

August 2, 2016

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Dist.	1	Clr. Sally Fraser
	2	Clr Deborah Wadden
	3	Clr. Darla MacKeil
	4	Warden Ronnie Baillie
	5	Clr. Robert Parker
	6	Clr. Jim Turple
	7	Clr. David Parker
	8	Clr. L. Fraser (arrived at 7: 16 p.m.)
	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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Naomi Veniot, Solicitor, MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald  
Brian Cullen, CAO/Municipal Clerk Treasurer  
Karen E. Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Baillie 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.

**WELCOME**

Warden Baillie welcomed Karla MacFarlane, MLA for Pictou West to the Council Chambers.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Clr. Turple and seconded by Clr. Davidson that the minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be approved as presented.  
Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

- (a) SNS (Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel & Tobacco) – Acknowledging receipt of correspondence previously submitted in 2015 as part of the public consultation on proposed amendments to the Liquor Control Act.
- (b) Canada Post – Acknowledging receipt of correspondence expressing opposition to potential increases in rural postal rates during a review of the postal service.

(c) Min. Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal – Advising that the correspondence expressing concern about cellular service in the Meiklefield to East River St. Mary's area has been forwarded to the Department of Internal Services for attention.

(d) Letters of appreciation (uncirculated) for financial assistance were received from the following: Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame Society, Frank H. MacDonald Elementary School, North Nova Education Centre, Dylan Fillier (NRHS Bursary Recipient), Northumberland Regional High School Educational Society & the NS Association of Garden Clubs.

### **RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS**

There were no recognition of individuals & groups.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clr. Dewar informed Council the annual Hopewell Ceilidh will be held on August 14, 2016 in Hopewell and that will include the parade, turkey dinner and lots of entertainment.

Clr. MacKeil reported the Caribou District Firefighters are putting on a lobster dinner in the Caribou Fire Hall on August 13, 2016.

Clr. Wadden reported the Little Harbour Fire Department are having their annual salmon dinner on August 14, 2016.

Clr. Turple informed Council the Scotsburn BBQ was very successful this year with 1,864 people in attendance.

### **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 July:

1. Reviewed the report of the Building Inspector and Warden for the month of June.
2. Met with a business owner in Alma to discuss the Alma Greenhill Water & Wastewater Project and a potential extension of the service area.
3. Discussed the merits of requiring signed complaint forms as the basis for initiating investigations into potential dangerous or unsightly premises. The Committee will resume discussions on this matter following an administrative and legal review of the protocol used to handle these complaints.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

(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.

## **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 July:

1. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of June.
2. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of June.
3. Considered numerous applications for financial support. (Resolution to follow)
4. Agreed to recommend amendments to the Tax Exemption & Tax Reduction Policy to delete the MacLennan Memorial Camp from Schedule "A" and add the Little Entrance Fisherman's Wharf Society (3 properties). (Resolution to follow)
5. Agreed to recommend the write-off of tax arrears on the Little Entrance Fisherman's Wharf Society properties. (Resolution to follow)
6. Agreed on text for a policy respecting loan guaranteed to fire departments. (Resolution to follow)
7. Reviewed a CAO summary of proposed amendments to the Municipal Government Act which are proposed to be introduced at the fall sitting of the Legislature. The amendments are not considered to be substantive in nature.
8. Discussed the recent operating statements for the Pictou County Wellness Centre which show improvement in the operating loss. The Committee has been advised that the Wellness Authority Board will be meeting with consultants shortly to go over the report on the facility's energy consumption and overall operating expenses.
9. Discussed a requirement for a report detailing all costs associated with the MOU process and the Plebiscite.
10. Agreed to obtain a cost comparison showing the monthly expense for the old street lights compared to the new LED lights that were recently installed.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer  
Chester Dewar

## **MOTION**

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

Clr. R. Parker referred to Item #8 and asked if the Wellness Authority Board had an opportunity to meet with the consultants.

Warden Baillie replied they did meet and went over the consultant's report in draft form so it should be available in the very near future.

Motion carried.

## **MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT**

Clr. Wadden reported that the MAP Committee met on July 25<sup>th</sup> and those minutes have been issued to all Councillors.

The committee certainly appreciates the continued support from all our respective councils especially the letters of concern re the Liquor Control Act amendments. We have no updated information as to where that stands.

We have a Bridging the Gap Facebook page resulting from our Intergenerational event held earlier this year and it seems to be working out well keeping in touch with the interested youth from this function with the possibility of coming up with other ideas for future workshops.

We are currently in the process of applying for a Chronic Disease Innovation Grant with the hope of planning some type of Northern Zone Intergenerational Function. The committee has actually been the group who developed the model for the Intergenerational Forum and have been recognized across the province for our lead on this role.

In closing, we are in the process of acknowledging our appreciation to our respective councils which you will likely receive before our September Council meeting, but I would like to serve notice here that this is a very active and focused committee strongly supported by our councils. We are very proud of the fact that we maintained our Vision and our Mission throughout our past few years of this committee's lifespan. We know elections are coming up in October and each of us want you to know how important it will be to continue Councils' strong participation and representation on this committee. Some of the players may change, but we hope the MAP committee will continue with good representation and with strong municipal support.

I think one of our strong points has been that we do not come to councils looking for funding for our projects but work very hard applying for grants through various avenues, primarily provincial, for the funding we require to bring our projects to the forefront and so far that has worked quite well for us.

Other than that, I think the minutes are pretty self-explanatory as to where our committee is right now.

Clr. D. Parker referred to Item #5 in the minutes and asked for further explanation on what the committee is trying to highlight or increase.

Clr. Wadden replied the committee is highlighting the best the groups can bring out and not focus on some of the harms.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

Clr. R. Parker reported that a meeting of the Economic Development Working Group was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with 8 of the 11 members present as well as support staff from our Council. All 6 municipal units had representation at the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that we continue our meetings and efforts despite the upcoming municipal elections with the goal of having a detailed blueprint of plans for whatever group or individuals follow us. It was agreed this group works well together with a common goal of encouraging more sustainable employment in Pictou County regardless of where that employment is in this county. The hope is it could lead to a strong collective voice that assumes a much larger role in promoting joint economic leadership at the municipal level as future councils see fit after October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Working Group has agreed to:

1. Seek an immediate meeting with Sean Fraser, MP, Central Nova with the full committee;
2. To continue discussions working toward a joint planning session with the 3 educational institutions leading to a blueprint for entrepreneurial innovational centres at 1 or more locations in Pictou County;
3. To put on hold until a future date the planned group session between those looking for employment and those who can help in attempting to create jobs until there is full agreement on the goals and all parties are on side;

4. To approach a Pictou County student who is seeking a research partner who may be able to assist with creating a plan and material to help promote our county to investors and individuals around the globe;
5. To continue working toward a RENS with possible discussion with our Provincial/Municipal Advisor.

**RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS**

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

**Municipal Services:**

D01 St. Andrew’s Cemetery	\$ 1,500.00	Operating Expenses
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	

**Recreation:**

Lismore, Scotsburn, Plymouth River John & Thorburn Recreation	\$ 3,750.00	Summer Pgm. Expenses Pgm. 5 @ \$750 ea.
Bicycle Nova Scotia	300.00	3 Participants @ 2016 Can. Mountain Biking Championships
Softball Nova Scotia	<u>100.00</u>	1 Participant @ U21 Women’s Fastpitch National Championships
	<b>\$ 4,150.00</b>	

**Council:**

Twin Highway 104	\$ 200.00	Expenses to promote the twinning of Highway 104
Pictou Co. Chamber of Commerce	<u>1,000.00</u>	Business Achievement Awards “Large Business Award” Sponsor
	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,850.00</u></b>	

**DATED** at Pictou, N.S. this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016

(Sgd.) Sally Fraser  
Deborah Wadden

**MOTION**

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

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Clr. Palmer declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from further debate on the recreation grant requested for Softball NS because his daughter is a participant in the U21 Women's Fastpitch team.

Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION – TAX EXEMPTION & TAX REDUCTION POLICY**

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 following policy with respect to tax exemption and tax reduction:



POLICY # 2016-08-12

### **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 April 1, 2016.
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"**

<b>AAN</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>EXTENT OF APPLICATION</b>	<b>CHARITABLE #</b>
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	
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	

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
09089195	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	
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 04496167 04496167 03388328	Pictou Island Community Association	Lands & Buildings at 781, 785 & 1380 Pictou Island Road & 53 Wharf 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	
03388336 09858776	Harbour Authority of Pictou Island	Lands & Buildings at 53 Wharf Road & Pictou Island Road, Pictou Island	The whole of lands & buildings at Pictou Island of the owner	
09095659 09095667 10507472	Little Entrance Fisherman's Wharf Society	Lands & Buildings at 125 Simpson Rd., Braeshore & Simpson Rd., Caribou	The whole of lands & buildings at Braeshore & Caribou 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	Elmfied 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 Athletice	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
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	
10628385	West River Fire Department	Lands & Buildings at Gates Road, Central West River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Central West River 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	
1237896 1238027 1322435 1322443	District 13 Recreation & Planning Commission	Lands & Buildings at 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 of Eden Church 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"**

<b>AAN</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>EXTENT OF APPLICATION</b>	<b>CHARITABLE #</b>
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	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"**

<b>AAN</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>EXTENT OF APPLICATION</b>	<b>CHARITABLE #</b>
02155869	Pictou County Wellness Centre	Lands & Buildings at 2756 Westville Road, Westville Road	The whole of the lands & buildings at	

	Building Authority Incorporated		Westville Road of the owner	
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DATED at Pictou, NS this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

(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.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – TAX WRITE-OFFS**

Clr. MacKeil presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the following write-off on taxes, the same having been reviewed and approved by the Financial Services Committee:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
10507472	Little Entrance Fisherman's	\$1,245.62	Non-Profit Organization
09095667	Wharf Society	9.48	
09095659		<u>35.52</u>	
		\$1,290.62	

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil  
Deborah Wadden

**MOTION**

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

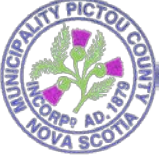
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – FIRE DEPT. LOAN GUARANTEE 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 loan guarantees for fire departments:



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU  
FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN GUARANTEE POLICY

In accordance with Section 294(6) 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 loan guarantees for volunteer fire departments.

**Policy**

1. A fire department registered with the Municipality pursuant to section 294(1) of the Municipal Government Act, may apply to the Municipality to guarantee a loan of the department.
2. The loan guarantee shall only apply to capital requirements of the fire department.
3. The fire department applying to the Municipality for a guarantee shall:
  - a. Hold a public meeting to discuss the purpose for which the loan is required in order to inform the residents of the need for the loan and asset.
    - i. The public meeting may be a district ratepayers meeting.
  - b. Provide the Municipality with details of the purpose for which the loan guarantee is required including:
    - i. Cost of the capital asset
    - ii. Financing plan of the asset
    - iii. Latest financial statements of the department
    - iv. Date of the public meeting required pursuant to this policy Section 3(a)
4. The application for a loan guarantee shall be reviewed by the Financial Services Committee. The Financial Services Committee may:
  - a. Recommend the issuance of a loan guarantee for the department to Council, or
  - b. Dismiss the application.
5. The Municipal Council, upon approving the loan guarantee shall submit the guarantee to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in accordance with S. 88 (3) of the Municipal Government Act that requires Ministerial approval for the guarantee to have effect.
6. The Municipal Council may require that the department enter into an agreement with the Municipality which shall certify that the department has complied with all terms of the policy and are aware of conditions that may be imposed by the Municipality should the department fail to meet loan obligations.
7. In the event that the department defaults on the loan, and the financial institution exercises the guarantee. The Municipality shall institute an area rate to recover from the residents served by the fire department the principal and interest costs associated with the payment of the guarantee or loan.
  - a. The details of the area rate shall be determined by the Municipal Council.

8. It shall be at the sole discretion of Council to limit the number of loan guarantees that it issues to fire departments at any one time.
  - a. A fire department that has been provided a loan guarantee by the Municipality shall not be entitled to apply for a second loan guarantee until the existing loan for which the guarantee has been provided, has been reduced by at least 75 percent.
9. All other policies enacted with respect to loan guarantees for fire departments are hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Jim Turple

**MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – ST. LIGHT AREA RATE CORRECTIONS**

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, in respect of the districts hereinafter set out, that Council authorize the rating and collection of the following amended rates for street lighting for the fiscal period 2016/17:

**AREA RATES**

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Type of Area Rate</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Per \$ 100 Assessment</u>	<u>Flat</u>
6	Street Lights	Scotsburn	0.0938	
10	Street Lights	Frasers Mountain	0.0790	
10	Street Lights	Linacy	0.0822	
12	Street Lights	Eureka	0.1347	
12	Street Lights	Lorne	0.1845	

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, 2016. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October, 2016 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer  
Scott Johnston



**MOTION**

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE**

Clr. Dewar presented a resolution to Council as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS tenders have been called for the disposal of a 2007 GMC Sierra 1500 4 x 4 truck which is considered to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality;

WHEREAS a summary of tenders received are as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TENDER PRICE</b>
Fred Sim	\$2,650.00
Sid White	1,908.00
Harold Lothead	1,625.00
Gordon McDonald	1,310.00
Philip MacLean	1,300.00
Glen Heighton	525.00

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the tender submitted by Fred Sim in the amount of \$2,650.00 to purchase the surplus 2007 vehicle as detailed above.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

(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.

Motion carried.

**MOU – FINANCIAL REPORT**

Council members discussed the Interim Financial Report of the MOU Steering Committee showing total expenses of \$602,946 for the application to the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board for amalgamation. After taking into consideration provincial funding of \$100,000 and municipal funding of \$200,000, a total of \$302,946 remains to be funded equally by the 4 partner municipalities at a cost of \$75,737 per municipality.

Council also reviewed the summary of MOU Plebiscite Costs provided by administrative staff showing total expenses of \$189,446.05 which is to be shared by the partners based on their respective number of voters. The total recoverable costs from the Towns of New Glasgow, Pictou and Stellarton is \$83,029.80, leaving the Municipality’s share at \$106,416.25.

Clr. R. Parker reported that any comments he makes are not meant to be accusatory or any fault to anybody but there are questions that need to be asked in regards to the costs to the taxpayers. He stated that the costs are higher than he hoped they would be and any public meetings he attended where

it was asked about costs it seemed to be in the \$50,000 range for each unit but we ended up at \$600,000 which leaves each unit to pay \$75,000 extra. Clr. R. Parker asked how it was determined that these companies and individuals got the work in regards to the MOU process.

Warden Baillie explained that all bidding carried out in accordance with procurement policies but noted that legal services are not required to be tendered. The Steering Committee used the 3 legal firms of Mac Mac & Mac, Frank DeMont and MacIsaac Clark & Duffy because they are associated with the partner municipal units. In regards to the UARB application the 3 firms suggested the municipal units go to Stewart MacKelvey because of their experience in appearing before the Board.

Clr. R. Parker referred to the advertising and promotion and asked how those firms were chosen and the CAO replied that they obtained quotes from various firms. A lot of printing was done by the Advocate because the company has the ability to both print and mail materials, whereas the Steering Committee would have to have made independent mailing arrangements with other printing companies.

Clr. R. Parker explained that there were some businesses in the county that feel they did not have an opportunity to apply for some of these tenders and asked if at least some of these jobs were put out to tender.

Warden Baillie responded that there were not many firms within the county that could do both communications & graphics. He pointed out that in our procurement policy you only have to get 3 quotes if the amount is under \$50,000 so when the quotes can back 1 of the firms was accepted.

Clr. R. Parker asked why there are individual names on the report and the CAO replied they are staff members who were used for technical support at the various community meetings.

Clr. D. Parker asked if the costs of the plebiscite were not included in the financial report and Warden Baillie replied that they were not included in these costs.

Clr. D. Parker asked if the Provincial Government was going to claw back its \$100,000 funding and Warden Baillie replied that he has not heard anything as yet.

Clr. D. Parker reported the Towns of Pictou and New Glasgow have submitted bills but the Municipality has not billed for anything. He asked if the Municipality chose not to bill and the CAO replied that would be invoices the towns paid on behalf of the MOU.

Clr. D. Parker asked if there was any tracking of employees' times that was committed to developing the MOU process. Warden Baillie pointed out all the work that was done by employees was in-kind.

Clr. D. Parker asked for internal staff time the process was not billed and the CAO replied that was correct.

Clr. Dewar reported that we should have an estimate of in-kind services because all other work was put on hold for at least 6 weeks. He pointed out that the 4 municipal units each have to pay \$75,735 and he asked if the \$100,000 is included from the Province then each unit's amount will decrease to \$50,735.

The CAO explained the \$75,000 cost to the 4 units assumes the \$100,000 from the Province is paid.

Clr. Dewar referred to the Vendor's Report and asked if we knew that Grant Thornton and Stewart McKelvey were going to be that expensive. He also asked if this report was going to be broken down any further and Warden Baillie replied that the Steering Committee has dissolved so it will not be meeting anymore.

Clr. R. Parker asked if they could have an answer to the communication and promotion category and if it was tendered.

Warden Baillie replied that he will ask that question.

Clr. L. Fraser reported that each municipal unit is paying the same amount so the Municipality's hurt is bad but the other 3 units will be worse.

Clr. Palmer reported at least now we will not have to hear amalgamation for the next 25 – 30 years and it did cost the taxpayers some money but we got our answer so it was money well spent because the voters were heard.

Clr. L. Fraser informed Council that in the 34 years that he has been on Council you can blame the municipalities for bringing up amalgamation but it was always the province that came up with the idea but this should send a message to the Provincial Government to look at its own affairs.

## **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

There were no emergency resolutions.

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

Clr. R. Parker asked if there was any information on a meeting with the new Health Board and Warden Baillie replied that several requests were sent but there has been no response to date.

Clr. R. Parker pointed out that our MLA, Pictou West is in attendance this evening and asked that she push for that meeting.

## **AGREED**

It was agreed that Karla McFarlane, MLA, Pictou West speak to Council on issues that were sent to the Health Board.

Ms. MacFarlane informed Council that she met with the doctors in Pictou about a month ago to see if they could accommodate an after-hours clinic for 2 evenings during the week. The Pictou Clinic is set up for 5 doctors and we were anticipating 5 doctors but 1 doctor had decided to leave. We had recruited a doctor who will be coming in August but they are still short 1 doctor. She met with Nicole Boutilier who is the Chief of Medicine for Zone 6 with the urgency to find another doctor. She reported that with the death of Dr. Ibrahim the clinic has been bumped down but they are next in line once a doctor replaces Dr. Ibrahim. At this point there is no appetite from the current doctors at the Pictou Clinic to have an after-hours clinic because they were getting burned out. Once we are back up to 5 doctors they will have another meeting to see if they are interested in opening an after-hours clinic for a few evenings a week.

Clr. R. Parker advised that his bigger concern is getting someone from the new Health Authority to meet with Council on a number of issues.

Ms. MacFarlane informed Council that she will contact the Health Board to arrange a meeting with Council.

Clr. S. Fraser reported the Province has a Mental Health Mobile Crisis Unit has a 24/7 service and they can be reached at 1-888-429-8167.

## **ADJOURN**

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

Motion carried. (7:50 p.m.)

Ronald Baillie  
Warden

Brian Cullen  
Municipal Clerk