

February 20, 2024

The Financial Services Committee for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building by videoconference and teleconference on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

1 Clr. Don Butler
2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
4 Clr. Mary Elliott
5 Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
6 Warden Robert Parker
7 Clr. David Parker
10 Clr. Randy Palmer
11 Clr. Andy Thompson
12 Clr. Chester Dewar

IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT

9 Clr. Peter Boyles
8 Clr. Larry Turner
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Clr. MacKeil, Chair of the Financial Services Committee called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Elliott and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried**

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions brought forward.

MINUTES

Clr. MacKeil asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for January 15, 2024. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on January 15, 2024, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

COMMUNICATION REPORT

The Communication Report for the month of January 2024 was received as presented.

RECREATION REPORT

The Recreation Report for the month of January 2024 was received as presented.

Ms. Musick informed Council members that the annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at the Pictou County Wellness Centre.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden's Report for the month of January 2024 was received as presented.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Clr. Wadden presented the Audit Committee report from January 24, 2024.

TAXES RECEIVABLE REPORT

The Taxes Receivable Report for the month of January 2024 was received for information purposes.

ACCOUNTS PAID – JANUARY 2024

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Parker that the Accounts Paid Report for the month of January 2024 be received as presented. **Motion Carried**

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS

It was moved by Clr. Parker seconded by Clr. Elliott said that the following Municipal Service Grants should be approved for District 7.

District 7

a. Union Centre Community Hall \$2,558.00 Insulation Upgrades

Motion Carried

EXTENSION REQUESTS FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS TO 2024/25

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that the following Municipal Service Grants be approved for an extension:

District 2

Little Harbour Presbyterian Church \$10,000.00 Building Repairs

District 3

Seaboard Cemetery \$75.00 Gravel

Motion Carried

EXTENSION REQUESTES FOR COUNCIL GRANTS TO 2024/25

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Butler that the following Council Grants be approved for an extension:

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| 1. Northumberland Fisheries Museum | \$1,000.00 | Interpretative Panels |
| 2. Seniors Outreach | \$3,405.00 | Lunch & Learn |
| 3. U.C. Friends | \$1,500.00 | Programing Expenses |
| 4. Dist. 13 Rec & Planning Commission | \$900.00 | Community Coordinator |

Motion Carried

COMMUNITY GENERATOR FUND APPROVALS

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the following be approved for the Community Generator Fund:

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| 1. Barney's River Fire Department | \$3,453.00 | Generator Installation |
| 2. Union Centre Community Hall | \$2,953.00 | Generator Installation |

Motion Carried

RECREATION GRANTS

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Parker that the following Recreation Grants be approved:

1. 2023/2024 FHStars U13 AAA	\$250.00	Hosting Provincials
2. Pictou County Trails Association	\$1,000.00	Workshop Spon
3. IOOF Moore Lodge #17	\$1,000.00	Stairlift Repair
4. Pictou County Seniors Festival	\$500.00	Program Expenses

Motion Carried

TENDER RESULTS FOR INTERNET VEHICLE

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Warden Parker to approve the Staff recommendation for the vehicle purchase for the new internet employee.

Motion Carried

PROPERTY TAX WRITE-OFF

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Dewar to approve the property tax write-off for 413 East River West Side Road.

Motion Carried

CITIZEN APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

AUDIT COMMITTEE (2 Positions)

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Wadden to recommend the following citizen appointments to the Audit Committee.

1. Rick Feehan
2. Susan Robinson

Motion Carried

POLICE ADVISORY (1 Position)

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Warden Parker to recommend the following citizen appointment to the Police Advisory Committee.

1. Kevin MacDonald

Motion Carried

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 Position)

This citizen-appointed position will be readvertised.

RIVERTON GUEST HOME ASSOCIATION (1 Position)

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Buter to recommend the following citizen appointment to the Riverton Guest Home Association.

1. Bonnie Allen

Motion Carried

144 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FLIGHT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1 Position)

This citizen-appointed position will be readvertised.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY

It was moved by Clr. Parker and seconded by Clr. Palmer to recommend the following citizen appointments to the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

1. Violet McCullough
2. Ed Kennedy
3. Reg Brightman

Motion Carried

FENCES ARBITRATION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Warden Parker to recommend the following citizen appointment to the Fences Arbitration Committee.

1. Joyce Roode

Motion Carried

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Parker to recommend the following citizen appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Susan Matheson

1. Rick Parker
2. Grace Maxner
3. Rae Gunn

Motion Carried

PICTOU WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

This citizen appointed position will be readvertised.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Butler said the Annual Lismore Dinner Theater will be held March 1-3, 2024. This will be the 25th anniversary of the show, and the tickets are sold out.

Clr. Palmer praised the volunteers who helped shovel the roof at the Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena. He said there was a good turnout, which made things a lot easier.

Clr. Elliott said the River John Legion Annual Smelt Fry will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 11 a.m. until sold out. The price is \$15.00 per person.

Clr. Thompson said that March 8th is International Women's Day, and Pictou County Women's Resource and Sexual Assault Centre is hosting an event on March 8, 2024, at the Pictou County Wellness Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00. There will be a luncheon, and Katherine Salter, a Research Professional from Dalhousie University, will be the guest speaker.

Clr. Thompson said that on February 24, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Plymouth Ladies Auxiliary and the Plymouth Fire Department will host a free community lunch for the residents of District 11. There will be soup and sandwiches.

Warden Parker said that on March 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., Cpl. Andrew Joyce will be giving a presentation on scams at the Durham Church Hall.

Warden Parker requested that Adam MacInnis, Communications officer, post something on the social media sites to gather a list of residents' names and civic numbers who were not receiving the flyers.

Clr. Parker said that the Rural News and Views are not getting delivered to residents and asked Mr. Cullen to investigate this.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK