

August 6, 2019

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 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**

Natasha Schigas, Solicitor, MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald  
Brian Cullen, CAO/Municipal Clerk-Treasurer  
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
Sueann Musick, Communications 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 Municipality.

**AGENDA**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Butler that the minutes of July 2, 2019 be approved as circulated.  
Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Minister of TIR – Acknowledging the poor condition of Route 347 between Thorburn & East River St. Mary’s; improvements continue to take place under the RIM Program and the area has been identified as a local priority for future capital repaving and will be added to the Five-Year Highway Improvement Plan ASAP.

- (b) Minister of TIR – Advising that a portion of Route 289 in Little Harbour is scheduled for repaving in 2022/23. The area has recently been reassessed and while staff agree it requires attention, it will be prioritized and balanced with other highway needs in the province.
- (c) Thank-You Letters/Notes (uncirculated) for financial assistance have been received from Festival of the Tartans, Pictou Co. Volunteer Ground Search & Rescue, Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame, AYB National Championship Bowling Tournament, NNEC & Bursary Recipients, NRHS Educational Society & Bursary Recipients, Tatamagouche Regional Academy, Pride Pictou County.

Clr. Wadden referred to correspondence received from TIR regarding Route 289 in Little Harbour and indicated she constantly receives calls about the poor condition of the road. The road has been put on a list to be repaved but she hopes it will be bumped up on the list because it is in really deplorable condition.

Clr. Thompson referred to correspondence received from TIR regarding the main service road from here to Guysborough County, noting that it is an important stretch of road that deserves some attention.

Clr. D. Parker informed Council that he also has a section of Route 289 in his district that goes from Union Center to the Town of Westville. The road has been in very poor condition and it has been at least 42 years since it has been surfaced. We need to take the politics out of paving and the way to do that is to require TIR to present an actual list of roads to be paved. He pointed out that we need an open and transparent process.

Clr. Dewar reported in District 12 in the last month there has been 12 km. of resurfaced roads and a new bridge in upper Hopewell so he cannot complain about roads.

Warden R. Parker reported we are going to invite Mr. Greg Chisholm from TIR to meet with Council and that will be an opportunity to ask questions.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clr. Dewar informed Council the Hopewell Ceilidh will be held on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> starting with the parade at 12:45 pm. There will be entertainment and food at the Ceilidh field after the parade for everyone to enjoy.

Clr. Palmer congratulated Clr. Butler and the Organizing Committee for a job well done in hosting the EPRHS 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

Clr. Butler thanked Council for supporting the event because it was money well spent as it brought many people to the County.

Clr. MacKeil reported the Pictou Garden Club is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and they are having a garden party at the home of Ann Gratton this Saturday.

Clr. MacKeil informed Council that the Caribou District Fire Department is having its annual lobster supper at the fire hall this Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm; \$20 a supper.

Clr. Boyles reported on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm is the Ride for the Kids starting at the Linacy Fire Department for the summer camp for burn survivors at Camp Connect.

Warden R. Parker reported on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> the JDRF Ride for a Cure will start in Scotsburn at 11 am and will go to Tatamagouche.

Clr. Wadden reported on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> is the annual planked salmon dinner put on by the Little Harbour Fire Department at the community center, \$20 a ticket.

### **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 July:

1. Met with the Regional Medical Officer of Health for the Northern Zone of the NS Health Authority for an overview of Lyme Disease in Nova Scotia, signs & symptoms, diagnosis & treatment, prevention, and the role of municipalities around prevention and education.
2. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of June.
3. Reviewed the reports of the Recreation Coordinator and Communications Officer for the month of June.
4. Considered several applications for financial assistance. (Resolution to follow)
5. Reviewed tenders for the disposition of a surplus vehicle. (Resolution to follow)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

(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.

### **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 July:

1. Reviewed the reports of the Building Inspector and Warden for the month of June, and the reports of the By-Law/Dog Control Officer for the months of May and June.
2. Received a status report on impending repairs to the Abercrombie Sidewalk.
3. Discussed opportunities and procedures for the use of local contractors in municipal work, as determined by Council's Procurement Policy.
4. Discussed the details of Council's Landfill Voucher Program Policy and requested data on program usage for review at a future meeting.
5. Agreed to forward correspondence to NS Power Inc. and to GPF Forestry expressing appreciation to the significant amount of brush clearing along power lines in Districts 3, 7 & 12.
6. Approved the installation of one conventional streetlight in District 2 across from 7700 Pictou Landing Road, Pictou Landing and agreed to recommend the installation of an intersection light in the district 3 at the intersection of Hwy 6 and the Shore Road, Caribou River. (Resolution to follow) A petition for new lighting in District 8 has been deferred for additional information.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

(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.

## **PARL REPORT**

Clr. Wadden reported that the eight non-HRM regional libraries received notification on July 15<sup>th</sup> that our application for the One Card Initiative to the Culture Innovation Fund was approved. The province is investing \$483,360 over two years, which is what we asked for. Work is beginning immediately for this 22 month project.

Work should soon be starting on soundproofing the program room in the Westville Library. The carpenter is just waiting for a rainy day to work inside.

The glass skylights have been replaced in New Glasgow Library.

The Town of New Glasgow included in their annual budget replacement of the 30 year old microfilm reader/printer/scanner. These are expensive pieces of technology, in the \$12,000 range. The old one finally broke down for good. It is used to read the large collection of local newspapers, birth/marriage indexes, and more, by local historians and genealogists and used extensively by visitors. It is used several times a day.

The children and adult's reading programs are going well with great participation.

The Regional Library and the Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program will have a presence on the Saturday afternoon at the upcoming Rib-Fest (August 23-25) at Glasgow Square. Money raised will be going to Viola's Place. Just a reminder, Adopt A Library will attend most events in our communities if requested.

## **RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS**

Clr. Turner presented a resolution to Council as follows:

### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the payment of the following Municipal Grants:

#### **Municipal Services:**

D04	River John & Dist. Lions Club	\$ <u>3,500.00</u>	Deck Repairs & Painting
		<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>	
D07	Salt Springs 4-H Club	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>	Fence//Sign/Bench @ Ebineezer Cem.
		<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	
D08	Abercrombie Cemetery Co.	6,520.87	Garbage Bins/Mtnce/Stone Repairs
D08	Abercrombie Community Centre	6,628.00	Metal Siding
D08	Abercrombie Fire Department	5,000.00	Industrial Washer & Boots
D08	Mount William Cemetery Co. Ltd.	<u>3,005.83</u>	Mtnce. Contract & Stone Repairs
		<b>\$ 21,154.70</b>	
D11	Green's Brook Cem. Assoc.	\$ 400.00	Operating Expenses
D11	East River St. Mary's Fire Dep.	1,500.00	Equipment Purchases
D11	East River Valley Recreation	2,500.00	Lawn Mower
D11	Bridgeville Community Club	2,000.00	Capital Improvements

D11 Sunny Brae War Mem. Society	500.00	Operating Expenses
D11 East River Valley Fire Dept.	<u>1,500.00</u>	Hall Maintenance

**\$ 8,400.00**

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 35,054.70**

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

(Sgd.) Larry Turner  
Peter Boyles

**MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLE**

Clr. Palmer presented a resolution to Council as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS tenders have been called for the disposal of a 2010 Dodge 2500 4 x 4 diesel truck which is considered to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality;

WHEREAS a summary of tenders received are as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BID PRICE</b>	<b>HST</b>	<b>TOTAL BID</b>
Jason Bowen	\$ 8,625.00	\$1,293.75	\$9,918.75
T & W Auto Centre Ltd.	6,159.00	923.85	7,082.85
John Langille	4,000.00	600.00	4,600.00
Partners Construction Ltd.	3,250.00	487.50	3,737.50
John Campbell	3,000.00	450.00	3,450.00

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works & Development recommends the acceptance of the highest tender;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the tender submitted by Jason Bowen in the amount of \$8,625.00 + HST to purchase the surplus 2010 vehicle as detailed above, for a total purchase price of \$9,918.75.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

(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 – INTERSECTION ST. LIGHT**

Clr. MacKeil presented a resolution to Council as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted a policy with respect to the provision of street lighting at intersections in areas where residential street lighting does not exist;

WHEREAS this policy is intended to aid in the safe passage of motor vehicles on public streets or roads and pedestrian traffic at street intersections and other pedestrian infrastructure in a manner which is both affordable and adequate for vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

WHEREAS the Property Services Committee has considered a request for intersection streetlights in District #3;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the installation of intersection street lights, in accordance with Policy #2016-03-34, at the following intersection:

District #03 at the intersection of Hwy 6 & Shore Rd.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil  
Don Butler

**MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – RIGHT TO KNOW PROCLAMATION**

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

**PROCLAMATION  
RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK  
September 23 to September 29, 2019**

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS Part XX of the *Municipal Government Act* gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS access to information ensures citizens of Nova Scotia have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulation, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliation of divergent views; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging international Right to Know Week;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou does hereby proclaim September 23 to September 29, 2019 to be "Right to Know Week" in the Municipality.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

(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.

Clr. D. Parker reported the current Premier campaigned on opening up the Freedom of Information process and committing more money to that office but he reneged on both those promises once he was in government. We now have a spectacle of that very Premier using our tax money to go to the Supreme Court of Canada to try to prevent the release of information on the so called "Unconquered Peoples Files". We also have a situation with the RCMP although they are admitting wrongdoing in the imprisonment of Glen Assoun for 17 years on a charge which he is almost certainly not guilty. The Federal Minister has washed his hands of it and left it up to the province. It does not look right to have The Hon. Mark Fuery, a former RCMP officer, deciding whether or not they should investigate the actions of the RCMP.

Motion carried.

### **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

There were no emergency resolutions.

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

Clr. Turner reported that he has a request from Sarah Wiseman, CEO of the Pictou County REN who would like to meet with Council in the near future.

Clr. Turner informed Council he received a call from Val Balodis who owns property on Westville Road called Amity Lane and he would like to have the road paved. Mr. Balodis would like the County to cost share 50/50 on the paving of the road. Warden R. Parker reported that issue will be put on the next Property Services Committee agenda for discussion.

Clr. D. Parker informed Council that at the September Council meeting he will be bringing forward a resolution from the National Task Form on the future of forestry.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Council met in closed session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss matters relating to acquisition, sale, lease & security of Municipal Property.

### **OPEN SESSION**

Council resumed in open session at 7:50 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Wadden that the meeting adjourn.  
Motion carried. (7:50 p.m.)

Robert Parker  
Warden

Brian Cullen  
Municipal Clerk