

July 7, 2014

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Dist.	1	Clr. Sally Fraser
	2	Clr. Deborah Wadden
	4	Warden Ronald Baillie
	5	Clr. Robert Parker
	6	Clr. Jim Turple
	7	Clr. David Parker
	8	Clr. Leonard Fraser
	9	Clr. Larry Turner
	10	Clr. Jamie Davidson
	11	Deputy Warden Andy Thompson
	12	Clr. Chester Dewar
	13	Clr. Randy Palmer
	14	Clr. Scott Johnston

ABSENT

Dist.	3	Clr. Edward MacMaster
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IN ATTENDANCE

Donn Fraser, Solicitor, MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald
Brian Cullen, CAO/Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

BY APPOINTMENT

Little Harbour Lunch & Learn Program:

Lynn Williston	Janet Ervin
Wendy Williams	Nancy Baldwin
Maureen Green	Mary MacLellan, Outreach Coordinator

PRAYER

Warden Baillie opened the meeting with a prayer.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. L. Fraser and seconded by Clr. Davidson that the agenda be approved with the addition of a meeting of the Financial Services Committee and a closed meeting of Council.
Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Clr. S. Fraser and seconded by Clr. Wadden that the minutes of June 9, 2014 be approved as presented.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) Minister of National Defense – Advising that funding for 144 CEF has decreased only slightly in recent years. Funding is based on full-time equivalents and a loss of membership to civilian employment and transfer to the Regular Force has had an impact of operational expenses.
- (b) Minister of Justice & Attorney General – Outlining the commitment and actions of Government to address the issue of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls.

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS – 7:05 P.M.

Clr. Wadden reported that Pictou County is very fortunate to have the volunteer basis to provide services to our residents that we could never afford to maintain. Such is true of the program Seniors Lunch and Learn. This was an idea put forward by our Senior Outreach Coordinator, Mary MacLellan and with a grant from our Council was able to go ahead and roll out any interested communities in the County such as Little Harbour. Without the support of our community volunteers this program would not have been possible. In Little Harbour a dedicated group of volunteers stepped up to the challenge and when we met with the volunteers we saw the Lunch and Learn became an instant hit. In the course of 10 months with 1 lunch per month Little Harbour served almost 400 meals which averages about 40 persons per month. The final meal for this year was a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Overall this program has served well over 1,000 meals in our County and on a shoe string budget that is quite a feat. From this program other services have been brought to these communities such as the VON Foot Clinics and mobile libraries just to name a couple. We can only imagine what other services will come forward in our communities which can be directly linked to the Lunch and Learn Program. Not only did our residents receive a great meal but most importantly enjoyed some great company and conversations. Some of the people who attended were former residents in our area who downsized their homes and moved into town, some were widowers and some were residents who still live in Little Harbour. What an opportunity for old friends and neighbours to get together and have a great chat. Secondly most if not all those attending were and still are active volunteers themselves so it was nice to see this generation of volunteers serving those who helped build the community of Little Harbour. On behalf of our Municipal Council I would like to thank the dedicated group of volunteers who stepped up and made this program a huge success. Lynn Williston the past president of the Community Centre, Nancy Baldwin, Wendy Williams, Janet Ervin, Maureen Green who is not here this evening as well as Mary MacLellan the Outreach Coordinator. This group of volunteers was joined by other volunteers over the course of the year who were always willing to step up as well. There was Carol Johnston, Joanne Russell, Marlene MacLean, Heather Fraser, Cheryl MacLean, Freda Hepditch, Dave Hepditch, Keith MacLeod, Dave Fraser, Karen Delaney, Soo Reid, Mary MacIntosh and Carol Cochrane. So thank you so much for making this program into the success it was and hopefully it will continue in Little Harbour.

On behalf of Council Clr. Wadden, Warden Baillie and Deputy Warden Thompson presented the Little Harbour Lunch & Learn Program volunteers Lynn Williston, Janet Ervin, Wendy Williams, Nancy Baldwin and Outreach Coordinator Mary MacLellan with certificates of appreciation in recognition of their efforts.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Clr. Palmer 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 June:

1. Met with a representative of Feed Nova Scotia for an overview of that organization's mandate and services, in support of a funding request to assist with transportation costs. (Resolution to follow)
2. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of May.

3. Considered several funding request. (Resolution to follow)
4. Discussed a draft Tax Exemption Policy which would replace the existing by-law and consolidate several amendments. (Resolution & Notice of Motion to follow)
5. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of May.
6. Discussed progress on the formation of a Regional Enterprise Network.
7. Approved an expenditure of \$750 to cover expenses for the annual Warden's Tea.
8. Agreed that the \$1,000 grant to the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of entrepreneurship be reallocated for sponsorship of the Chamber's Business Achievement Awards Gala evening, with particular sponsorship of the award to "large business".
9. Reviewed draft budgets and related user charges for 2014/15. (Budgets & Resolutions to follow)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of July, 2014.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Scott Johnston

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Johnston that the report of the Financial Services Committee be received for information purposes.

Motion carried.

PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Clr. D. Parker 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 June:

1. Reviewed the report of the Building Inspector, By-Law/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of May.
2. Approved the installation of 2 street lights in District 12 on the Stellarton – Trafalgar Road.
3. Received correspondence TIR advising that Plymouth Park Road & Walkerville Road will be assessed and considered among the many other roads in Pictou County for possible rehabilitation and resurfacing during the preparation of the capital highway improvement program and will receive routine repairs through annual maintenance activities until such time as more extensive upgrades can be completed. Correspondence was also received from the Chignecto Central Regional School Board advising that the Municipality's comments on the naming of the consolidated P – 8 school in Riverton will be forwarded along to the Naming Committee which will be following the guidelines laid out by the Board.
4. Agreed to write TIR asking for the elimination of passing lanes in areas on the Foxbrook Road, Pleasant Valley Road and Abercrombie Road.
5. Agreed to write a second letter to TIR asking for the removal of tree growth at the intersection of the Stewart Road and Route 376.

6. Agreed to write the Minister of Education expressing disappointment with the School Board's decision to postpone a decision on her request to the Board to extend the anticipated closure of the River John Consolidated School.
7. Met in closed session to discuss matters relating to the security of municipal property.
8. Agreed to accept a \$100,000 insurance settlement for water damage to the former Municipal Administration Building at 28 Willow St., Pictou and to re-list the property with the realtor for another 60 days.
9. Agreed to write the Minister of Economic & Rural Development expressing concern over the amount of time being taken by the committee struck to address the loss of jobs in the Pictou County area.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of July, 2014.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Jim Turple

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Turple that the report of the Property Services Committee be received for information purposes.

Motion carried.

2014/15 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Clr. Palmer presented the 2014/15 General Operating Budget as follows:



MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

APRIL 2014 - MARCH 2015

	2013-14 Budget <small>(Including Area Rate)</small>	2013-14 Budget <small>(Excluding Area Rates)</small>	2014-15 Budget <small>(Excluding Area Rates)</small>
REVENUE			
TAXES	16,093,253.00	13,580,711.00	13,899,878.00
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	196,064.00	182,672.00	185,321.00
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE	356,868.00	411,521.00	459,568.00
UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	500,540.00	451,696.00	419,951.00
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	37,416.00	20,000.00	33,166.00
OTHER TRANSERS	198,640.00	210,155.00	440,212.00
TOTAL	\$17,390,581.00	\$14,864,555.00	\$15,445,896.00

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	2,824,417.00	2,716,108.00	2,835,031.00
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	5,508,149.00	3,893,886.00	4,141,610.00
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	626,559.00	492,481.00	503,771.00
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	2,562,410.00	1,909,665.00	2,059,479.00
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SER.	372,975.00	376,634.00	265,546.00
RECREATION SERVICES	261,346.00	234,919.00	223,901.00
CULTURAL SERVICES	209,727.00	227,590.00	225,138.00
EDUCATION	3,948,967.00	4,192,078.00	4,355,136.00
SPECIAL ITEMS	250,000.00	434,910.00	450,000.00
FINANCING & TRANSFERS	736,031.00	296,284.00	296,284.00
TOTAL	\$17,390,581.00	\$14,864,555.00	\$15,445,896.00



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
APRIL 2014 – MARCH 2015**

	Unaudited			Budget %
	2013-14 Year to Date (as at 03-31- 2014)	2013-14 BUDGET Approved	2014-15 BUDGET Proposed	
REVENUE				
TAXES				
Assessable Property				
Residential	8,996,527.29	8,987,647.00	9,333,027.00	3.8%
Commercial	3,367,747.29	3,298,552.00	3,237,023.00	-1.9%
Resource				
Based on taxable assessments	508,569.03	517,768.00	548,301.00	5.9%
Non-Profit	6,663.10	2,600.00	6,996.00	169.1%
Forest - less than 50,000 acres	73,372.25	73,595.00	73,082.00	-0.7%
Forest - more than 50,000 acres	42,729.20	42,729.00	42,729.00	0.0%
	631,333.58	636,692.00	671,108.00	5.4%
Business Property				
Based on revenue (Aliant)	86,250.11	86,250.00	86,589.00	0.4%
Nova Scotia Power Corp.	10,598.00	10,598.00	9,923.00	-6.4%
Nova Scotia Power HST Offset Grant	39,276.00	39,276.00	38,000.00	-3.2%
Wind Energy Tax	521,596.24	521,696.00	524,208.00	0.5%
	657,720.35	657,820.00	658,720.00	0.1%
Sub-total	13,653,328.51	13,580,711.00	13,899,878.00	2.4%

GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

Federal government	0.00	4,285.00	4,405.00	2.8%
Federal government agencies				
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	1,464.12	1,400.00	1,345.00	-3.9%
Canada Post Corporation	4,135.34	5,000.00	3,928.00	-21.4%
Provincial government				
Real property	181,203.00	169,423.00	173,079.00	2.2%
Wind Energy Tax	0.00	2,564.00	2,564.00	0.0%
Sub-total	186,802.46	182,672.00	185,321.00	1.5%

OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE

Licenses and permits				
Dogs	625.00	1,000.00	700.00	-30.0%
Building Permit Fees	54,729.06	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.0%
Fines	10,399.44	25,000.00	20,000.00	-20.0%
	65,753.50	86,000.00	80,700.00	-6.2%
Return on Investment				
Interest on bank deposits	0.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	25.0%
Interest on tax arrears	210,886.08	155,000.00	200,000.00	29.0%
	210,886.08	195,000.00	250,000.00	28.2%
Leases	105,723.30	126,868.00	126,868.00	0.0%
Miscellaneous	114,424.12	3,653.00	2,000.00	-45.3%
Sub-total	496,787.00	411,521.00	459,568.00	11.7%

UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES

PNS - Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Affairs				
Equalization Grant	303,464.00	303,464.00	270,601.00	-10.8%
Farm property - acreage	150,867.00	148,232.00	149,350.00	0.8%
Sub-total	454,331.00	451,696.00	419,951.00	-7.0%

CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES

Provincial Government				
PNS - EMO 911 Database	7,819.04	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.0%
Sub-total	7,819.04	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.0%

CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Towns Municipal Intern	3,691.28	11,000.00	0.00	-100.0%
Town of Pictou - Dog Control	860.62	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Town of NG - GIS Services	4,000.80	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.0%
Towns Fire Inspection	0.00	0.00	24,166.00	#DIV/0!
	8,552.70	20,000.00	33,166.00	65.8%

OTHER TRANSFERS

Transfer from Other Funds & Reserves	24,500.00	24,500.00	233,037.00	851.2%
Transfer from Other Departments	185,655.00	185,655.00	191,175.00	3.0%
Transfer from Own Agency	8,032.50	0.00	16,000.00	#DIV/0!
Sub-total	218,187.50	210,155.00	440,212.00	109.5%

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE

15,025,808.21	14,864,555.00	15,445,896.00	3.9%
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EXPENDITURES**General Government Services**

Legislative

Warden	46,714.32	46,715.00	47,136.00	0.9%
Warden Expenses	14,208.24	27,119.00	17,633.00	-35.0%
Council	230,931.36	230,932.00	233,013.00	0.9%
Council Expenses	52,281.77	51,034.00	54,638.00	7.1%
Other Legislative Services	10,456.47	24,700.00	25,700.00	4.0%
	<u>354,592.16</u>	<u>380,500.00</u>	<u>378,120.00</u>	<u>-0.6%</u>

General Administrative

CAO	133,031.13	136,055.00	138,037.00	1.5%
Administration Dept.	154,634.20	154,504.00	164,849.00	6.7%
Finance Dept.	316,869.05	391,217.00	401,519.00	2.6%
Human Resource Services	27,242.34	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.0%
Legal services	42,066.15	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.0%
IT Expense	113,324.96	144,730.00	132,700.00	-8.3%
Office Expense	90,986.84	99,500.00	111,000.00	11.6%
Municipal Buildings	186,491.76	229,000.00	230,600.00	0.7%
Financial Management	29,836.49	36,500.00	27,740.00	-24.0%
	<u>1,094,482.92</u>	<u>1,256,506.00</u>	<u>1,271,445.00</u>	<u>1.2%</u>

Taxation

Reduced taxes - Low Income	31,572.50	31,800.00	33,000.00	3.8%
- By Law Reduction	124,694.06	2,500.00	125,000.00	4900.0%
Tax sale expenses	60,770.32	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
	<u>217,036.88</u>	<u>39,300.00</u>	<u>163,000.00</u>	<u>314.8%</u>

Assessment
Services

	<u>471,468.54</u>	<u>482,712.00</u>	<u>483,820.00</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
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Banking Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
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Interest on Inter-Fund Loan	<u>0.00</u>	<u>31,720.00</u>	<u>27,500.00</u>	<u>-13.3%</u>
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Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes	<u>112,099.26</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>	<u>-25.0%</u>
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Other general government services

Elections	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Council Grants	177,427.61	204,010.00	248,464.00	21.8%
Municipal Intern Program	28,893.75	16,051.00	0.00	-100.0%
Intergovernmental relations	13,181.68	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.0%
Liability insurance	55,123.00	59,647.00	58,780.00	-1.5%
Pensions	20,681.10	22,562.00	22,765.00	0.9%
Sundry	5,690.15	4,600.00	12,637.00	174.7%
	<u>300,997.29</u>	<u>320,870.00</u>	<u>356,646.00</u>	<u>11.1%</u>

Capital From Revenue	<u>199,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>#DIV/0!</u>
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Sub-total	<u>2,749,677.05</u>	<u>2,716,108.00</u>	<u>2,835,031.00</u>	<u>4.4%</u>
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PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Police Protection	<u>2,728,197.00</u>	<u>2,720,521.00</u>	<u>2,940,230.00</u>	<u>8.1%</u>
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Court Expenses	7,689.50	13,000.00	8,400.00	-35.4%
Corrections	312,214.00	312,214.00	311,414.00	-0.3%
By-Law Enforcement-Wages & Expense (including Dog Control & Unsightly Pptys)	91,466.94	145,406.00	145,548.00	0.1%
Fire Protection				
Grants to Fire				
Departments	122,102.00	124,000.00	137,010.00	10.5%
Insurance on fire brigade members	48,802.00	48,802.00	48,802.00	0.0%
Fire Inspection	3,498.44	26,059.00	60,417.00	131.8%
Fire Hydrant Protection	285,985.00	285,985.00	285,985.00	0.0%
	460,387.44	484,846.00	532,214.00	9.8%
Emergency measures organization	18,210.55	19,450.00	19,400.00	-0.3%
Building Inspect. Dept. - Expense	167,918.50	168,449.00	184,404.00	9.5%
Capital From Revenue	54,496.86	30,000.00	0.00	-100.0%
Sub-total	3,840,580.79	3,893,886.00	4,141,610.00	6.4%
<u>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES</u>				
Roads & Streets	159,325.73	162,481.00	196,271.00	20.8%
Sidewalks	31,217.21	45,000.00	50,000.00	11.1%
Street Lighting	3,636.63	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Capital From Revenue	0.00	280,000.00	252,500.00	-9.8%
Sub-total	194,179.57	492,481.00	503,771.00	2.3%
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES</u>				
Service Connection Expense	67,890.45	0.00	70,000.00	#DIV/0!
Collection - Garbage	550,338.83	538,357.00	527,767.00	-2.0%
Collection - Recycling	305,390.00	307,390.00	310,215.00	0.9%
Tipping Fees	607,280.15	610,250.00	608,306.00	-0.3%
Solid Waste - Accounting & Administration	0.00	0.00	53,357.00	#DIV/0!
Public Works Dept.				
Expenses	441,192.07	413,668.00	424,834.00	2.7%
Other Environmental Health	2,359.22	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.0%
Capital From Revenue	2,375.64	30,000.00	55,000.00	83.3%
Sub-total	1,976,826.36	1,909,665.00	2,059,479.00	7.8%
<u>PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE</u>				
Housing Authority Deficit				
Sub-total	83,107.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.0%
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT</u>				
GIS - Wages & Expenses	71,708.02	74,631.00	78,546.00	5.2%
Municipal Planning	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	#DIV/0!
Regional Development	2,725.20	101,628.00	100,000.00	-1.6%
Sub-Division Administration	24,037.43	29,440.00	20,000.00	-32.1%
PCSSA Administration	64,310.50	130,935.00	0.00	-100.0%
Other Community Development	20,000.00	40,000.00	37,000.00	-7.5%
Boundaries	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	#DIV/0!
Capital From Revenue	16,945.64	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Sub-total	199,726.79	376,634.00	265,546.00	-29.5%

RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Recreation

Grants	121,355.00	98,945.00	84,880.00	-14.2%
Program expense	17,520.03	14,333.00	17,333.00	20.9%
Co-Ordinator - Wages and Expenses	73,799.77	76,322.00	79,316.00	3.9%
Students Wages & Expenses	27,022.91	36,719.00	33,372.00	-9.1%
Municipal Newsletter	8,570.22	8,600.00	9,000.00	4.7%
Sub-total	248,267.93	234,919.00	223,901.00	-4.7%

CULTURAL SERVICES

Branch Library	171,138.00	171,138.00	171,138.00	0.0%
Regional Library	51,993.72	56,452.00	54,000.00	-4.3%
Heritage Program	281.57	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Sub-total	223,413.29	227,590.00	225,138.00	-1.1%

EDUCATION

Mandatory Contribution	Sub-total	4,192,080.00	4,192,078.00	4,355,136.00	3.9%
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SPECIAL ITEMS

Municipal Services Grants	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.0%
Inter-Municipal Contributions	121,293.38	184,910.00	200,000.00	8.2%
Sub-total	371,293.38	434,910.00	450,000.00	3.5%

FINANCING and TRANSFERS

Principal on Inter-Fund Loan	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.0%
Transfer to General Operating Reserve	96,284.00	96,284.00	96,284.00	0.0%
Sub-total	296,284.00	296,284.00	296,284.00	0.0%

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURE

14,375,436.16	14,864,555.00	15,445,896.00	3.9%
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Excess Revenue over Expenditure	650,372.05	0.00	0.00
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MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Dewar that the 2014/15 General Operating Budget be approved as presented.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 2014/15 TAX RATES

Clr. Palmer presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council that the estimated expenditures of the Municipality of the County of Pictou for the fiscal period April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015 be approved in the amount of \$15,445,896 and after making the allowance for estimated revenue in the amount of \$2,195,343 the amount of \$13,250,553 is required from general taxation of the assessed valuation of \$1,407,300,005.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Rate for the fiscal period April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015 be set at \$0.81 per \$100 of assessment for residential and resource property and at \$1.82 per \$100 of assessment for commercial property;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rates and taxes for the current period may be collected by Warrant of Distress without further notice if not paid on or before the 15th day of October, 2014 together with all costs and expenses of levy and on all proceedings incidental thereto: and further, if the said taxes are not paid before the 15th day of October 2014 an additional penalty charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 7th day of July, 2014.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Chester Dewar

MOTION

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

Clr. R. Parker expressed the importance that Council is holding the same tax rate because it is a struggle for many businesses to stay in business. If Council is going to try and promote more business to this county then the tax rate is an important aspect for small business located in the Municipality. Clr. R. Parker thanked fellow Councillors for working hard to hold the rates, especially for businesses that are struggling.

Clr. D. Parker pointed out that Council has been able to maintain the tax rate through various methods especially for the residents who have a capped assessment on their properties but pointed out that businesses do not have that advantage. He expressed concern that the Municipality has borrowed some money to balance this budget in order to keep the same tax rate, something he voted for because many of the projects were granted more funding than what was expected, putting Council in the position of either turning down those projects or borrowing money to see they are done in this fiscal year because that money may not be available from other levels of government in the future. He cautioned that that we need to be aware as Councillors that our rate of growth is not keeping up to the taxpayers demands. Clr. D. Parker reported that he would like to see some changes made to the budgeting process because there is very little input from Council on the various categories. He asked that In future consideration be given to having individual departments appear before the Financial Services Committee to speak to their budgets, and that 2 public meetings be held to receive public input. Finally, he suggested that we need to do a better job of educating ourselves as Councillors as to what is actually in that budget and to do a much better job of educating the general public.

Clr. Johnston noted that the assessments are increasing every year even though the tax rate may not change.

Clr. L. Fraser pointed out that a lot of residents who live in the more rural areas of the Municipality contribute to many of the services but do not receive any benefit from them. The more information we can give the residents on the tax rates may make it easier to understand how the tax rate is set.

Clr. Palmer pointed out if the CAP program was removed the residents' tax bills may decrease so hopefully the Province will look at removing the CAP.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Clr. R. 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 approve the payment of the following Municipal Grants:

Municipal Services:

D 1	Kenzieville & Dist. Comm. Club	\$ 1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D 1	Merigomish Cemetery Company	3,000.00	Stone Repairs & Landscapping
D 1	Merigomish & Dist. Fire Dept.	500.00	Plumbing, Insulation, Wall Repairs & Electrical
D 1	Murray Point Cemetery	1,500.00	Maintenance
D 1	Pictou Co. Dist. 1 Action Society	2,000.00	Monthly Newsletter Expenses
D 1	Pictou Co. Dist. 1 Action Society	500.00	Adult Computer Course Expenses
D 1	Lismore & Dist. Community Hall	1,000.00	Light Installation & Replacement of Bleacher Boards
D 1	Thorburn & District War Veterans Assoc.	1,000.00	Maintenance to cenotaph
D 2	Pictou Landing Fire Dept.	6,000.00	Insulation of Crawl Space
D 2	Little Harbour Community Ctr.	12,000.00	Renovations to Bar Area
D 3	PI Comm. Assoc. Church Committee	1,500.00	Repairs to Historic Church
D 3	Caribou District Fire Department	9,000.00	Maintenance & building & Fire Safety Equipment
D 3	Caribou River Community Hall	2,000.00	Tables, Chairs & Painting
D 3	Caribou River Upper Cemetery	1,000.00	General Up-keep & Maintenance
D 3	Central Caribou Cemetery	1,500.00	Up-keep & Maintenance
D 3	Pictou Cemetery Co. (Haliburton Cemetery)	2,000.00	Parking Area & Road Maintenance
D 3	Seaboard Cemetery	1,000.00	Brush Cutting, Gravel & Topsoil
D 3	Waterside Cemetery Company	1,000.00	Mowing & General Operating Expenses
D 3	Caribou Island Cemetery	600.00	Replacement of Fencing, Brush Cutting & Tree Removal
D 4	Toney River Community Hall	3,500.00	Bathroom Renovations, Floor Repairs & Folding Staircase Replacement
D 4	River John & Area Recreation	1,000.00	Replace Canteen Roof
D 4	River John Meals-on-Wheels	3,000.00	Expenses for 600 Meals
D 4	Mountain Road Cemetery	1,000.00	Stone Maintenance, Lawn Care & General Maintenance

D 4	St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery	2,000.00	Lawn Care, Tree & Brush Removal
D 4	Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 108	4,000.00	Sewer Lateral Connection & Roof Repairs
D 4	Sunrise Film Festival Society	2,000.00	Start-Up Costs
D 4	Salem Cemetery	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D 4	River John & Area Historical Society	3,500.00	Operating Expenses
D 4	River John Festival Days	3,500.00	Event Expenses
D11	Golden Glen Seniors Club	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
D11	District 11 Summer Youth Recreation	3,500.00	Operating Expenses
D11	Plymouth Fire Department	3,250.00	Fire Fighting Equipment
D11	East River Valley Community Development Association	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D11	East River Valley Community Development Association	3,000.00	Thorburn Spur Railbed Trail
D12	Lorne Community Hall	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
D12	Hopewell Celidh/Candy Cane Comm.	2,500.00	Footbridge, Celidh & Candy Cane Expenses
D12	Iona Park	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D12	1 st Presbyterian Church	250.00	Grass Cutting Expenses
D12	Riverton Hall	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
D12	Glengarry Hall	500.00	Operating Expenses
D12	Elgin Cemetery Company	750.00	Operating Expenses
D12	Hopewell Cemetery Company	750.00	Operating Expenses
D12	Hopewell 4-H Club	750.00	Mtnce. @ Eureka War Memorial (\$250) & Operating Expenses (\$500)
D12	East River Valley Comm. Dev. Assoc.	1,500.00	Newsletter & other Operating Expenses
D12	East River Valley Recreation Assoc.	500.00	Operating Expenses
D12	Pictou County Scouts	500.00	Project Expenses at Camp Smith
D13	Thorburn & Dist. War Veterans Assoc.	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D13	MacPherson's Mills Community Hall	2,154.00	Windows, Vanities, Paint & Chimney Repair
D13	Freedom Bible Church	2,810.00	Window & Trim Replacement

D13	Dist. 13 Recreation & Plan. Comm.	4,215.00	Purchase of Equipment, Summer Rec. Pgm. & Ballfield Mtnce.
D13	St. Alban's Anglican Church	2,154.00	Replacement of Floor Covering
D13	Sutherland's Riv & Dist Comm Assoc	6,558.00	Roof Replacement
D13	Thorburn Cemetery Association	1,873.00	Groundskeeping
D13	Telford Cemetery Association	1,125.00	Road Improvements & General Maintenance
D13	Union Presby. Ch. Bd. of Managers	<u>1,873.00</u>	Steeple Repairs
		\$123,112.00	

Council

Pictou Co. Trails Assoc.	\$20,000.00	Approval for early release of 2nd & 3rd installments of the multi-year funding approved on June 11, 2012 for trail development.
Pictou Co. Bch. NS SPCA	3,000.00	To assist with the replacement of the On-Site Sewage Disposal System.
Multicultural Assoc. of Pictou Co.	500.00	Sponsorship for Multicultural Fusion Festival
Feed Nova Scotia	<u>1,000.00</u>	To assist with transportation expenses to deliver to local food banks.
Tearmann House	<u>300.00</u>	AGM Expenses
	\$24,800.00	

DATED at Pictou, NS this 7th day of July, 2014.

(Sgd.) Robert Parker
Jim Turple

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. R. Parker and seconded by Clr. Turple that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – TAX EXEMPTION & REDUCTION POLICY

Deputy Warden 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 adopt the following policy with respect to tax exemption and tax reduction:



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
TAX EXEMPTION & TAX REDUCTION POLICY**

1. This Policy shall be known as the Tax Exemption & Tax Reduction Policy.
2. This Policy shall apply to the properties listed in Schedules "A" and "B" and "C" commencing August 5, 2014.
3. Pursuant to section 71(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the properties listed in Schedule "A" to this Policy shall be, subject to sections 4 and 9 of this Policy, exempt from real property taxation.
4. The tax exemption provided in section 3 shall apply to general tax only and shall only apply to the portion of the property specified in Schedule "A".
5. Pursuant to section 71(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the real property tax payable with respect to the properties listed in Schedule "B" to this Policy shall be, subject to sections 6 and 9 of this Policy, reduced to the tax that would otherwise be payable if the property were residential property, inclusive of area rates.
6. The tax reduction provided in Section 5 shall apply only to that portion of the property specified in Schedule "B".
7. Pursuant to section 71(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the properties listed in Schedule "C" to this Policy shall be, subject to sections 8 and 9 of this Policy, exempt from real property taxation.
8. The tax exemption provided in section 7 shall only apply to general taxes and shall only apply to the portion of the property specified in Schedule "C", exclusive of sewer user charges and fire rates.
9. When a property listed in Schedule "A", "B", or "C" ceases to be owned or occupied by the owner indicated in the schedule, or if the property ceases to be occupied for the purpose, which pursuant to section 71(1) and 71(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* enabled the Municipality of the County of Pictou to include the property in this Policy, the tax exemption or reduction shall cease and the owner(s) of the property shall immediately be liable for the normal real property tax on such property for the portion of the taxation year then unexpired.

SCHEDULE "A"

AAN	OWNER	PROPERTY	EXTENT OF APPLICATION	CHARITABLE #
0615196 8253005 4326997	Camp Geddie & Trustees Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada	Lands & Buildings at 3555 & 3581 Shore Rd., Merigomish, and at Lower Barney's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at the Ponds, Merigomish of the owner	0085803-37-04
4564014	Trustees Kenzieville District Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 11677 No. 4 Highway, Kenzieville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Kenzieville of the owner	0476218-56-03

4682696	Trustees Barney's River Station Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 12507 No. 4 Highway, Barney's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Barney's River of the owner	0484527-56-03
3757609	Piedmont Valley Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 1419 Piedmont Valley Road, Piedmont	The whole of the lands & buildings at Piedmont of the owner	0537647-56-03
4682483	Merigomish & Area Recreation & Social Association	Lands & Buildings at 1682 Shore Road, Merigomish	The whole of the lands & buildings at Merigomish of the owner	
2613042	Merigomish & District Fire Department	Lands & Buildings at 3414 Shore Road, Lower Barney's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Lower Barney's River of the owner	
3051633	Marshy Hope Hall	Lands & Buildings at 14432 No. 104 Highway, Marshy Hope	The whole of the lands & buildings at Marshy Hope of the owner	
4560221 4033523	Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation	Lands & Buildings at 4699 Shore Road, Lismore & 15 Lighthouse, Ponds	The whole of the lands & buildings at Lismore & Ponds	
5388767	Presbyterian Congregation of Barney's River & Marshy Hope	Lands & Buildings at 11590 No. 4 Highway, Barney's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Barney's River of the owner	
04326997 09702725 09702768	Trustees Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada	Land & Buildings at 3581 Shore Road, Ponds	The whole of the lands & buildings at Ponds of the owner	0085803-37-04
3819736	Trustees St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 2264 Shore Road, Merigomish	The whole of the lands & buildings at Merigomish of the owner	
0220973	Trustees Kenzieville Cemetery	Lands & Buildings at Kenzieville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Kenzieville of the owner	
2613042	Merigomish & District Fire Department	Lands & Buildings at 3414 Shore Road, Lower Barney's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Merigomish of the owner	
4683188	Trustees Little Harbour Community Centre	Lands & Buildings at 4892 Little Hbr. Rd., Little Harbour	The whole of the lands & bldgs. at Little Harbour of the owner	0430116-56-30
03388239 09089195 09089209	Sinclair's Island Fishermen's Society	Lands & Buildings at Chance Harbour and Sinclair's Island	The whole of the lands & buildings at Chance Harbour and Sinclair's Island of the owner	
4684702	MacLennan Memorial Camp of United Church of Canada	Lands & Buildings at 89 MacLennans Memorial Road, Chance Harbour	The whole of the lands & buildings at Chance Harbour of the owner	

0759015	Royal Canadian Naval Association – Adm. Murray Bch.	Lands & Buildings at Pictou Landing	The whole of the lands & buildings at Pictou Landing of the owner	
2567555	Pictou Co. Volunteer Ground Search & Rescue	Lands & Buildings at 8333 Pictou Landing Road, Little Harbour	The whole of the lands & buildings at Little Harbour of the owner	
1577166	Little Harbour Fire Department	Lands & Buildings at 8328 Pictou Landing Road, Little Harbour	The whole of the lands & buildings at Little Harbour of the owner	
3757269 8832404	Pictou Island Community Association	Lands & Buildings at 785 Pictou Island Road, Pictou Island	The whole of the lands & buildings at Pictou Island of the owner	
3757242	Pictou Island Hall	Lands & Buildings at 819 Pictou Island Road, Pictou Island	The whole of the lands & buildings at Pictou Island of the owner	
4681886	Trustees Caribou River Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 5725 No. 6 Highway, Caribou River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Caribou River of the owner	
4681738	Trustees Bayview Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at Bayview Road, Bayview	The whole of the lands & buildings at Bayview of the owner	
05518784	Riverview Home Corporation	Lands & Buildings at 4933 River John Road, Three Brooks	The whole of the lands & buildings at Three Brooks of the owner	
4862252	Welsford Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 2135 West Branch Rd., Welsford	The whole of the lands & buildings at Welsford of the owner	0511097-56-03
4683714	Trustees Melville-Seafoam Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 3629 No. 6 Highway, Seafoam	The whole of the lands & buildings at Seafoam of the owner	0917351-56-03
2050579	River John 4-H Club	Lands & Buildings at 309 Hedgeville Road, Hedgeville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Hedgeville of the owner	
4684435	Toney River Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 4854 No. 6 Highway, Toney River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Toney River of the owner	
3970833	River John & Area Recreation & Development Assoc.	Lands & Buildings at 2582 River John Station Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
3819388	Presbyterian Church Manse of Canada	Lands & Buildings at 15 River John Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	

4715462	United Church Manse of Canada	Lands & Buildings at 20 River Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
3970892	River John Voluntary Fire Department (1996)	Lands & Buildings at Mountain Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
2716011	Friends of the River John Library Society	Lands & Buildings at 2725 River John Station Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
1403192	Elmfield Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 446 Millsville Road, Elmfield	The whole of the lands & buildings at Elmfield of the owner	
4873394	West Branch Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 31 West Branch Road, West Branch	The whole of the lands & buildings at West Branch of the owner	
4682475	Trustees Meadowville Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 2015 Black River Road, Meadowville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Meadowville of the owner	
3819795	Presbyterian Church of Canada Manse	Lands & Buildings at 1159 Campbell Hill Road, Scotsburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Scotsburn of the owner	
5972329	Trustees of the Durham Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 721 No. 376 Highway, Durham	The whole of the lands & buildings at Durham of the owner	
1345486	Durham Hall	Lands & Buildings at 984 No. 376 Highway, Durham	The whole of the lands & buildings at Durham of the owner	
5986362 2131455	Scotsburn Recreation Club	Lands & Buildings at 4136 Scotsburn Road	The whole of the lands & buildings at Scotsburn of the owner	0621656-56-03
2632837	Lyon's Brook Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 2399 No. 376 Highway, Lyon's Brook	The whole of the lands & buildings at Lyon's Brook of the owner	
4684494	Trustees Union Centre Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 1 Salter Rd., Union Centre	The whole of the lands & buildings at Union Centre of the owner	0501189-56-03
05856469	Station Road Recreation Centre	Lands & Buildings at 49 Sylvester Rd., Sylvester	The whole of the lands & buildings at Sylvester of the owner	
3228711	Middle River Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 72 E Fraser Cross Road, Rocklin	The whole of the lands & buildings at Rocklin of the owner	0542365-56-03

5239508	Trustees Salem Athletic	Lands & Buildings at 109 Salem Loop, Salem	The whole of the lands & buildings at Salem of the owner	0874461-56-03
1345443	Durham Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 4479 West River East Side Road, Durham	The whole of the lands & buildings at Durham of the owner	09904490-59-03
0056618	Alma Fire Department	Land & Buildings at #104 Highway, Alma	The whole of the lands & buildings at Alma of the owner	
3235076	Millbrook Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 1731 Millbrook Rd., Millbrook	The whole of the lands & buildings at Millbrook of the owner	0484444-56-03
2512297 2512254 2512246	John David Lees (Leased to Lansdowne Outdoor Rec. & Development Assoc.	Lands & Buildings at 1480 Gairloch Road, Lansdowne & lands at New Lairg, Lansdowne	The whole of the lands & buildings at Lansdowne of the owner	0761809-56-03
4828046	Watervale Snowmobile Recreation Club	Lands & Buildings at 118 Cove Road, Watervale	The whole of the lands & buildings at Watervale of the owner	
4681614 4682637	Abercrombie Community Centre	Lands & Buildings at 1571 & 1589 Granton Abercrombie Road, Abercrombie	The whole of the lands & buildings at Abercrombie of the owner	0488767-56-03
4881028	Westville Road Youth Association	Lands & Buildings at Westville Road	The whole of the lands & buildings at Westville Rd. of the owner	0561944-56-03
5190762	NS Society for the Prevention of Cruelty – Pictou Co. Branch	Lands & Buildings at 3504 Granton Abercrombie Road, Granton	The whole of the lands & buildings at Granton of the owner	0488379-54-03
1532979 2560267 2560259	Linacy Community Association	Lands & Buildings at 6735, No. 4 Highway, Linacy	The whole of the lands & buildings at Linacy of the owner	
8833974	Their Light Shall Always Shine Memorial Park Society	Lands & Buildings at Walkerville Road, Priestville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Priestville of the owner	
4564022	Trustees Priestville Community Improvement Project	Lands & Buildings at Walkerville Road, Priestville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Priestville of the owner	
0762504	Churchville Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 1054 Irish Mtn. Rd. Churchville	The whole of the lands & bldgs. at Churchville of the owner	0483057-59-03
3776948	Plymouth Community & Recreation Association	Lands & Buildings at 2340 River Road, Plymouth	The whole of the lands & buildings at Plymouth of the owner	0514638-56-03

3972046	Riverton Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 5678 Stellarton Trafalgar Road, Riverton	The whole of the lands & buildings at Riverton of the owner	0534316-56-03
8835284	Town of New Glasgow	Lands & Buildings at 3720 East River East Side Road, Churchville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Churchville of the owner	
2602792	Lorne Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 847 Lorne Station Road, Lorne	The whole of the lands & buildings at Lorne of the owner	0540807-56-03
2069504 2069482	Hopewell Recreation Association	Lands & Buildings at Elgin Road & Stellarton Trafalgar Road, Hopewell	The whole of the lands & buildings at Hopewell of the owner	
8272557	Eureka Community & Recreation Club	Lands & Buildings at Ash Street, Eureka	The whole of the lands & buildings at Eureka of the owner	
04074793	East River Valley Community Development Association	Lands & Buildings at 6341 East River West Side Road, Eureka	The whole of the lands & buildings at Eureka of the owner	
1237993 1237896 1238027 1322435 1322443	District 13 Recreation & Planning Commission	Lands & Buildings at Old Row, 31 New Row, Arena Road & Marsh Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	0405134-56-03
2968347	MacPherson's Mills Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 49 Grist Mill Loop, MacPherson's Mills	The whole of the lands & buildings at MacPherson's Mills of the owner	0521385-52-03
4601076	Freedom Bible Church	Lands & Buildings at 1121 Thorburn Road, Sutherland's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Sutherland's River of the owner	89126978 RR0001
3400395	Trustees Sutherland's River & District Association	Lands & Buildings at 1458 Thorburn Road, Sutherland's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Sutherland's River of the owner	
4562968	Presbyterian Church of Canada	Lands & Buildings at 757 Marsh Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	
1890646	Trustees of Union Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 745 Marsh Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	
4074777	Thorburn & District War Veteran's Association	Lands & Buildings at Thorburn Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	
8270783	Trustees Dist. 17 & Area Recreation Association	Lands & Buildings at Simpson Road, French River	The whole of the lands & buildings at French River of the owner	

4684206	Springville Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 2560 East River East Side Road, Springville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Springville of the owner	0086850-37-03
4564405	MacLellan's Brook & Area Community Association	Lands & Buildings at 2271 Brookville Rd., MacLellan's Brook	The whole of the lands & buildings at MacLellan's Brook of the owner	0510297-59-03
1639218	Garden of Eden Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 28 Garden Loop, Garden of Eden	The whole of the lands & buildings at Garden of Eden of the owner	0514653-56-03
4682459	Trustees MacLellan's Brook Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at Brookville Road, MacLellan's Brook	The whole of the lands & buildings at MacLellan's Brook of the owner	0621466-56-03
0888214	East River St. Mary's Community Hall Association	Land & Buildings at 822 Sherbrooke Road, East River St. Mary's	The whole of the lands & buildings at East River St. Mary's of the owner	0730358-56-03
4681789	Trustees Bridgeville Community	Lands & Buildings at 21 Elgin Road, Bridgeville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Bridgeville of the owner	
4018427	Rocky Mountain Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 1935 Sherbrooke Road, Rocky Mountain	The whole of the lands & buildings at Rocky Mountain of the owner	
4682971	Trustees Glencoe Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 957 East River East Side Road, Glencoe	The whole of the lands & buildings at Glencoe of the owner	
4683099 4684966	Trustees Knox Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 1684 Tower Road & Sherbrooke Road, Blue Mountain	The whole of the lands & buildings at Blue Mountain of the owner	
3757226	Pictou County Snowmobile Club	Lands & Buildings at 944 Brookville Road, Brookville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Brookville of the owner	
2636638	Sunny Brae War Memorial Society	Lands & Buildings at 2382 East River West Side Road, Sunny Brae	The whole of the lands & buildings at Sunny Brae of the owner	
1308734	East River Valley Recreation	Lands & Buildings at 2770 East River East Side Road, Springville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Springville of the owner	

SCHEDULE "B"

AAN	OWNER	PROPERTY	EXTENT OF APPLICATION	CHARITABLE #
3292304	Moore Lodge IOOF	Lands & Buildings at Thorburn Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	
4683064	Trustees of Rebekah Lodge No. 108	Lands & Buildings at 2411 East River West Side Road, Sunny Brae	The whole of the lands & buildings at Sunny Brae of the owner	
4683013	Trustees IOOF Hall	Lands & Buildings at 2488 East River East Side Road, Springville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Springville of the owner	
2443775 2258595	River John Lions Club	Lands & Buildings at 2724 West Branch Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
02146533	IOOF Hall	Lands & Buildings at 2747 River John Station Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	

SCHEDULE "C"

AAN	OWNER	PROPERTY	EXTENT OF APPLICATION	CHARITABLE #
02155869	Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Incorporated	Lands & Buildings at 2756 Westville Road, Westville Road	The whole of the lands & buildings at Granton of the owner	

DATED at Pictou, NS this 7th day of July, 2014.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Deborah Wadden

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – HYDRANT & SEWER AREA RATES

Clr. L. Fraser 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 authorize the rating and collection of hydrant fees and sewer maintenance fees on applicable properties assessed in all districts as follows for the fiscal period 2014/2015:

AREA RATES

<u>Type of Area Rate</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Per \$100 Assessment</u>	<u>Flat</u>
Hydrant Fee	Northumberland High School		83,136.00
Hydrant Fee	W.A. MacLeod School		20,784.00
Hydrant Fee	Riverview Home Corporation		20,784.00
Hydrant Fee	Valley View Villa		20,784.00
Hydrant Fee	Commercial	.2700	
Hydrant Fee	Residential		248.00
Sewer Maintenance Fee			305.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the 15th day of October, 2014. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October, 2014 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 7th day of July, 2014.

(Sgd.) Leonard Fraser
Jamie Davidson

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. L. Fraser and seconded by Clr. Davidson that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – CAPITAL BUDGET

Clr. Palmer presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council adopt the 2014/15 – 2018/19 Capital Budget in the amount of \$14,073,289, the same having been reviewed and approved the Financial Services Committee of Council.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 7th day of July, 2014

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Scott Johnston



Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Instructions:

In completing this form, list each of your municipality's planned capital projects for the next five years by expenditure category. Provide a description, 3 digit expenditure code (see attached), estimated project cost, a breakdown of the source of financing for each project, estimated annual operating expenses for the project and, where applicable, the source of financing code.

The Estimated Project Cost should be the total cost of the project, and the cost to your municipal unit should be identified in the Sources of Financing.

For further information or clarification, please contact your Municipal Advisor.

I, Karen E. Cornish Deputy Treasurer of the MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY Municipality

do certify that this Five Year Capital Budget is consistent with the budget approved by Council for the year ended March 31, 2015.

Date

Deputy Municipal Treasurer

PROJECT DESCRIPTION <small>Insert additional lines, if required.</small>	Expenditure Code	Estimated Project Cost	Municipal Sources				Estimated Sources of Financing				Estimated Annual Operating Expenses		
			Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Lease / Other	Provincial Grant	Federal Grant	Long-Term Borrowing		Other Sources			
								(Utilities)	(General)				
YEAR 1	20 14	/ 15	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	
ERECC Upgrades	490	5,000	5,000	1									
Truck Purchase	490	40,000	40,000	1									
Sidewalks	322	80,000	80,000	1									
Paving Roads - J Class	321	736,000	736,000	1								736,000	
Paving Roads - Municipal	421	172,500	172,500	1									
River John Sewer Extension	421	65,000	65,000	5									
Green Hill Rd Hwy 4 Water & Sewer	421	1,000,000	1,000,000						500,000	26		500,000	42
Milne Street Sewer Separation	421	964,789	964,789	4								1,800,000	42
LED Street Lights		1,800,000											
Riverton Wind Towers (Outstanding From Previous Year)	421	500,000							500,000	26			
Year 1 Totals		5,363,289	297,500		1,029,789	0	0	0	1,000,000		0	3,036,000	0

9=Developer

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Expenditure Code	Estimated Project Cost	Estimated Sources of Financing										Estimated Annual Operating Expenses
			Municipal Sources			Lease / Other	Provincial Grant	Federal Grant	Other Sources	Long-Term Borrowing			
			Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Code					Borrowing (Utilities)	Borrowing (General)	Code	
Insert additional lines, if required.													
YEAR 2 20 15 / 16													
ERECC Upgrades	423	30,000	30,000										
Truck Purchase	490	30,000	30,000	1									
Sidewalks	322	150,000	150,000	1									
MacLellans Bk Plymouth Sewer Phase II	421	3,450,000				1,150,000	16	1,150,000	26			1,150,000	42
Year 2 Totals		3,660,000	210,000	0	0	1,150,000		1,150,000		0	0	1,150,000	0
9=Developer													

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Expenditure Code	Estimated Project Cost	Estimated Sources of Financing										Estimated Annual Operating Expenses
			Municipal Sources			Lease / Other	Provincial Grant	Federal Grant	Other Sources	Long-Term Borrowing			
			Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Code					Borrowing (Utilities)	Borrowing (General)	Code	
Insert additional lines, if required.													
YEAR 3 20 16 / 17													
ERECC Upgrades	423	30,000	30,000	1									
Truck Purchase	490	25,000	25,000	1									
Sidewalks	322	100,000	100,000	1									
MacLellans Bk Plymouth Sewer Phase II	421	3,450,000				1,150,000	16	1,150,000	26			1,150,000	42
Year 3 Totals		3,605,000	155,000	0	0	1,150,000		1,150,000		0	0	1,150,000	0
9=Developer													

PROJECT DESCRIPTION <small>Insert additional lines, if required.</small>	Expenditure Code	Estimated Project Cost	Estimated Sources of Financing										Estimated Annual Operating Expenses			
			Municipal Sources			Lease / Other	Provincial Grant	Federal Grant	Other Sources	Long-Term Borrowing						
			Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Code					Long-Term Borrowing (Utilities)	Long-Term Borrowing (General)					
YEAR 4 20 17 / 18																
ERECC Upgrades	423	50,000	50,000	1												
Truck Purchase	490	30,000	30,000	1												
Sidewalks	322	100,000	100,000	1												
Spring Field Estates Water & Sewer	421	550,000			550,000											
Year 4 Totals		730,000	180,000	0	0	550,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			9=Developer													

PROJECT DESCRIPTION <small>Insert additional lines, if required.</small>	Expenditure Code	Estimated Project Cost	Estimated Sources of Financing										Estimated Annual Operating Expenses			
			Municipal Sources			Lease / Other	Provincial Grant	Federal Grant	Other Sources	Long-Term Borrowing						
			Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Code					Long-Term Borrowing (Utilities)	Long-Term Borrowing (General)					
YEAR 5 20 18 / 19																
ERECC Upgrades	423	35,000	35,000	1												
Truck Purchase	490	30,000	30,000	1												
Sidewalks	322	100,000	100,000	1												
Spring Field Estates Water & Sewer	421	550,000			550,000											
Year 5 Totals		715,000	165,000	0	550,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			9=Developer													

FIVE YEAR TOTALS	14,073,289	14,073,289	1,007,500	1,029,789	0	3,400,000	3,300,000	0	0	5,336,000	0
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MOTION

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

Clr. R. Parker referred to long term borrowing and asked if there was a total amount borrowed at this time and the CAO replied there was none at this time.

Clr. R. Parker asked the percentage of the Municipality's budget that can be borrowed and the CAO responded that 15% of the budget could go towards financing debt. The CAO pointed out the Municipality uses approximately \$1.5 to \$2 million a year on principle and interest.

Warden Baillie informed Council that over the last 6 years the Municipality has done over \$26 million in projects and never borrowed any money.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – WATER UTILITY BUDGET

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 approved the Water Utility Budget for the 2014/15 fiscal period in the amount of \$363,398, the same having been reviewed and approved by the Financial Services Committee of Council.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 7th day of July, 2014.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Jim Turple



Municipality of Pictou County
Water Utility Budget
2014-15

(Unaudited)

	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Projection	2016-17 Projection
240000						
Transmission & Distribution						
244300 30-024-0240-202430 Maintenance of Mains	\$3,960.07	\$9,865.56	\$4,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,080.00	\$8,160.80
244410 30-024-0240-202440 Maintenance of Services	\$10,564.86	\$2,714.41	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,080.00	\$8,160.80
244420 30-024-0240-202450 Maintenance of Meters	\$2,756.37	\$2,726.81	\$8,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,050.00	\$5,100.50
244430 30-024-0240-202460 Maintenance of Hydrants	\$1,337.34	\$16,192.58	\$3,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,100.00	\$10,201.00
30-024-0240-202490 Shop Expenses						
244000 30-024-0240-202490 Miscellaneous	\$4,463.61	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,050.00	\$5,100.50
30-024-0240-202491 SCADA						
	\$23,082.25	\$31,499.36	\$28,500.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,360.00	\$36,723.60
250000						
Administration & General						
251200 30-025-0251-202512 Meter Reading						
251100 30-025-0251-202515 Uncollectable Accounts	\$396.46	\$560.15	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
252200 30-025-0252-202522 Salaries- Allocated	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00
253100 30-025-0253-202530 Office Expense	\$2,399.88	\$2,279.24	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,828.00	\$2,856.28
254300 30-025-0254-202543 Special Services						
255000 30-025-0255-202550 Regulatory Expenses	\$795.00	\$795.00	\$500.00	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$725.00
259100 30-058-0256-202560 Other Expense						
	\$28,091.34	\$28,134.39	\$28,000.00	\$28,525.00	\$28,553.00	\$28,581.28
26000 30-026-0260-202600 Depreciation	\$21,873.30	\$21,873.00	\$21,873.00	\$21,873.00	\$21,873.00	\$21,873.00
27000 Taxes						
28000 Other Operating Expenses						
Total Expenditures	\$351,360.71	\$344,957.59	\$359,573.00	\$363,398.00	\$366,556.00	\$369,745.56
OPERATING PROFIT	(\$132,783.75)	(\$116,555.65)	(\$140,409.00)	(\$136,232.00)	(\$139,190.00)	(\$140,979.58)
18000 Non-Operating Revenue						
182000 30-018-0180-100180 Interest	\$2,990.10			\$2,000.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,040.20
29000 Non-Operating Expense						
294000 Cap. Expend O/O Revenue						
299100 Other Non-Operat. Expense						
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	(\$129,793.65)	(\$116,555.65)	(\$140,409.00)	(\$134,232.00)	(\$137,170.00)	(\$138,939.38)
Surplus(Deficit)						
Beginning of Year	(\$48,038.53)	(\$177,832.18)	(\$176,875.54)	(\$294,387.83)	(\$428,619.83)	(\$565,789.83)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) END OF YEAR	(\$177,832.18)	(\$294,387.83)	(\$317,284.54)	(\$428,619.83)	(\$565,789.83)	(\$704,729.21)

Municipal Council - June 17, 2014

Prepared By: Kec

Source: Comparative figures only



OPERATING REVENUE

11000	30-010-0100-100101-2	Metered Sales	\$132,640.77	\$142,935.69	\$132,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$141,400.00
12000	30-010-0110-100100	Flat Rate Sales	\$32,826.00	\$32,808.34	\$32,800.00	\$32,800.00	\$32,800.00	\$32,800.00
13000		Fire Protection						
	30-013-0130-100130	Public Fire - Own Municipal	\$50,200.86	\$50,200.00	\$51,800.00	\$51,800.00	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00
	30-013-0130-100132	Private Fire Protection	\$684.00	\$684.00	\$684.00	\$684.00	\$684.00	\$684.00
			\$50,884.86	\$50,884.00	\$52,484.00	\$52,484.00	\$52,684.00	\$52,684.00
14000	30-014-0140-100140	Sprinkler Service	\$882.00	\$882.00	\$880.00	\$882.00	\$882.00	\$882.00
15000		Sales to Other Utilities						
16000	30-016-0160-100160	Interest on Water Arrears	\$1,343.33	\$891.91	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
17000		Other Operating Revenue						
	30-017-0170-100170	Interest on Bank Acct.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Total Operating Revenue	\$218,576.96	\$228,401.94	\$219,164.00	\$227,166.00	\$227,366.00	\$228,766.00

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

215000	30-021-0215-201501	Town of Stellarton	\$87,863.77	\$39,640.00	\$83,500.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,400.00	\$40,804.00
	30-021-0215-201502	Town of Trenton	\$19,100.84	\$22,357.00	\$19,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,250.00	\$25,502.50
	30-021-0215-201503	Town of New Glasgow	\$108,435.85	\$141,378.62	\$109,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$146,450.00	\$147,914.50
	30-021-0215-201504	Town of Westville	\$28,156.41	\$26,893.22	\$28,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,300.00	\$30,603.00
		Water Purchased	\$243,556.87	\$230,268.84	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$242,400.00	\$244,824.00
220000		Power & Pumping						
224300	30-022-0240-202243	Power	\$2,998.27	\$2,433.28	\$3,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,030.00	\$3,060.30
225000	30-022-0240-202250	Maintenance	\$286.57	\$252.97	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,010.00	\$1,020.10
229000		Other						
			\$3,284.84	\$2,686.25	\$5,200.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,040.00	\$4,080.40
230000		Water Treatment						
233000	30-023-0233-202330	Operation Supplies & Expense	\$27,439.73	\$25,424.29	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,250.00	\$25,502.50
233100	30-023-0233-202331	Chemicals & Additives	\$2,678.95	\$5,071.46	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,050.00	\$5,100.50
234100	30-023-0233-202332	Maintenance of Equipment	\$1,353.43	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,040.20
239000		Other Water Treatment						
			\$31,472.11	\$30,495.75	\$36,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,330.00	\$33,663.30

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – BUDGET GRANTS

Deputy Warden Thompson presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS numerous applications for funding were received and considered by the Municipality during the preparation of the 2014/15 General Operating Budget;

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

#	APPLICANT	PURPOSE	FUNDING DECISION
	COMMUNITY GRANTS		
1	Big Brothers Big Sisters	In-School Mentoring Pgm.	\$ 2,000.00
2	CHAD	Operating Expenses	53,750.00
3	Creative Pictou County Arts Society	Needs Ass't & Web Site Dev't	2,000.00
4	Girl Guides of Canada (Rose J Goodman Camp)	Roof Replac't & Dining Structure	2,500.00
5	Girl Guides of Ca. – West Pictou District	Operating Expenses (Programs)	500.00
6	Hector Quay Society	Operating Expenses	7,000.00
7	Lismore & District Community Hall	Windows & Insulation	4,921.05
8	New Glasgow Farmers Market Coop. Ltd.	Membership Fees & Canopies	1,950.00
9	New Glasgow Riverfront Jubilee	Operating Expenses	5,000.00
10	North East Nova Area Scouts (Pictou Co Scouts)	Cabin Repairs/Camp Rodderick	5,000.00
11	Pictou Agricultural Society	Repairs to Bldgs/Grnds	7,000.00
12	Pictou Community New Horizons Club	Roof Replacement & Wall Repairs	5,000.00 (conditional of matching \$ from Town of Pictou)
13	Pictou Co. Christmas Fund	Telethon Expenses	500.00
14	Pictou Co. Council of Seniors Outreach	Lunch & Learn Program Exp.	5,000.00
15	Pictou Co. Cruise Committee	Membership Fees	1,000.00
16	Pictou Co. Early Intervention Assoc.	Program Expenses	5,000.00
17	Pictou Co. Fuel Fund	Emergency Fuel Funding	3,000.00
18	Pictou Co. Helpline	Operating Expenses	2,500.00
19	Pictou Co. Military Heritage Museum	Repairs to Westville Cenotaph	2,000.00
20	Pictou Co. Roots for Youth Society	Operating Expenses	2,500.00
21	Pictou Co. Sports Heritage Hall of Fame	Operating Expenses	500.00 x 4 yrs
22	Pictou Co. Vol. Grnd. Search & Rescue	Vehicle Purchase	16,200.00
23	Pictou Co. Women's Centre	Outreach Program Expenses	2,500.00
24	Pictou Lobster Fisheries Carnival	Operating Expenses	5,000.00
25	Pic. Lobster Fish. Carnival (Modified Boat Races)	Race Expenses	3,000.00
26	Plymouth Community & Rec. Assoc.	Washrooms, Front Entry & Pkg.	10,000.00

27	Read by the Sea	Literary Festival Exp.	2,500.00
			\$157,821.05
	MARKETING GRANTS		
28	Destination Eastern & Northern Shores	Operating Expenses	18,871.00
			\$ 18,871.00
	RECREATION GRANTS		
29	Heatherbell Pipes & Drums	Equipment & Program Exp.	1,000.00
30	Highland Tennis Association	Court Construction & Lessons x 2 yrs	2,500.00
31	Pictou Co. Genealogy Society	Operating Expenses	5,000.00
32	Pictou Co. Athletic Society	Outstanding Track Items	21,780.00
			\$ 30,280.00
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GTS.		
33	District 1 Action Society	Community Coordinator	5,000.00
34	River John Community Action Society	Community Coordinator	12,000.00
35	Scotsburn Recreation	Community Coordinator Top- Up	2,700.00
			\$ 19,700.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$226,672.05

DATED at Pictou, NS this 7th day of July, 2014.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Robert Parker

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Thompson and seconded by Clr. R. Parker that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – SHEEP VALUERS

Clr. Dewar 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 2014/15:

DIST. #04 Doug White

DIST. #12 Willard MacDonald

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of July, 2014.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar
Randy Palmer

MOTION

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

Clr. L. Fraser asked if Council would ever consider having 1 sheep valuer for the east and 1 in the west and suggested the issue be reviewed at the Committee level.

Warden Baillie reported that the item will be put on a future Property Services Committee agenda.

Motion carried.

UPDATE – MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT

Clr. Wadden reported that the Committee continues to meet monthly and there is a plan for a community event in the fall. The purpose of this Committee is to build awareness of the topic of alcohol related harms. It is not about prohibition and that is a very difficult obstacle to overcome when discussing this topic. Alcohol is a part of our society and there is a time and a place to use alcohol. We just want to build the awareness of the harms. As a Committee we feel that our role is to help the champions in our communities rise to be better equipped to lead, change each in their own spheres of influence. If any Councillor has a person to suggest for their loop of contacts please pass their names on. We would like to ensure the link to their policy report is available and all municipal websites as well as the UNSM. We are extremely pleased that all 6 of our local municipalities continue to work together on this project which shows we do work well together and in fact we received additional funding. There is a Truro policy, Springhill policy and the Pictou County policy did not go unnoticed. We the MAP Committee continue to be transparent and vigilant as to our intention and purpose of this project. We do hope Councillors get used to the idea of having MAPA part of their discussions with residents in their area.

NOTICE OF MOTION – TAX EXEMPTION & TAX REDUCTION BY-LAW

NOTICE OF MOTION
REPEAL OF BY-LAW (1st Reading)

TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 the following resolution will be presented to Council for consideration.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 7th day of July, 2014,

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson on behalf of the
Financial Services Committee

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that the Tax Exemption & Tax Reduction By-Law of the Municipality, originally adopted by Council on May 4, 2009 and amended on January 15 & October 4, 2010, October 3rd and December 6th, 2011, and August 7, 2012 is hereby repealed.

HERITAGE CONFERENCE – VIRTUAL TOURS

Clr. S. Fraser reported that in September the Municipality is hosting the Provincial Heritage Conference with registration and rooms at the Pictou Lodge. During their time at the Pictou Lodge a slide show will be running in the lobby and Clr. S. Fraser extended an invitation to all Councillors if they would like to showcase their community by having a summer student create a virtual tour to showcase their district.

SAVE OUR SEAS AND SHORES COALITION

Clr. S. Fraser reported that all Councillors received a letter this week from Mary Gorman expressing her dissatisfaction with Council's decision on the issue she brought forward concerning the protection of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Clr. S. Fraser informed Council that Ms. Gorman would like the issue brought up again this evening for further comment and has requested a response by tomorrow.

Clr. R. Parker stated that Council has made it abundantly clear that it is concerned about the environment in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Council also recognizes that it is a level of responsibility of other governments and that this Council has no role to play, nor has it any control over what happens in the Gulf. He suggested that Council has gone as far as it can on this issue and Ms. Gorman needs to spend her time dealing with the other levels of government that have some decision making power.

IMPROVEMENTS TO ECONOMY

Clr. R. Parker reported that Council has made a decision to join the RENS with Truro and Cumberland counties and asked if there an update on the RENS. He also referred to the Working Committee that was formed in Pictou County by the Minister of Economic Development to look at the economy and asked if there was an update on what is happening with that Committee.

Warden Baillie replied that the CAO and he attended a RENS meeting hosted by the Department of Economic & Rural Development & Tourism and reported that it will be the end of August before the inter-municipal agreement will be taken to each Council.

The CAO informed Council that all 6 units met with the Province and the purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the RENS. A number of issues were looked at during that meeting including the governance of the RENS and there is a Liaison Committee made up of the funding partners. The purpose of this Committee is the recruitment and nominating of the board as well as an audit function. The board itself is a non-political board and it is tasked with hiring the CEO of the RENS and the general staff that would fall under the CEO. There are accountability measures that is a standardized evaluation and framework across the province. The objective of the RENS is to build a strong network and leader to coordinate resources as well an effective and efficient use of economic resources to reduce duplication. The province did establish 6 RENS and they are willing to work with any of the partners and most of the other RENS are at the same stage of building an inter-municipal agreement. The province had pointed out that it did see a benefit of all Pictou County working together in the same RENS.

Clr. R. Parker asked if all Pictou County to join this RENS because that it is very important and Warden Baillie advised that there are probably 4 out of the 6 units ready to join.

Clr. R. Parker asked the provincial contribution to this RENS and the CAO responded that the province has committed \$2.1 million to the RENS and 50% of it is an equal share giving \$175,000 to each of the 6 RENS. The remaining funds are divided based on the population of the RENS.

Clr. R. Parker asked when the RENS will receive the provincial funding contribution and the CAO replied that there is monies to help establish the RENS. Once the cooperation agreement has been signed the province will advance the monies to help set up the RENS.

Clr. R. Parker asked when we may have an operating RENS and the CAO replied the inter-municipal agreement should be back to the Councils by the end of this summer for approval. The executive search and board recruitment would take from September to December so the RENS may be up and running as early as January, 2015.

Clr. R. Parker asked if there were any meetings scheduled with Mr. Murray's Working Group and Warden Baillie replied that he has never heard back from Mr. Murray or the province.

Clr. R. Parker reported that it was important to have this Working Committee working with the municipal units and other counties.

Warden Baillie informed Council that he heard there will be a news release given by the department in the near future.

TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS PROGRAM

Clr. Turple reported that at this time we are trying to retain jobs in the Maritimes but it appears Ottawa is attempting to do the opposite with changes to the Federal Temporary Foreign Workers Program. By restricting a percentage of foreign workers that are allowed to be employed at fish processing plants to 30% instead of the 60 to 65% range that is being employed now would be disastrous to those plants. It would be great to have 100% Canadian workers but in today's standards that just will not happen. We have an aging population and the younger population do not want those kinds of jobs. Paul Logan, owner and operator of North Nova Seafoods Ltd. in Caribou processes lobster, crab and herring roe. Mr. Logan employs 160 people, 75 of them come from Thailand and are working under the Temporary Foreign Workers Program. Mr. Logan says he cannot get enough local workers within Pictou County to operate his fish processing plant because it is not the type of work they want to do within Pictou County anymore. Mr. Logan hires them and 2 to 3 days later they do not come back. Those days when Maritime Packers Fish Plant was located at the Caribou Little Entrance employed well over 500 Maritimers seems to be gone forever. Mr. Logan had indicated the Temporary Foreign Workers Program is not cheap noting that he pays airfares to Thailand and is facing a steep hike to \$1,000 from \$275 per applicant under the new regulations. Further planned restrictions on the percentage of foreign workers Mr. Logan can employ relative to his total workforce down to 10% by 2016 will likely put him out of business.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Turple and seconded by Clr. R. Parker that a letter be sent to the Federal Minister of Immigration with copies to the 3 MLAs showing Council's support for exemptions to the Temporary Foreign Workers Program for our resource industries.

Clr. D. Parker reported that Temporary Foreign Workers Program is a very complex issue and it has both positive and negatives. One of the positives is that it allows people like Mr. Logan to continue to operate in an environment that is hard to get local people to do those jobs. It also has the impact of holding wages down locally and there are issues around what rights those temporary foreign workers have as well as some cases of abuse of the program.

Clr. R. Parker pointed out the abuse of the Temporary Foreign Workers Program was in the banking and food service businesses and it has affected other businesses across the province. Council needs to support the continued use of off-shore labor especially for our resource industries.

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Warden Baillie)

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Clr. D. Parker reported the MacLeod Bridge located in his district crosses the Middle River on Route 289 and has been on the list to be replaced for 5 years and comes up for replacement next year with the preliminary work being done now. Clr. D. Parker informed Council that on the east bank of the river there has been a long established service station business owned by Sterling and Jessie MacDonald for the last 27 years. They also own a small house immediately adjacent the service station and across the road is their home. Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal was out last week and staked off 2/3 of the MacDonald's lawn in front of their home. The first option is to close the road during the period of construction which would be 4 to 6 months and that would inconvenience people on both sides of the river as well as significantly impact the MacDonald's business. The other option is to move the road consuming about 2/3 of the MacDonald's lawn and it also means the road will be higher so they will not be able to see over the road to their business. A petition was started that has received a lot of support in leaving the bridge where it is and close the road.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. L. Fraser that a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal, with copies to Karla MacFarlane, MLA, Pictou West, Troy Webb, Area Manager, Paul Coulson, Regional Construction Manager and Lisa Davis, Acquisition & Disposal Officer requesting the road be left in its present location and to close the bridge during the period of construction

Clr. L. Fraser reported that he always had a concern with the road in front of the MacDonald's business and when TIR is in the area working on the bridge they should consider the turn in the road as well.

Motion carried.

ELECTRICAL OUTAGES

Clr. D. Parker referred to the electrical outages that occurred during the last few days and the Loch Broom Loop is one community that he represents where the residents had no power for 2 1/2 days. Clr. D. Parker pointed out that this has become a pattern when there is any type of significant weather event and the length of power outages has become unacceptable. The latest report from the NSP was the weather was more severe than predicted. The length of outages have become longer and there are all kinds of excuses from Nova Scotia Power.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. L. Fraser that a letter be sent to the UARB asking that in the next round of rate increases that they set standards for electrical service in relation to the length of power outages and that they set financial penalties if those standards are not met.

Motion carried.

GROUP SAVOIE SAW MILL

Clr. L. Fraser reported that he was speaking with the Manager of the Group Savoie saw mill who informed him the good saw logs are going to the pulp mills and electrical generating plants to generate power. The type of material that should be going to the pulp mills is lower grade hardwood and the same when they are chipping it to make power. There are 4 people who control the hardwood business in this area and 2 of them have saw mills but they are shipping all the hard wood to the pulp mills so the saw mills are not getting the good hardwood. If the saw mills do not receive the product they need they will be out of business within a year because the good resources are being used to make pulp.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. L. Fraser and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Government requesting they look at the resources of hardwood logs and to make sure the saw mill operators have the proper wood resources as well as to request a meeting with the Minister of Natural Resources.

Clr. D. Parker reported that he has been aware of this issue for some time and he does not understand why it has not been resolved. Group Savoie is a company from Northern New Brunswick that has thrived in every other jurisdiction and they do not understand why their requests were never really seriously considered but some reason they are always frozen out.

Clr. R. Parker reported these are business we already have and this issue needs to be addressed. Our crown lands are taken for the lowest possible use rather than the best possible use so we have address government control because that is causing the problem here. A lot of our problems we are having are related to government regulations that just are not working for our small businesses.

Motion carried.

BOUNDARY REVIEW

Clr. Johnston reported that he distributed fliers to the residents in his district regarding the boundary review process. There was a lot of confusion because it showed what the boundaries might be and the residents want to know what the boundaries are. Clr. Johnston pointed out that the taxpayers should come first and as Councillors we should make every effort to clarify this. Clr. Johnston referred to correspondence the Councillors received regarding the key strategies where it states to begin your Council discussions early

in 2014 or earlier to determine the submission options so they can be fully explored without a time pressure. It was brought up in February but nothing was done until May. Clr. Johnston indicated that he had 2 ratepayers meeting where he asked the residents the boundary review process from 8 years ago and the residents did not know anything about the process at that time. Clr. Johnston pointed out that it is the Councillors responsibility to make sure the taxpayers understand the process. The only thing that may make a difference is the process is going to be on-line. Clr. Johnston reported he attended a meeting in Eureka and a former Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs made a good presentation so hopefully the Warden and CAO would take that into account.

Warden Baillie pointed out that everyone who attended that meeting was in attendance to receive information and any decisions will be made after the information has been received.

WARDEN'S TEA

Warden Baillie informed Council that he will be hosting the Warden's Tea on July 24, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the River John Fire Hall.

CLOSED SESSION

Council met in closed session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss matters relating to the security of municipal property and legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURN

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. S. Fraser that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (9:10 p.m.)

Ronald Baillie
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk