lb
Available: 1000 lbs (min. 125 lbs)

Pastured heritage (Berksaire) Pork sides
\$4.25 / lb
Available: 800 lbs (min. 100 lbs)

Premium apple fed pork available in fall, by the side
\$4.5 / lb
Available: 1500 lbs (min. 125 lbs)

+ Post Ad

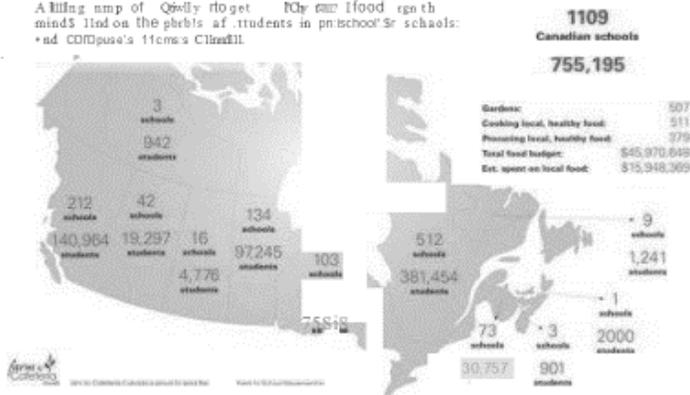
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Canada Farm to School Map

A listing map of quality to get the most food to the minds and on the plates of students in public schools and kindergartens.



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OPPORTUNITY

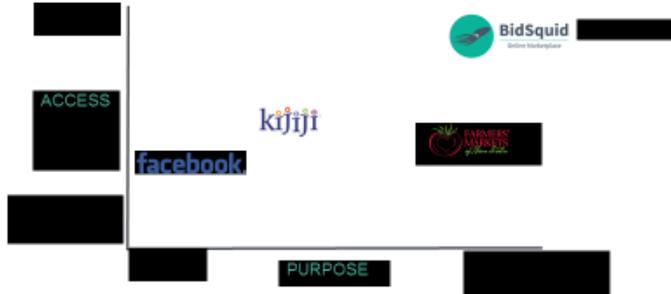
North America
\$20B
Growing 15%



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Competition



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Revenue

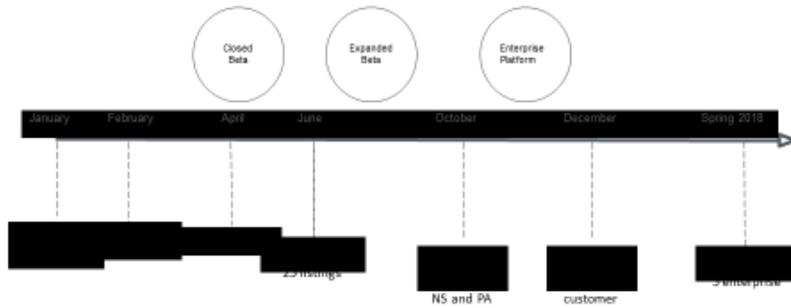
per month+
Enterprise



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Timeline





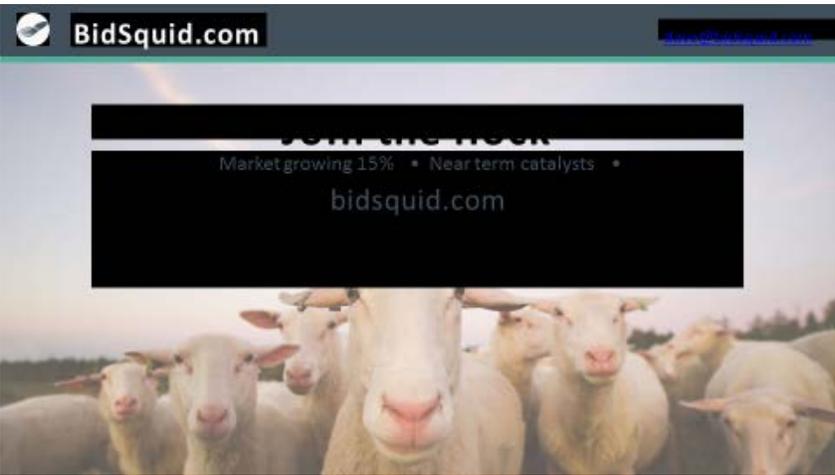
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Trader/Farmer/CEO



Andrew MacDonald
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Coder Extraordinaire



Dan Strock
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Dir. of Business Dev.









3. **Develop Supportive Community**
4. **Places for Collisions**
5. **Tiered Funding with Low Barriers**
6. **Women/Mompreneurs**
7. **Learn from World Class Teachers**
8. **Attract/Bring Back Outside Talent**
9. **Teach Coding**
10. **Fix Rural, Public Infrastructure (INTERNET, Healthcare, Transportation, Schools)**

Mr. Hachey informed Council that he was one of the winners of the SPARKS Innovative Challenge for Spark North for 2017 and won \$25,000. The goal of the program is to find and support high potential, early stage knowledge-based companies, and encourage entrepreneurial activity in the province. He reported that he is the CEO of BidSquid Online Marketplace where farmers can reach new buyers. He pointed out that the current system is not working for small farmers who want a simple way to reach buyers. BidSquid wants to help farmers market their products with an easy access for local foods.

Warden R. Parker reported that we need to learn more and we need young and innovative people to partake in these programs.

Warden R. Parker and Deputy Warden Murray presented Mr. Hachey with a certificate on behalf of the Municipality for winning the SPARK award.

Clr. D. Parker asked what's to keep a major producing from coming on BidSquid and selling their product for less.

Mr. Hachey replied it is a listing service based on supply and demand.

Clr. Dewar reported there are several senior facilities that do buy local but the big companies will hurt the smaller ones. Every school has certain caterers and he did not know how you would get through the bureaucrats to sell local to the schools.

Warden R. Parker thanked Mr. Hachey for the presentation and wished him luck on the project. (7:50 p.m.)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Butler reported District 1 will begin an 8 week Seniors Outreach program starting next week that gives seniors an opportunity to come together.

REPORT – FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Clr. D. Parker presented the report of the Financial Services Committee as follows:

For information purposes the Financial Services Committee submits the following report on activities of the Committee for the month of December:

1. Met prior to the December Regular Council meeting and approved a Municipal Services Grant for the JP Gammon Centre in Scotsburn.
2. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of November.
3. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of November.
4. Considered several applications for funding. (Resolution to follow)

5. Reviewed a request for a tax adjustment on a property where a mobile home no longer exists. (Resolution to follow)
6. Received information on a program to be conducted in Pictou County by the Aberdeen Hospital Foundation called Vital Signs.
7. Received an update from Ad-Hoc Communications Committee on rural internet and cellular coverage. Staff have been directed to issue a Request for Proposals to identify a consultant capable of assisting the Council and Committee in developing a business case for the service.
8. Reviewed a presentation from the CAO on taxation issues raised by a resident in the local media. The Committee is satisfied that our budget and taxation process meets the requirements of the Municipal Government Act and will take no further action.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2nd day of January, 2018.

(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:

For information purposes the Property Services Committee submits the following report on the activities of the Committee for the month of December:

1. Reviewed and discussed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of December.
2. Approved the installation of a conventional street light in Abercrombie, at 87 Abercrombie Loop.
3. Agreed to review additional information on Hydrant Flows in the Hillside area at the next Property Services Committee meeting.
4. Discussed littering along the roadways within the Municipality and the lack of signage on this issue. Staff have been directed to write to the Province of Nova Scotia to seek information on their programs and encourage more action.
5. Discussed information around the spring cleanup program currently offered in the county of Antigonish. The program currently offered in the Municipality provided our residents with the ability to place more weight at curbside, with the exception we do not allow for the one bulky item. It was agreed to invite Earle Cameron, Chief Operating Officer of the Pictou County Shared Services Authority to a future meeting of the Committee.
6. Reviewed correspondence from the Central Chignecto Regional School Board on the former Linacy School, which is no longer required for board purposes. The Committee agrees that the former school is surplus to the needs of the Municipality. The Committee has directed staff to begin the process removing the structure from the property. The Committee heard from the Chief of the Linacy Fire Department who expressed the department's wishes to acquire the property

so they may develop a training facility at some future point. The Committee agreed to support the divesture of the property to the Linacy Volunteer Fire Department. (Resolution to follow)

7. Met in closed session to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations and the acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property.

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(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.

MAP REPORT

Clr. Wadden reported that the MAP Committee last met on Dec 14th and we received good news about the Intergenerational Forum, both from one of the schools wanting to participate in the planning process and from our provincial leaders wanting to contribute to the funding aspect, so plans are now well under way for our upcoming forum.

We are pleased the province has at least released some of the legislation regarding the legalization of cannabis. I think we were pretty much resigned to the fact most provinces are bringing the legal age in compatible with the legal drinking age - which in NS is 19. We are not saying this is the best choice but at least the consistency is there. We are also pleased the NSLC will be the entity for selling cannabis. We would prefer to see the Liquor Board sell cannabis separately from liquor such as what they are planning in New Brunswick. We understand more legislation is pending so hopefully the province will continue to listen to some of the concerns being raised by this issue and act accordingly. We will have Julie MacPhee from Mac Mac & Mac at our next MAP meeting on Thursday January 18th. Thank you to Donn Fraser for this suggestion.

Clr. Wadden informed Council she will be having surgery later in January and may not be able to attend our next MAP meeting in February so if there is someone from Council willing to attend in my place it would certainly be appreciated. There is a lot of work to do for our forum in the spring and all representatives are needed. The exposure to this committee may be of benefit to other Councillors as well, so please do consider this opportunity.

NEW SCOTLAND BUSINESS PARK REPORT

Clr. Thompson reported that the Board for the New Scotland Business Park last met on December 20, 2017 and they have been working on the design of the right-in off the East River Road. He distributed copies of the layout of the park to Committee members and he pointed out that there was a lot of interest in the park. A lift station has to be installed at the bottom of the hill in preparation of upcoming development.

Clr. D. Parker asked if the lots are priced per square foot and the CAO replied it is per square foot cost but it would depend on the use.

Clr. D. Parker asked the cost estimate of the road work and Clr. Thompson replied the information is not yet available, but the design will be done in-house.

Clr. D. Parker asked the cost of the lift station and the CAO responded the estimated cost is \$250,000.

VALLEY VIEW VILLA REPORT

Clr. Butler reported that it continues to be a time of transition at Valley View Villa. Particular duties and number of employees on the floor at any particular time have been realigned with the funding formula as laid out by the Department of Health.

The CUPE information picket of December 16th had a number of objectives. To gain greater financial support for the institution and to inform the public of changes taking place at Valley View. Unfortunately, some of the information was misleading.

Negotiations with Eastern Mainland Housing in regards to Haven Brook have been completed. It is no longer a financial drain on Valley View.

Administration is working closely with the Family Council to answer questions and dispel rumors. Clr. Butler was pleased to report that a chairperson for that group has come forward.

We are waiting for the next quarterly financial report which is due at the end of January. Early indications are that the deficit which was growing at the rate of \$50,000/month has been reduced significantly.

The care of residents at Valley View Villa continues to be a top priority for administration, staff and our Board.

Clr. Wadden asked if the residents are still receiving fresh goods and Clr. Butler replied that fresh food is still available.

Clr. Wadden asked the monthly deficit at present and Clr. Butler replied that he will have that information when the quarterly report is available.

Clr. Wadden asked the increase in Haven Brook costs and Clr. Butler responded that the Villa will receive an additional \$900 a month.

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:

Recreation:

Lismore Community Hall	\$ 150.00	D1 Allotment Program Grant
Hillside Community Society	150.00	D9 Allotment Program Grant
Heatherbell Pipes & Drums	100.00	Program Grant
Kanokai Judo Club	165.00	Program Grant
Mariposa East Skating Club	250.00	Event Expenses Provincial
Fundy Highland Female Hockey	1,060.00	Program Grant
Highland Derby Dolls	100.00	Program Grant
	<u>\$ 1,975.00</u>	

Council

Viola's Place Society	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	Program Grant Purchase Facility
	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	

TOTAL **\$ 9,975.00**

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2nd day of January, 2018.

(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 – TAX ADJUSTMENT

Clr. Palmer presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the following write-off on tax arrears, 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>
10564042	Darren Clow	\$1,537.22	Mini Home removed from Property

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2nd day of January, 2018.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Andy Thompson

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – DECLARATION OF SURPLUS LANDS LINACY

Clr. Boyles presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou has ownership of a property located at 7 Willow Drive in Linacy commonly referred to as the former Linacy School and identified by Property Identification Number 00866103;

WHEREAS the property in question is no longer required by the Central Chignecto Regional School Board for operational purposes;

WHEREAS it is the determination of the Property Services Committee that this property is no longer required for the purposes of the Municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council declare the aforementioned property to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that administrative staff be instructed to begin the process of divesting the property to the Linacy Volunteer Fire Department, in accordance with section 51 of the Municipal Government Act.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2nd day of January, 2018.

(Sgd.) Peter Boyles
David Parker

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – DISPOSITION OF THE RIVER JOHN SCHOOL

Clr. Baillie presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Chignecto Central Regional School Board ceased operations at the River John Consolidated School on June 30, 2015 and declared the school surplus to its needs.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council during the summer of 2017 sought proposals from developers for the purchase and redevelopment of the former River John Consolidated School and associated land;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council received one expression of interest for the redevelopment of the school and has negotiated terms for the sale of the property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou declare the River John School and associated lands surplus to the needs of the Municipality;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou approved the purchase and sale agreement negotiated between the Municipality and Nikolas Bigney.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. the 2nd day of January, 2018.

(Sgd.) Ronald Baillie
David Parker

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2018

Warden R. Parker informed Council the Strategic Priorities Report 2018 was a result of the day session Council had with Mr. MacIntosh. There is a lot of information in the document and Council will discuss it further when they meet for their Saturday session.

MOTION - LIBRARY FUNDING

Clr. Wadden reported that she indicated in last month's report that the fund raising efforts from our local libraries will need to raise \$20,000 to help with their core funding. On December 11th she forwarded a link to CBC outlining the concerns with our libraries and the funding received from the Provincial Government. A Committee made up of representatives from the municipalities, libraries and the Province's Communities, Culture & Heritage Department are meeting to discuss core library services and the future. The hope is the work this Committee does will help convince the province to increase funding. They hope to have a budget report ready to present to the government this spring ahead of their own spring budget. Public libraries, especially the staff, play a critical role in our communities as central places for education, self-development, social interaction and access to technology and the internet. They are the community hubs of today as shown by the efforts municipalities have invested in their facilities. In the Pictou Antigonish

region they offer a welcome to all newcomers as recognized in the department's culture action plan. The Pictou Antigonish Regional library has shown leadership in pushing the work of the culture action plan forward. Multiple governments regardless of the party have failed to establish a long term funding solution that allows for good planning with our libraries. In the region the municipalities and the Boards have been left to bridge the gap for funding. While we understand the government is currently examining core services provided by public libraries they will need to work beyond this to answer the funding question in the long term equitable way.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Thompson that a letter be to the Minister of Communities, Culture & Heritage with copies to the 3 MLAs and local Library Board members asking for the Province's support with sustainable funding for libraries.

Motion carried.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & NOTICES OF MOTION

Clr. D. Parker reported that we have to give Council greater flexibility for certain presentations so we should consider our policy on the length of presentations.

Warden R. Parker pointed out that the press was not here this evening and it would have been beneficial to have some coverage on tonight's presentation. We need to do a better job of community with the public and getting the message out there. Warden R. Parker informed Council this issue with put on Council's Saturday session for further discussion.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (8:30 p.m.)

Robert Parker
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk