

May 7, 2018

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Dist.	1	Clr. Don Butler
	2	Deborah Wadden
	3	Clr. Darla MacKeil
	4	Clr. Ronald Baillie
	5	Deputy Warden Murray
	6	Warden Robert Parker
	7	Clr. David Parker
	8	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
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Anne MacCarthy, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

BY INVITATION

Ted & Eileen MacNaughton, District 5

BY APPOINTMENT

Gary Weldon Hayden
Brad Nichols

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. Boyles and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Clr. D. Parker expressed concern the closed session scheduled later in the evening, stating that he did not believe the items listed qualified for the protection of a closed meeting and therefore a closed session would be out of order.

The Solicitor reported that he understood the scope of the closed session from the CAO and in his view the items fell under the "contract negotiations" category of section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act which would make it appropriate for Council to go into a closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

Council met in closed session at 7:05 pm to discuss matters relating to legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

OPEN SESSION

Council resumed in open session at 7:10 p.m.

The motion to approve the agenda as circulated carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. D. Parker)

MINUTES

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Butler that the minutes of April 3, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the following:

- (a) Min. of Gaelic Affairs – Asking that Council proclaim May as “Gaelic Affairs Month” in the Municipality.
- (b) Min. Municipal Affairs – Providing 12 months’ notice for various legislation, regulation or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing expenditures of municipalities.

MOTION – GAELIC AFFAIRS MONTH

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that Council proclaim May as “Gaelic Affairs Month” in the Municipality.

Motion carried.

Clr. Wadden referred to the correspondence from Municipal Affairs regarding land use planning and asked if that would affect the Municipality.

The CAO replied it could affect the Municipality depending on what the framework is and the issue so certain policies may have to be put in place.

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS – TED & EILEEN MACNAUGHTON, DIST.5

Deputy Warden Murray informed Council that Ted MacNaughton has donated over the last 40 years, time and skills to the maintenance and improvements of the Lyon’s Brook Hall. He has never accepted any remuneration for his work and he still offers to help with the maintenance of the hall. Lyon’s Brook is proud to have Ted in their community. Ted’s wife Eileen also volunteers and held the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the Lyon’s Brook Hall since 1974 and today still holds the position of Treasurer. She also kept the minutes of each annual meeting and chaired the meetings when necessary. The residents of Lyon’s Brook are very grateful to have both individuals in their community.

Warden R. Parker and Deputy Warden Murray presented a certificate of appreciation to Ted & Eileen MacNaughton for their many years of volunteer work in the community of Lyon’s Brook.

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES HEARING – GARY WELDON HAYDEN, (7:20 P.M.)

At 7:20 p.m. Warden R. Parker convened a hearing with respect to a dangerous and unsightly premises assessed to Gary Weldon Hayden, 6157 Sherbrook Rd., Blue Mountain, (AAN 01586807). Mr. Gary Weldon Hayden was present at the meeting, along with his wife.

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

Ms. MacCarthy reported that she received a complaint on August 22, 2017 and an initial notice was sent out on October 2, 2017 by registered mail. It was returned October 10, 2017 unclaimed. A title search was requested on April 19, 2018 and the document was received on April 25, 2018. The site was posted April 27, 2018 with a notice of opportunity to attend Council and draft order along with the legislation and the MGA sections. A package of documents sent to the property owner by registered mail. On April 30, 2018 she received a call from Mr. Hayden and they discussed this process. Mr. Hayden outlined his concerns and stated that he would attend Council. The property is 2.078 acres and assessed at \$45,800 and taxes are up to date prior to the April 18th interim billing. NSP will have to be advised that meter is on site and the oil barrel has been drained. The structure was a store at one time and most of the windows are broken so it is easy to gain access into the building. On the same property there is a dumpsite that is located near a stream that supplies water to the fire department.

Mr. Hayden informed Council that he was not aware of the condition of the property and it was vandalized several times by teenagers. Every time they broke into the property he went and boarded it up but the RCMP would do nothing about the vandals because they were underage. He did not dispute that the store was in bad shape and the windows in the front of the store were blown out by the plow 2 years ago and he was not notified. He checked with Doug Demont and the cost of demolition was \$9,500 and Scott Stewart's cost was \$5,000 plus tipping fees. He was not aware of this issue in October and if he was then he would have looked after it at that time. He never received any registered mail from the County. He was concerned that young people are vandalizing the property and yet he as a senior has to pay to demolish the property but he does not have the funds to do so. He had a chance to sell the property and the interested party would clean it up. Mr. Hayden asked if he sells the property is the new owner responsible for the cleanup?

The CAO reported if the County cleans up the property a lien would be applied to that property and if you were to sell it the charges would go with the property.

Mr. Hayden reported that he would be willing to let that property go and he pointed out there are other properties in the area that are dangerous and unsightly. He asked for an extension to address the issues with the property.

Warden R. Parker asked if the prospective purchaser of the property was willing to tear the structure down.

Mr. Hayden informed Council that he would like an extension on the demolition because the individual who wants the property will remove the store. Mr. Hayden informed Council that he currently resides at 251 Summit Road, Sylvester and he could not understand why he did not receive the registered mail.

Clr. Thompson reported that he would like to ask the Solicitor questions on this property before making a decision.

CLOSED SESSION

Council met in closed session at 7:40 pm to receive legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

OPEN SESSION

Council resumed in open session at 7:55 p.m.

Warden R. Parker informed Mr. Hayden that Council has agreed to a 2 month extension on the clean-up of the property, with the understanding that the Municipality is to be provided with details on the identity of the purchaser. There will also be a lien registered against the property that will carry forward to the new owner in the event that the Municipality has to act if the Order remains in default.

Mr. Hayden asked if he sells the property will he be no longer responsible for the order and the Solicitor replied if the work gets done the order will remain with the property.

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 6157 Sherbrooke Road, Blue Mountain (Tax Account #01586807), 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 7th day of May, 2017

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Chester Dewar

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

TO: Gary Weldon Hayden
251 R.R. 1 Summit Road
Westville, NS B0K 2A0

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 at 6157 Sherbrooke Road, Blue Mountain, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, associated with Tax Account Number 01586807, and PID #01042860, 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 former store / house structure 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. For greater certainty, but not limiting the generality of this obligation, all debris on the entire property must be removed, including the debris located along the stream at the travel trailer site as well as the location of the former store/house.

THE WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED AND DONE WITHIN SIXTY (60) 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 Sixty (60) 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. Dewar that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – HIRING PROCEDURES – BRAD NICHOLS (8:00 PM)

Mr. Brad Nichols addressed Council on concerns he has with the hiring procedures for trucking requirements in municipal water and sewer projects. In 2016 the procedure was changed and the Pictou County Truckers Association set a new hiring procedure for the trucks which does not reflect the wording in the Municipality's contracts. The Association has developed its own hiring procedure for this work that is not in line with the wording in the contract. It was his understanding that you have to be a member of the Pictou County Truckers Association to be dispatched to municipal sewer and water projects. Mr. Nichols informed Council that the Pictou County Truckers Association has adopted a single list dispatch policy. If you are called to work it may not be on municipal sewer and water projects so the next time your name comes up on the list once again it may not be for municipal work. A whole year will go by and he may not get a call for municipal sewer and water projects because of the way the rotational list works.

Warden R. Parker reported the way the list used to work was if you lived closer to the project area then you would receive that work but that has since changed.

Mr. Nichols reported that he had disputes over this hiring procedure and that has led to him having no access to the Pictou County Truckers Association because his membership was denied. He took his concern to the Association several years ago but they took it upon themselves to change the wording without notifying anyone. Most of the sewer and water work is hourly work which is considered to be the most lucrative work. This has led him to being excluded from all municipal sewer and water work and he is now seeking Council support in having a new formula implemented.

Clr. Thompson asked the number of independent truckers that are not on the Truckers Association list and Mr. Nichols replied that he was not sure but there are truckers who are not members of the Pictou County Truckers Association. Mr. Nichols pointed out that the Pictou County Truckers Association only has 29 members and none of them have tandem dump trucks which is the preferred equipment for water and sewer work. He informed Council that TIR informed him he can participate in the 80/20 rule even though he is not a member of the Pictou County Truckers Association. Mr. Nichols reported that he is trying to develop some way he can participate in these projects without being a member of the PCTA. Mr. Nichols reported that TIR has sent a memo to the Road Builders of Nova Scotia telling them that when they need a truck for infrastructure work in Pictou County they are to call Brad Nichols.

Clr. Boyles reported that it appears that the contract has been broken and Mr. Nichols pointed out that he is trying to find out if Council was notified that the wording was changed.

Deputy Warden Murray pointed out the Municipality's contracts are not with the Pictou County Truckers Associations, however we do require that the contractor who receives the job include local trucking content.

The CAO reported the current requirement of the Municipality is that 80% of the trucking on municipal projects be sourced locally through the Pictou County Truckers Association. The remaining 20% is filled by the contractor.

Mr. Nichols asked when the policy changed and Warden R. Parker reported that this policy can be referred back to a Committee level for review.

Clr. Dewar reported that we should also find out more information once we discuss at a future committee meeting.

Deputy Warden Murray asked Mr. Nichols if he belongs to the Nova Scotia Truckers Association and Mr. Nichols responded that because he is not a member of the local association he is not eligible for membership in the provincial association.

Warden R. Parker thanked Mr. Nichols for his presentation and excused him from the balance of the meeting. (8:30 p.m.)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May. 12th Take-Out Lobster Supper @ Lyons Brook Community Hall

May 12th Annual Mother's Day Turkey Dinner @ Millbrook Community Hall

Clr. Dewar informed Council there are many problems with the bridge in Springville and at present the bridge is blocked off so no one can go across it. By shutting down the bridge the community has been split and there has been no discussion about when it will be repaired. It is very inconvenient for the residents and a real problem on the East River.

Warden R. Parker suggested to Clr. Dewar to bring the Springville bridge issue to the next Property Services Committee meeting.

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 April:

1. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of March.
2. Considered requests for financial assistance. (Resolution to follow)
3. Received correspondence from the Department of Justice providing the required 12 month notice of potential changes to the Additional Officer Program on or after April 1, 2019.
4. Discussed the lack of public interest in serving on the Eastern Mainland Housing Authority and agreed make efforts to recruit potential candidates over the next several weeks.
5. Agreed to consider text that would amend the Event Flags Policy to permit the flags of non-governmental organizations to be flown on the Municipality's flag pole.
6. Discussed the current arrangement to purchase IT support from the Town of New Glasgow. Members of Council were cautioned that the iPads provided for Council's use are the property of the Municipality and, therefore, all records stored on those devices are subject to the FOIPOP provisions of the Municipal Government Act.
7. Discussed concerns raised on behalf of the residents of District 3 regarding significant increases in electricity bills. Clrs. Turner and Boyles will convey those concerns to the NSP Liaison Committee.

8. Received encouragement from Deputy Warden Murray for all members of Council to read the book entitled "The Mill" by Joan Baxter as a history lesson of what has taken place at Northumberland Pulp and Boat Harbour.
9. Reviewed a summary of tenders for the installation of sidewalks. (Resolution to follow)
10. Reviewed an invoice for additional engineering services relating to Phase II of the MacLellan's Brook/Upper Plymouth Wastewater Project. (Resolution to follow)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of May, 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.

Clr. Boyles informed Council that NSP personnel will be in attendance at the next liaison meeting regarding concerns with increases in electricity bills.

Motion carried

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 April:

1. Reviewed and discussed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of March.
2. Received an up-date on the status of capital projects. There continues to be no response from the Infrastructure Secretariat to our request for a scope amendment to facilitate the replacement of the McLellan's Brook water line. Administration will reach out to the Secretariat for a status update. Construction of both the Springfield Estates Water & Wastewater Extension and the Abercrombie Wastewater Extension projects has begun. The hydrant modelling in Hillside is expected to conclude shortly, despite the lack of infrastructure information from the Town of Trenton; two flow tests require completion. An engineering consultant is inspecting the former Linacy School Building to identify potential hazards prior to demolition of the structure. Digital speed signs are expected to go back into use in the immediate future and a list of potential sites will be provided to all Councillors.
3. Discussed the status of the former Westville Road School which is in the process of being vacated by the Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education. The CCRCE has not yet notified the Municipality that this property is no longer required by the Centre.
4. Received correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal advising that Third Street and Second Street in McLellan's Brook have been approved for cost-shared paving in 2018/19.

5. Reviewed correspondence from the Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education on the status of the East Pictou Middle School which is scheduled for closure once renovations at the Frank H. MacDonald School are complete and students are transferred to that facility.
6. Agreed to ask the Mayors and Warden Committee to spearhead the formation of a committee of like-minded individuals that will work to raise awareness of the decline in mental health services.
7. Agreed to write to TIR requesting signage on TCH 104 at Exits 27 and 29.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of May, 2018.

(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.

Clr. Wadden asked if the list of potential sites for speed signs would be available at the next Property Services Committee meeting and the CAO replied that once the list is compiled it will be available.

Clr. Wadden asked if there was an up-date on a Committee for Mental Health and Warden R. Parker replied the Mayors & Warden Committee have not met since our last meeting.

Motion carried.

REPORT – LIFE WITHOUT LITTER CONFERENCE

Clr. Butler reported that both he and Clr. Boyles had attended this conference as guests of Pictou County Solid Waste. He pointed out that people between the ages of 16 to 24 are the biggest offenders of littering. We educate children in elementary and junior high school not to litter but we need more education at the high school level to sustain this practice. One of the speakers, Mr. Kirk Symonds, was the most resourceful speaker of the day and he would be an excellent person to have come and speak to municipal leaders in Pictou County. He suggested that this issue be brought up at the Mayors & Warden meeting and at some point a workshop would be beneficial. The Go Clean Get Green campaign that was held a few weeks ago was very successful.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Boyles that Council send a letter to the Pictou County Solid waste congratulating them on the successful go Clean Get Green campaign.

Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT

On behalf of the Municipal Alcohol Committee Clr. Wadden reported that we had our final meeting with the high school students involved with organizing our Intergenerational Forum to be held May 23rd from 9:30 to 2:30 at the Wellness Centre. People of all ages will get together to discuss what matters to them, find out what matters to other generations and find out how working intergenerational might make us stronger. You should have received an invitation by email today and I urge all of you to try and attend the forum or even a portion to see and hear some of the great conversations. Please invite anyone from your communities you feel would have something to add or would like to be a part of.

We only had about 15 minutes to discuss issues with our pending legalization of cannabis prior to meeting with the students. One thing we discussed was the importance of municipalities adopting similar bylaws and policy when dealing with issues surrounding this legalization. We hate to see inconsistencies from municipality to municipality. Sophie is planning to contact all councils so she and one of our members'

from Public Health can do a brief presentation to promote a letter we are hoping to send to the province and would like buy in from all councils.

Here are a few more updates:

1. The three Cumberland Municipal units sent a well written response to Minister Furey and Premier MacNeil re Concerns about the Cannabis Act more specifically around public cannabis consumption
2. The Municipality of Kentville has taken a very strong stand on not smoking cannabis in downtown Kentville

<http://www.hantsjournal.ca/news/regional/people-will-not-be-smoking-cannabis-in-downtown-kentville-202383/>

3. The UNSM has released another news release from President Geoff Stewart - UNSM Raises Concerns with Cannabis Legalization - released April 13, 2018, which all. Of you should have received in an email

I would like to read an editorial from

THE ST. JOHN'S TELEGRAM

Published April 20, 2018 - 5:00am

“EDITORIAL: Municipalities may soon face a different kind of weed problem

It's a time-honoured tradition in Canadian governance: higher-level governments pass problems on down to the governments below them. And at the bottom of the pile, hamstrung by federal or provincial legislation, sit the nation's municipalities. That's as true with new laws legalizing cannabis use as anything else — which is why the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is already suggesting ways to deal with the fallout.

In a new cannabis guidebook for Canadian municipalities, the FCM identifies what it thinks will cause the most problems: the four plants that individuals will be allowed to grow at home for personal use. “The issue of how to regulate home cultivation of cannabis will apply to the greatest number of properties,” the FCM writes. “Of all the regulations that might be considered in relation to the legalization of cannabis, this one has the potential to generate the greatest number of enforcement complaints.”

There are a number of reasons for their concern. First, “Residential buildings are usually not designed or constructed to accommodate cannabis production. The mechanical systems in non-industrial buildings are usually not appropriate to support this kind of use without modifications (that are often carried out by unqualified persons and without permits). The location of dwellings where cannabis is being grown exposes neighbours to odors and other impacts.”

Part of that is the problems that have already surfaced with illegal growing operations, which have exposed homeowners and neighbours to slipshod construction, poor electrical modifications and fire hazards, along with mould and air quality issues. There's also the fact that even though there has been a four-plant maximum for personal use of medical marijuana growers, enforcement of the limit in the number of plants has been sporadic to non-existent.

Then there's the problem of how to quantify complaints: “As local governments anticipate an increase in nuisance complaints with legalized cannabis, odor issues rank among their top concerns — and these are notoriously difficult to regulate and remediate. Because

odors are hard to quantify objectively in terms of strength or character, setting regulatory standards is challenging.”

Among the solutions? Passing bylaws requiring home pot growers to register with municipalities and pay enough in fees to cover the registration system — and then using municipal enforcement officers to address complaints and to ensure the four-plant limit is observed.

“A registration system could help identify where cannabis production is actually occurring — though it is worth evaluating whether citizens would be likely to comply with such a requirement,” the FCM writes. There are going to be neighborhood conflicts about growing and smoking weed — and solving them is not going to be as simple as handing a baggie of homegrown weed over the backyard fence and saying, “Hey, neighbor, chill out.”

The FCM is absolutely right: the time for municipalities to think about dealing with those conflicts is now.

CODE OF CONDUCT WORKSHOP

19. Clr. Wadden reported on the Code of Conduct Workshop held at the Rath Centre in Truro on April

They spoke on Meaningful Penalties for Code of Conduct/Penalty provisions.

We have the Code of Conduct re: Councillors Behaviours Code of Ethics which concerns our Decision making Conflict of Interest which protects public interest.

There is no penalty for a council bringing forward a conflict of interest.

The Criminal Code deals with Sections 122 Breach of Interest (Fraud) And 123 which deals with Municipal Corruption such as Rewards and Benefits.

Most councils follow Roberts Rules or some type of Meetings and Procedures and they are basically the same type of policy. A Councillor breaching a Code of Conduct could be asked to apologize, be expelled from a meeting or censored for a meeting. Overall, there is very little to enforce any type of penalty for Conduct unbecoming a Councillor which can also include bullying and harassment.

Some provinces have various models they are using:

Ontario uses the Integrity Conditional Model with an Integrity Commissioner who has the capability to reprimand or suspend up to 90days. This commissioner is largely independent of Council.

The pitfall for this model is that not all Integrity commissioners have municipal politics background which can create inconsistencies from Municipality to Municipality.

Quebec uses an Administrative Tribunal Method (comparable to a UARB type of model). This type of model can administrate penalties, reprimands, reimbursements, or suspension - that would be suspension of meetings not policy. The pitfall of this type of model is that it is expensive to operate and a very formal process.

Manitoba uses the Council Model similar to what we have in NS. This type of model is inexpensive but the pitfall is that it is inconsistent and no safeguards are in place.

Saskatchewan uses an Ombudsmen Model. Authority for sanctions rest with Council. The pitfall with this one is there are no sanctions from the ombudsmen.

PEI has a Municipally Appointed person - Third party investigator. Again authority rests with Individual councils. They can impose fines up to \$500. The pitfall is there is no consistency.

Alberta has no specified model as yet although they are working on one. They must adopt a code of conduct and a procedure to follow. No pitfalls have been identified as yet as no model at this time.

An MGA review identified:

Independence

Penalties

Cost

Advice/Education

UNSM is leaning towards supporting an Integrity Commission Model

That pretty much covers the first portion of the workshop. The second dealt with Discussion Question: What behaviours do you want to ensure are included in the Code of Conduct, which ones are you most concerned about.

Basically each table had an identified behaviour to discuss but there was a lot of discussion but no actual penalties identified. I think overall most councils are dealing with behaviours at council tables that are no longer acceptable and do not know what we can do. One councillor at our table has actually gone to Human rights commission to deal with issues on behaviour from her council. Here in NS we do need some type of enforceable policy to deal with issues that are arising. One important suggestion was to make sure all Councillors receive sensitivity training which would be available to any new Councillors upon orientation.

Last week at my ratepayers Meeting, a joke was made that a lot of people didn't find funny. This is a somewhat minor example but it supports how important it is as a Councillor and elected official to really be aware of what you are going to say before you say it especially if you are speaking to council or on behalf of council. What was acceptable 20 or 30years ago is no longer acceptable. Largely because women are stepping up and taking very active roles in their communities and no longer will accept bad behaviour or comments and councils must be prepared to deal effectively with it. I am a firm supporter that with proper training and education we will be able to deal with behaviour issues at our council chambers. Punishment may be a last ditch effort when all else fails but to me prevention will do a better job of stopping bad behaviours.

Overall, this workshop did identify it is not a man vs. women problem but a council problem and must be dealt with effectively.

RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Clr. MacKeil 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 Council:

Felicity Mitchell	\$ 100.00	Miss Teen Maritimes Expenses
New Glasgow Music Festival	<u>500.00</u>	Event Expenses
	\$ 600.00	

Municipal Services:

D01 MARSА	\$ 1,200.00	Deadline Extension to complete graveling of parking lot
D07 Salt Springs 4-H Club	2,000.00	Deadline Extension to complete repairs at Ebenezer Cemetery
D07 Millbrook & Area Comm. Club	1,384.09	Deadline Extension to use balance of grant on water improvements

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(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – SIDEWALK TENDERS

Clr. Thompson presented a resolution to Council as follow:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS tenders have been called for the construction of sidewalks in Riverton, Alma and Westville Road;

WHEREAS a summary of tenders received are as follows:

NAME	TENDER PRICE
Dexter Construction	\$769,610.00
C. F. Construction	438,251.00
S. W. Weeks Construction	527,921.00
Blaine F. MacLane Excavation	498,208.00

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works & Development has reviewed all tender responses to determine compliance with specification;

WHEREAS the Director recommends award to the lowest bidder.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the tender submitted by C. F. Construction Limited in the amount of \$438,251.00 for the construction of sidewalks in the areas previously mentioned.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 7th day of May, 2018.

(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.

RESOLUTION – CBCL INVOICE

Clr. Palmer presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Council accepted a proposal from CBCL Limited for engineering services for Phase II of the McLellan’s Brook/Upper Plymouth Wastewater Project in the amount of \$343,330, based on 44 weeks of construction;

WHEREAS the construction phase extended an additional month beyond the anticipated completion date, resulting in additional engineering costs of \$16,827.50;

WHEREAS the Financial Services Committee has reviewed invoice for this additional work and is satisfied that the costs are warranted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the payment of an invoice dated March 2, 2018 from CBCL Limited in the amount of \$16,827.50 for additional engineering work related to Phase II of the McLellan's Brook/Upper Plymouth Wastewater Collection Project.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 7th day of May, 2018.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Andy Thompson

MOTION

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

Clr. Boyles reported that most companies usually allow for short-falls so he does not agree with paying these additional costs.

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Boyles)

RESOLUTION – SHEEP VALUER

Clr. MacKeil presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section 9(1) of the Sheep Protection Act provides for the annual appointment of Sheep Valuers;

WHEREAS appointments to this office have been made throughout the various districts of the County of Pictou;

WHEREAS in accordance with the aforementioned Statutes of Nova Scotia, these appointments require the approval of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the appointment of the following Sheep Valuers for 2018/19:

DIST. # 3 William Ferguson

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of May, 2018.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil
David Parker

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & NOTICES OF MOTION

Clr. Dewar reported that he would like to add the Springville Bridge to the agenda of the next Property Services Committee meeting.

Clr. Boyles reported that he would like to have some of the problems at the Aberdeen Hospital addressed at a future meeting.

Clr. Boyles reported that he would like to have the hydrant rates put on the agenda of a future Financial Services Committee meeting.

Clr. D. Parker reported the County has a development agreement with the Town of New Glasgow at exits 23 & 25 and there are a multitude of issues. As it may be time to review the agreement and he asked that it be put on a future Property Services Committee agenda.

Clr. Wadden asked if staff will check to see what is being done in other areas regarding residents that grow cannabis and Warden R. Parker replied staff will check it out and then bring the information to a future committee meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Council met in closed session at 9:15 pm to discuss matter relating to contract negotiations.

OPEN SESSION

Council resumed in open session at 10:10 p.m.

MOTION – ABERDEEN HOSPITAL ER ACCESS ROAD

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Thompson that Council agree to cover additional costs for the construction of the Aberdeen Hospital access road by population basis, funded through the Deed Transfer Tax Trust, with the Trust remaining at 1% and the access road to be used for emergency vehicles only and the Pictou County Shared Services Authority will be the owners of the road.

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Boyles)

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried. (10:10 p.m.)

Robert Parker
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk