

November 5, 2018

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, November 5, 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 Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Sueann Musick, Communications Officer
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

BY INVITATION

Heather Murphy, CPA, MacDonald & Murphy Inc.

BY APPOINTMENT

Tyson Bowen, Real Canadian Recreation Ltd.

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.

Warden R. Parker read the poem In Flanders Fields by John McCrae.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the agenda be approved with the additions of a resolution for the appointment of a building official intern and a closed session to discuss matters eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the minutes of October 1, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

(a) Min. TIR – Advising that the Department owns & maintains a broad range of models and age of equipment to grade roads. Aging equipment approaching the end of serviceable life is identified and prioritized annually for replacement. The graders deployed in Pictou County will be included within the annual fleet replacement selection process during capital budget deliberations for new fleet equipment.

(b) Thank you note (uncirculated) for financial support & bursaries has been received from Autism Pictou County

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

There were no recognition of individuals and groups.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 11th Mary's Parish Council will be serving a hot salmon supper at the Lismore Hall on Sunday, November 11th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.; \$15/adult.

Nov. 25th District 1 Annual Fitness Challenge begins at the Lismore Hall. A challenge is extended to other districts to get fit.

Nov. 10th District 3 Annual Hunter's Breakfast at the Caribou River Hall from 7:00 to 10 a.m.; \$10 large, \$5 small.

2017/18 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (7:10 P.M.)

Ms. Heather Murphy, MacDonald & Murphy Inc. reviewed the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Municipality for the period ending March 31, 2018. In respect to the report Ms. Murphy advised it is the opinion of the firm that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipality and the results of its operations and cash flows.

In reviewing the Consolidated Statements of Financial Activities, Ms. Murphy reported that the total revenue for the reporting period was \$21,792,449; total expenditures for the period were \$14,921,621 and the change in the fund balances for the year was \$6,670,828.

Clr. D. Parker asked Ms. Murphy asked if there was any evidence of misappropriation of funds and Ms. Murphy replied that a letter was prepared this year to provide information to Council. Ms. Murphy reported they did not find anything that was misappropriation and they found the internal controls appropriate. If they do finding anything in the audit testing to be inappropriate they will bring that immediately to Council.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that Council approve the 2017/18 Financial Statements as presented.

Motion carried.

Warden R. Parker thanked Ms. Murphy as well as staff for all their work during the past year. He excused Ms. Murphy from the balance of the meeting. (7:30 p.m.)

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Warden R. Parker introduced the County's new Communications Officer, Sueann Musick to Council and wished her well in her new position.

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 October:

1. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of September.
2. Considered several applications for financial assistance. (Resolution to follow)
3. Considered appointments to vacancies on outside boards and commissions. (Resolution to follow)
4. Considered tenders for the purchase of a vehicle and E1 Sewer Pumps. (Resolutions to follow)
5. Reviewed administrative calculations on the adjustments necessary to the remuneration of Council to negate the impact of the termination of the 1/3 taxable allowance on January 1st. (Resolution to follow)
6. Discussed a proposal from i-Valley for a regional alignment of the Municipality's Rural Internet/Cellular Program. (Resolution to follow)
7. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of September.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of November, 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. Wadden referred to Item #5 and informed Council that she cannot support the Financial Services Committee Report as she did not campaign on the issue of increasing Council salaries and could not endorse an increase in the expense to the taxpayers in her district.

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Wadden)

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 October:

1. Met with the President of the Pictou County Truckers Association to discuss the dispatching of trucks on municipal projects.

2. Reviewed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of September.
3. Received an up-date on the status of capital projects. The McLellan's Brook Watermain Replacement is still waiting on required authorization from the NS Utility & Review Board to expend funds. Water testing is being carried out on the Springfield Estates system. Once satisfactory testing results are achieved, information packages will be sent to property owners. NS Power work on the Abercrombie lift station has delayed the completion of SCADA work on this project. Information packages to property owners will be released once all of this work is complete. Two remaining gate valves have yet to be located in Hillside. Arrangements have been made for a contractor to excavate in the area to try and locate and replace this infrastructure. The demolition tender for the former Linacy School remains incomplete as we await information on hazardous materials that will need appropriate safety precautions during the demolition process. The sidewalk is Alma is complete; Riverton is substantially complete with the exception of handrails which will be installed shortly. The contractor is moving to the MacGregor Avenue location and is expected to have that work complete within 3 weeks.
3. Agreed to cover the cost of a culvert replacement at Riverview Lane as part of the contingency for the Riverton Sidewalk Project.
4. Agreed to write the Minister of Lands & Forestry asking that the cutting of forests for the purpose of creating biomass be stopped and further that in present and all future biomass burning for electrical energy an efficiency rate of 50% or greater must be achieved.
5. Discussed the variables that impacted a sewer connection in the Walkerville area where a property owner had to wait 7 weeks for the connection to occur after obtaining the required permit.
6. Approved the installation of a conventional street light in District 2 beside 5820 Pictou Landing Road, Pictou Landing.
7. Considered an application for an intersection street light in District 6. (Resolution to follow)
8. Met in closed session to discuss matters relating to litigation.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of November, 2018.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Randy Palmer

MOTION

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

Clr. D. Parker thanked Council for the sidewalk in front of the Riverview Residential Center and for covering the costs of the culvert replaced at Riverview Lane.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – TYSON BOWEN, REAL CAN. RECREATION LTD. (7:30 P.M.)

Mr. Bowen met with Council the Council Board Room and made a presentation on a proposed eco-adventure outdoor park that caters to help heal Canadian veterans but it is also open to the public.

Real Canadian Recreation Ltd.

Prepared for the Municipality of Pictou County

Monday, 05 Nov 2018

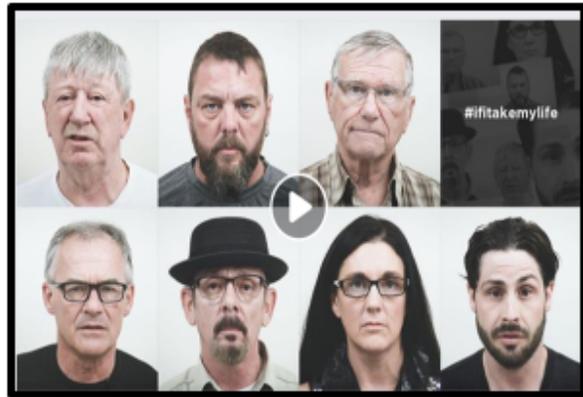
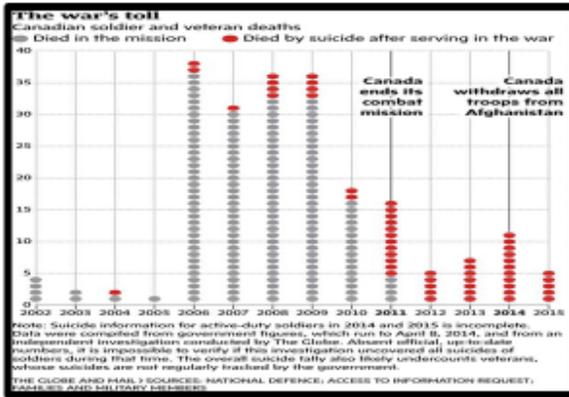
Presented by Tyson Bowen, GCS+2, CD

Mission

This not for profit business will be an outdoor eco-adventure park and resort catered to help heal our Canadian Veterans, but will also be open to the general public. The venue will have a series of progressive outdoor trails and areas to hike, bike and drive off road vehicles. It will also be host to different types of campsites and events throughout all seasons of the year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgpRw92d1MA>

Suicides



<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/veterans/article26499878/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>

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Global Alliance Foundation Fund - GAFF



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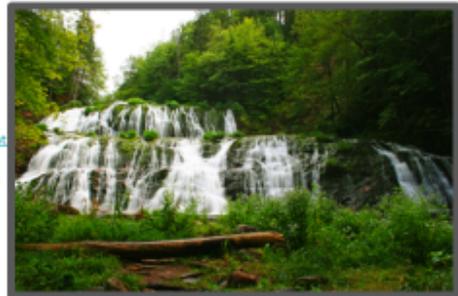
- Registered Charity
- Created Marijuana For Trauma
- Created Veterans for Healing
- Sites will become Canada Wide, currently focused on Nova Scotia
- Giving back to Veterans, Holistic Approach,
- Egypt Falls 140 acres, Chimney Corner 300+ acres, 37 of private beach, Lorne 376 acres + 127 in 2019
- Design and Development Fall 2019
- Donated 40,000,000 shares to GAFF/ \$8,000,000 value today \$50,000,000 value by July 2019



<https://canadahouse.ca/2018/04/10/early-warning-report-filed-pursuant-to-national-instrument-62-103/>

<https://www.invernessoran.ca/top-story/585-retreat-veterans-ptsd>

<http://splice.econr.com/v?id=pbwGG9>



Veterans and Families



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkeJNOjXg3k&t=369s>

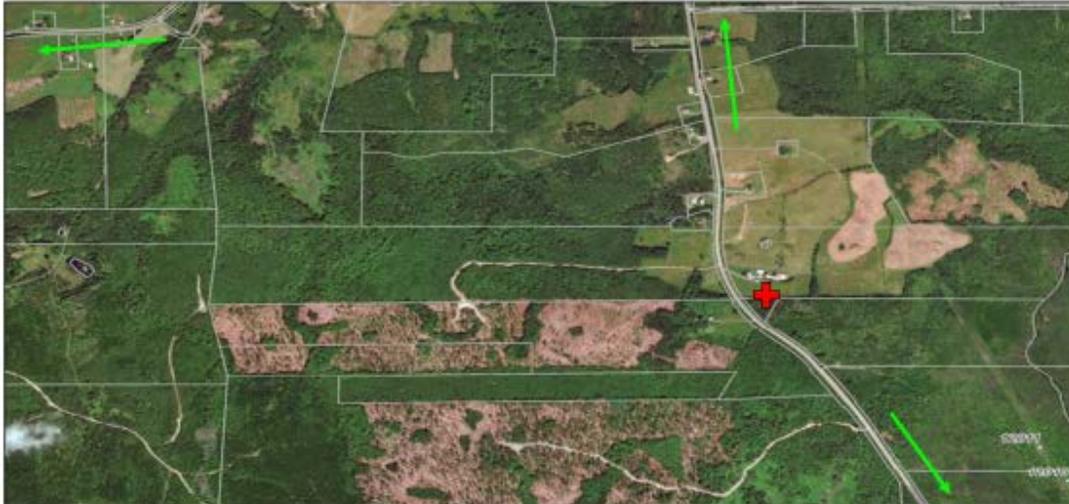
General Use



Farm Family History

- Originally from Holland, liberated by Canadian Soldiers and immigrated to Canada after WWII
- Family friends
- Incorporate their family history and land into this venture
- Sellers are proud to be contributing to the welfare of Canadian Veterans and now helping soldiers who once helped them
- Pictou County has a long standing history of large contributions to the Canadian Military

Location



Government Role

- Accessibility to grants
- Funding for veterans to visit these three amazing venues
- To better support Canadian Veterans in the coping with PTSD
- To better understand Canadian Veterans coping with PTSD
- Tax Benefits

Limiting Factors

- Environmental Considerations
- Liability/ Waivers
- Permits
- Capital
- Government Cooperation

Tourism

- Only Eco-resort/park of its kind within the Maritimes
- Within driving distance to main urban centres
- Access to other GAFF venues
- Hopewell Bed and Breakfast
- Hopewell Links Golf Course
- Hopewell swinging walking bridge
- Trafalgar Game sanctuary
- 4 wheeler/ Snowmobile trails and easy access for local clubs
- Economic spin off to county businesses
- Education on the Afghanistan conflict/ Military Museum
- Outdoor Education for Youth at Risk etc.

References and Contact Information

www.realcanadianrecreation.com

www.facebook.com/realcanadianrecreation/

<http://veteransfirhealing.org/>

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<https://www.disposablewarriors.org/single-post/2017/08/04/Why-Veterans-Simply-Cant-Beatbat>

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<http://police.gopro.com/v?id=odwG99>

Contact: realcanadianrecreation@gmail.com 506-440-9483

Warden R. Parker thanked Mr. Bowen for his very informative presentation and for his 14 years of service. Warden R. Parker then excused him from the balance of the meeting. (8:05 p.m.)

MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT

Clr. Wadden reported that the MAP Committee ironically last met on the day after Cannabis was officially legalized so they had a brief discussion on our take especially the way it was handled in the press. No big surprises, long lineups and a chance to be the first generation to purchase cannabis legally. Things have quieted down considerably since Day 1, which is a good thing. We discussed a No smoking Bylaw being discussed by some councils in the county and there was an impression left that a uniform bylaw was being anticipated for the whole County although I have not been made aware of such a discussion but I will say it would be nice to have continuity on this issue throughout the whole county.

We are in the final stages of approving our Intergenerational Forum Report so hopefully that will be ready for next month's Committee Report.

Our plan to have a Regional Meeting of all MAP groups in our northern area is now coming together, with the hope we will have it sometime in November. It would be very beneficial to see what is going on in the other MAP units in our province so I look forward to that.

Earlier today I forwarded a National Cannabis Survey, 3rd quarter 2018 Release. I hope you will take the time to really look at this information as the stats on NS are not surprising but very concerning.

RURAL INTERNET WORKSHOP

Clr. Wadden informed Council that the internet workshop was held Oct 11th in Truro. Deborah Page and Monique Arsenault from Develop NS gave a brief presentation. This group was previously known as

the Waterfront Development Corporation, now called Develop NS with province-wide responsibility for strategic infrastructure and property. They will develop and manage an implementation plan to expand high speed internet in rural NS in connection with the NS Internet Funding Trust. This group is funded by the government and are not a part of the NS Internet Funding Trust.

They do not foresee 100% coverage as feasible but are working for 95%, although they do see 100% by some other method such as satellite or some such technology. The overall need is \$300 - \$400M N S Internet \$193M Connect to Innovate \$500M CATC Funding - more info to follow on this aspect with a possible call for applications possibly in 2019 Currently working on getting a strategic document in place. They stressed communication as being key with all stakeholders. There should be more Information available soon to pass on to the General Public to help answer their questions. More stakeholder sessions are being planned to answer to competition and other such issues. Right now cell coverage does not fit into their mandate but this issue is being kept on their radar as there is a need to move forward on this coverage as well. They feel there is a need for a Regional voice who can actually put rural internet connectivity in place. They would be responsible for putting in and maintaining this service. Competitive Process should start the fall of this year but we're not really clear what the process entails.

Chuck Hartlen, a former VP with ALIANT, but now with Develop NS gave an overview of the Build Option. We need to have a good understanding what actually goes into the build.

1. Rural Location - not enough revenue and the drain this puts on corporations
2. Joint Use and Right of Way Access - which greatly impacts this project
3. Multi-Generational Commitment
4. Total Cost of Ownership - this needs total understanding
5. Safety and Liability Issues concerning not only the update and maintaining of the network but the well trained staff required to keep this network up and running

East Link Rep. spoke to some of the same concerns as Mr. Hartlen but acknowledged they are more than willing to come out to areas to discuss where they are and what they are providing

Sea Side Rep. also had the concerns with costs of providing services to Rural NS.

We need to offer all areas the same service but how do we do this and customers will not be satisfied until they have all the services.

I should note here that Mr. Hartlen was there as Develop NS Rep-and he made no mention of his affiliation with ALIANT. The other two did acknowledge who they were affiliated with.

We had presentations from:

Annapolis County who spoke on their affiliation with Mainland Telecom

Lunenburg County and their first project which was Fixed Wireless Project to Sweetland which was affiliated with Eastlink and TNC Wireless. They spoke of leveraging \$4M in Internet Funding

County of Kings who spoke of Cross Country TV. They have an RFP in place for the last mile with the intent of the Municipality providing the middle mile. Once they determine what the last mile looks like, this will determine what they do.

Overall, a lot of information but a very confusing message. The takeaway message I heard from Develop NS - if your Municipality has done something fine, but if not, no worries, they will do it for you. So I do feel that was a very confusing message to Municipalities such as ours that are actively working on this issue.

I do agree with Develop NS that we do need to have a good understanding of what type of system we invest in and to make sure it can be updated and maintained along the way.

Clr. MacKeil reported that she also attended the workshop as well as Clr. D. Parker. She enjoyed the sessions and it was interesting to hear from other municipalities so there are more engagement sessions to come.

Clr. D. Parker pointed out this will be a 2/3 year process and we will need to explore an option system.

Warden R. Parker reported that the Ad Hoc Communications Committee is also looking at cell service.

RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Clr. Butler presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

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

Municipal Services:

D01	Barney’s River Stn. School House Museum	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>	Posts, Footings, Door Jam, & Paint
		\$ 1,300.00	

Council:

Pictou Co. Municip. Crime Prev. MacDonald Rebekah Lodge	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u> <u>2,805.66</u>	Operating Expenses 2 nd Installment – Roof Replace’t.
	\$ 7,805.66	

Recreation:

Hector Arena	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	Operating Expenses
	\$ 15,000.00	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 24,105.66

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of November, 2018.

(Sgd.) Don Butler
Deborah Wadden

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 2018/19 COMMITTEES & OUTSIDE BOARDS

Deputy Warden Murray 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 appointments for the year 2018/19:

STANDING COMMITTEES	
Financial Services	Full Council
Property Services	Full Council
Committee of Council as a Whole	Full Council
Executive	Full Council

OUTSIDE BOARDS	
Ad Hoc Communications Strategy Comm.	Darla MacKeil, Wayne Murray, David Parker, Larry Turner, Ray Strickland, Gregg MacDonald, Stuart Cresswell, Rochelle Heighton
Ad Hoc Energy Committee	Wayne Murray, Peter Boyles, Andy Thompson, Mike Jenkins, Stuart Cresswell, Kathy Kenny, Reg Brightman
Ad Hoc Recreation Strategy Committee	Randy Palmer, Andy Thompson, Peter Boyles, Don Butler, Joan Clark, Mike Hecimovich, Josh MacKinnon, Deborah Stiles
Ad Hoc Road Committee	Deborah Wadden, Darla MacKeil, David Parker, Randy Palmer, Andy Thompson
Age Friendly Communities Committee	Peter Boyles
144 Construction Engineering Flight	Peter Boyles, Dwight MacDonald (to Nov./19)
Community Grant Review Committee	Robert Parker, Wayne Murray, Ronald Baillie, David Parker, Randy Palmer, Chester Dewar
Cruise Ship Committee	Darla MacKeil
deCoste – Pictou Library Feasibility Oversight	Larry Turner
Eastern Mainland Housing Authority	Linda Priske (to 2021)
Fences Arbitration Committee	Joyce Roode (to Nov/20)
Forbes Lake Watershed Committee	Andy Thompson
Friends of the River John Library Board	Ronald Baillie
Hector Arena Commission	Darla MacKeil, David Parker, Ken Pettipas (to Nov/20)
Heritage Advisory Committee	Don Butler, Deborah Wadden, Darla MacKeil, Wayne Murray, Larry Turner, Peter Boyles
Ivor MacDonald Memorial Rink	Don Butler, Randy Palmer, Andy Thompson
LORDA Board of Directors	David Parker, Peter Boyles
Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP)	Deborah Wadden
Municipal Audit Committee	Robert Parker, Wayne Murray, David Parker, Larry Turner, Deborah Wadden, Richard Feehan (to Nov/20), Susan Robinson (to Nov/19)
New Scotland Business Park	Larry Turner, Randy Palmer, Andy Thompson
Noise Committee	Warden, Deputy Warden & Clr. for area with Complaint
Northumberland Fisheries Museum & Heritage Association Board	Darla MacKeil
NRHS School Advisory Council	David Parker
Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board	Deborah Wadden
Pictou Co. Firefighter's Assoc. Liaison	Don Butler, Robert Parker, Peter Boyles
Pictou Co. Genealogy & Heritage Society	Darla MacKeil
Pictou County Shared Services Authority	Robert Parker
Pictou Co. Sports Heritage Hall of Fame	Larry Turner
Pictou Co. Wellness Centre Bd. Authority	Robert Parker
Pictou Landing Harbour Authority	Deborah Wadden
Pictou-North Colchester Exhibition	David Parker, Chester Dewar
Pictou Source Water Protection	Darla MacKeil, Wayne Murray
Planning Advisory Committee	Don Butler, Deborah Wadden, David Parker, Randy Palmer, Earle Cameron (to Nov./20), 1 Non-Elected TBD
Police Advisory Board	Ronald Baillie, Wayne Murray, Randy Palmer, Gordon Gillis(to Nov./20), Gwen Savage (to Nov./20), Nick Clark (to Nov/19)

REMO: Unified Command Group	Robert Parker, Wayne Murray
REN Liaison Oversight Committee	Larry Turner
Riverton Guest Home Corporation	Don Butler, Peter Boyles, Chester Dewar, Earle Cameron (to Dec. 31/20), Bonnie Allan (to Dec. 31/19)
Riverview Home Corporation	David Parker
Sinclair Island Fishermen's Association	Deborah Wadden
Trenton Source Water Protection Comm.	Deborah Wadden, Peter Boyles
UNSM Delegates	Full Council
OFFICERS	
Returning Officer	Josephine MacDonald (to Nov./19)
Relief Building Inspector	Mike Thompson
Development Officer (Subdivision By-Law)	Jeffery Turnbull
Development Officer (Wind Energy LUB)	Jeffery Turnbull
Dog Control Officer	Anne MacCarthy
Relief Dog Control Officer	John Fillier
Poundkeepers (Dogs)	Pictou County SPCA & Dog Control Officer/Relief DCO
Poundkeepers (Animals @ Large)	Wally Ross

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5th day of November, 2018.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray
Don Butler

MOTION

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

Clr. Wadden reported there was some discussion during the budget about doing something different regarding the Community Grants Review Committee and she asked if Council is still looking at doing something different for next year.

Deputy Warden Murray replied that he is Chairman of that Committee and they will look at that before it meets again next year.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – VEHICLE TENDERS

Clr. Palmer presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS tenders have been called for the purchase of a new 2018 or 2019 full size 3/4 ton 4 x 4 pickup truck for the Public Works & Development Department;

WHEREAS a total of 3 tenders were received as follows:

	<u>TENDER AMOUNT</u> <u>(Excluding HST)</u>
Highland Ford Sales Limited	\$43,406.00
Atlantic Dodge #1	45,391.00

Atlantic Dodge #2

49,119.00

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works & Development and the Financial Services Committee recommends the acceptance of the lowest tender;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the tender submitted by Highland Ford Sales Limited in the amount of \$43,406.00 for the purchase of a 2019 vehicle as detailed above.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 5th day of November, 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 – PUMP TENDERS

Clr. Thompson presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS tenders have been called for the purchase of 54 E-One Grinder Pump Stations and 6 E-One Pump Core Units for the McLellan's Brook-Upper Plymouth, Abercrombie, and Alma-Springfield Estates wastewater projects;

WHEREAS only one tender was received as follows:

	<u>TENDER AMOUNT</u> <u>(Excluding HST)</u>
Sansom Equipment Limited	\$226,800.00

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works & Development and the Financial Services Committee recommends the acceptance of the sole tender;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the tender submitted by Sansom Equipment Limited in the amount of \$226,800.00 for the purchase of grinder pumps and pump cores for the following wastewater projects:

McLellan's Brook-Upper Plymouth	\$125,265
Abercrombie	79,555
Alma-Springfield Estates	21,980

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(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 – COUNCIL REMUNERATION POLICY

Clr. D. Parker 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 adopt the following policy with respect to remuneration:

POLICY # 2018-11-01



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU COUNCIL REMUNERATION POLICY

In accordance with Section 23(1) (d), (2), and (3) of the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1998, the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou hereby enacts a policy with respect to Council Remuneration and Expenses as follows:

REMUNERATION

1. Commencing on January 1, 2019 elected officials shall be compensated for their services to the Municipality at the following annual rates:

Warden	\$57,923.52
Deputy Warden	26,745.12
Councillors (excluding Warden & Deputy Warden)	22,476.96

2. On April 1st of each fiscal year the compensation for elected municipal officials shall be increased annually by the Consumer Price Index as applied to the Canada Pension Plan.
3. Elected officials missing more than three Council or committee meetings in a year shall be subject to a deduction of \$60 for each meeting missed.
4. An elected official shall not be considered to be absent from a meeting under any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) he/she is attending another Committee/Commission/Board meeting, or conference/seminar which is being held simultaneously;
 - (b) illness and/or medical appointments of the Councillor;
 - (c) bereavement as a result of the death of a relative, including a parent, spouse, sibling, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or any other relative living in the same household;
 - (d) attendance at Court;

- (e) when leave from the meeting has been granted by the Municipal Council;
 - (f) the elected official has not been given at least 72 hours prior notice of the intention to hold a meeting;
 - (g) inclement weather conditions;
 - (h) job related responsibilities.
5. The Councillor shall notify the Municipal Clerk or recording Secretary of the Council, Committee, Board and/or Commission prior to the meeting that he/she will be absent, in order that the minutes will reflect the reason for the absence.
 6. Where a Council member is nominated or appointed by Council to a board, commission or other position, or is otherwise appointed as a representative of the Municipality, any remuneration from that position, including reimbursement of expenses, shall be paid to the Council member.

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS

7. A Committee member who is not a Council member shall be paid an annual honorarium for serving on the Committee as follows:

Riverton Guest Home Corporation	\$1,000
Eastern Mainland Housing Authority	250
Fences Arbitration Committee	100 (1 st 3 hrs) + Mileage 30/hr (hours in excess of 3 hrs)

REPEAL

8. Policy #2015-01-01 and all other policies relating to Council remuneration are hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5th day of November, 2018.

(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. Wadden commented that she cannot support this policy because it is going to increase Councillors salaries by 30% with a cost to the taxpayers of \$48,000. It is too much of an ask from our taxpayers and not once on the doorsteps while she was campaigning in 2016 or the ratepayers meetings did she ever tell her residents that she was anticipating a 30% increase in her salary to accommodate a change in their exemption by the Federal Government. They claim it is to make local government more transparent but she does not see Council being transparent on this issue. She thought back to some of the decisions Council made during this term and she is not convinced we used the same rules for our residents that we use for ourselves. The first decision that came to mind was the \$1,000 grant to our County Crushers hockey team that was voted against by this Council. This grant would not make or break the Crushers but it was failure to recognize the value of this team to our County and we had the money to pay the grant. The Library Board was looking at the possibility of providing a 1% increase to library workers' salaries which is their livelihood and would have cost this Council \$4,400 and again our Council voted down this motion and again we had the money to cover this amount. We slashed the Seniors Lunch and Learn from \$5,000 to \$4,000 and our support to the cruise ships was also slashed this year. For months now we have been saying how important it is to help what some like to call, "the have not fire departments". A few months ago

a plan was developed to take away 13 \$4,000 grants to our so called, “have departments” and divide the \$52,000 among the other 5 departments. Needless to say we are still trying to come up with some type of funding formula for our fire departments as this decision did not sit well with our departments who are all struggling to keep their budgets in line. Look at the time frame for our pay change, October 1st we discussed the situation, sent it back to staff to look at possible options, October 15th we were given our options and a motion was made on one of the options approved by the majority recommended to Council for approval. So from October 1st to November 5th we have a solution for ourselves which is a solution we propose we will have a \$12,000 shortfall on that line item on our budget. We have requested a total amount of remaining monies that is left in our budget and all requests we receive for funding requests. We wanted to make sure the money is there and what is left after the requests is approved. We ignored the shortfall on our motion to raise our pays to accommodate the federal change to our tax exemption. Clr. Wadden advised that she cannot, with a clear conscience, accept this choice. If our residents are being held to a standard I do not how we can put ourselves above that and again she thanked the staff for the work they put into this issue but she cannot support this motion.

Clr. Turner reported that he too has changed his mind since the last meeting and could not support this policy.

Clr. D. Parker thanked staff as they attempted to come up with a solution and we knew this was coming for a long time but it was done to the municipalities from the Federal Government. He calculated the increase as 22% and every one of us has the right to turn back as much of our pay cheques to the County as deemed appropriate. If we feel we are being overpaid then we can expect some remuneration coming back to the County.

Motion carried. (Nay Votes: Clrs. Wadden & Turner)

RESOLUTION – RURAL INTERNET/CELLULAR PROGRAM REALIGNMENT

Clr. MacKeil presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Municipal Council has identified a need to explore a broadening of its rural internet and cellular program to include the local towns, and to pursue a common-front regional plan for broadband networking with neighboring municipalities;

WHEREAS i-Valley has presented proposals to approach the Towns of Pictou, New Glasgow, Trenton, Stellarton & Westville, and the First Nations community, and to consult with municipalities in Colchester, Antigonish, Guysborough, St. Mary’s and Port Hawkesbury to review the regional concept and the possibility of preparing a joint plan that serves all partners;

WHEREAS cost estimates from i-Valley on both proposals are as follows:

Pictou Towns Inclusion Program	\$ 7,800
Pictou Regional Alignment Program	11,250
Travel	<u>3,000</u>
	\$22,050

WHEREAS the Financial Services Committee recommends that funding for both ventures be approved so as to determine the extent to which the rural internet and cellular program continues;

WHEREAS sufficient funding has been allocated in the 2018/19 General Operating Budget to cover this additional expense;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve an expenditure in the amount of \$22,050 to i-Valley for the Pictou Towns Inclusion Program and the Pictou Regional Alignment Program, to be funded from the Transfer to General Operating Reserve Fund.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5th day of November, 2018.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil
Larry Turner

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – D6 INTERSECTION ST. LIGHT

Deputy Warden Murray 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 the installation of an intersection street light in District #6 at the intersection of Highway #376 and the Durham Road, Durham;

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works & Development has carried out an analysis of the area including a review of traffic volume counts, the condition of the roads, speed limits, and the lack of flashing beacons or signalized traffic control;

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works & Developments agrees that the circumstances are sufficient to warrant a light at this location;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the installation of one intersection street light, in accordance with Policy #2016-03-34 in District #6 at the intersection of Highway #376 and the Durham Road in Durham.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5th day of November, 2018.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray
Don Butler

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION POLICY

Clr. Wadden 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 adopt the following policy with respect to employee recognition:

POLICY # 2018-11-49



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION POLICY**

The Municipality of the County of Pictou is committed to providing a positive and appreciative work environment for its employees. A program of recognition is hereby established to celebrate the service accomplishments of staff as public servants striving to represent the Municipality in service to our community.

Policy

1. Municipal Council will host an annual event to recognize the service milestones of staff.
2. Staff will be recognized at the following service milestones:

Years of Service Completed	Service Award
5	Certificate, Pin & \$ 50 Cash Award
10	Certificate, Pin & \$100 Cash Award
15	Certificate, Pin & \$150 Cash Award
20	Certificate, Pin & \$200 Cash Award
25	Certificate, Pin & \$250 Cash Award
30	Certificate, Pin & \$300 Cash Award
35	Certificate, Pin & \$350 Cash Award
40+	Certificate, Pin & \$400 Cash Award

3. Sufficient funding shall be budgeted annually based on service award levels to be recognized in the fiscal period.

All other policies and/or practices with respect to recognition of staff milestones are hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5th day of November, 2018.

(Sgd.) Deborah Wadden
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – BUILDING OFFICIAL INTERN

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 appointment of Travis Spears as a Building Official Intern for the Municipality;

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 5th day of November, 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. D. Parker asked that the CAO elaborate on liability concerns regarding this position and the CAO replied it has more to do with appointing the intern so he is recognized as a Municipal employee so provisions of the MGA would apply.

Motion carried.

NSFM BOARD INITIATIVES

Warden R. Parker reported that Council received the NSFM Board Initiatives Report for September and some of the meetings have already taken place.

Clr. Wadden pointed out the Asset Management and Leadership Training are 2 events she would recommend Councillors attend.

Clr. D. Parker reported that he read with some interest that we are forming a joint committee on roads which is a frequent topic with this Council. He reported the rural view needs to be represented so he will put his name forward for the Roads Committee.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & NOTICES OF MOTION

Clr. D. Parker reported that he thinks it is time to put the New Scotland Business Park on a future Committee of Council agenda as we are not seeing any progress to date with development in the Park and it may be time to move to a more effective model.

Deputy Warden Murray reported that when Valley View Villa met with Council he requested their financial statements and they would not reveal them. He asked the Board members of Valley View Villa to send them to Council to review.

Clr. Butler reported there is a confidential concern about information getting out because it may affect the future negotiations with unions. He reported there is an invitation for CAO and Councillors to go to the Villa to view the documents.

Clr. Baillie reported that he has issue with not seeing the books of a facility that the Municipality owns.

Clr. Dewar pointed out that the CAO can share the financial statements with Council.

Deputy Warden Murray advised that he would be satisfied if the statements were provided to the CAO.

CLOSED SESSION

Council met in closed session to discuss matters relating to legal advice eligible for solicitor/client privilege.

OPEN SESSION

Council resumed in open session 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (9:10 p.m.)

Robert Parker
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk