

November 7, 2016

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Chief Administrative Officer 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.

REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer read the report of the Returning Officer as follows:



**REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
RE: ELECTION RESULTS - OCTOBER 15, 2016**

As a result of the Municipal Council election held on October 15, 2016, I am pleased to report the following:

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

DISTRICT 1:	Don Butler	502	Elected
	Don Stewart	302	
DISTRICT 2:	Deborah Wadden	531	Elected
	Matt Weir	239	
DISTRICT 3:	Kent Corbett	315	
	Tom Hahn	87	
	Darla MacKeil	450	Elected
DISTRICT 4:	Ronald Baillie	421	Elected
	Harvey Henderson	178	
	Mae MacKenzie	159	
DISTRICT 5:	Wayne Murray	510	Elected
	Mike Sangster	27	
	Debbie Weatherbie	172	
DISTRICT 6:	Robert Parker		Acclaimed
DISTRICT 7:	Leonard Fraser	261	
	David Parker	413	Elected
DISTRICT 8:	Ben MacLean	207	
	Larry Turner	366	Elected
DISTRICT 10:	Randy Palmer	485	Elected
	Brenda Scully	209	

DISTRICT 11:	Scott Johnston	330	
	Kathy Kenny	106	
	Andy Thompson	351	Elected

DISTRICT 12: Chester F. Dewar Acclaimed

At this time I would like to congratulate each of you and wish you a very successful term of office. It was enjoyable working with you all.

JOSEPHINE MACDONALD
RETURNING OFFICER

COUNCILLORS OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OFFICE

The Municipal Clerk administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to all members of Council.

PRESENT

Dist.	1	Clr. Don Butler
	2	Clr. Deborah Wadden
	3	Clr. Darla MacKeil
	4	Clr. Ronald Baillie
	5	Clr. Wayne Murray
	6	Clr. Robert Parker
	7	Clr. David Parker
	8	Clr. Larry Turner
	10	Clr. Randy Palmer
	11	Clr. Andy Thompson
	12	Clr. Chester Dewar

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ELECTION OF WARDEN

Cirs. Ronald Baillie and Robert Parker were nominated for the office of Warden and all nominees accepted the nomination.

The CAO reported that each of the candidates will be given an opportunity to address the other members of Council.

Clr. Baillie commented that it was an honor to ask the other members of Council for their support on the position of Warden. He thanked the residents of District 4 for their confidence and support over the last number of years. This Chamber is the real democracy at its best and we should all be proud of the work that is done within this Council. He suggested that we get out to promote and sell Pictou County and to start talking positively. We have to create a business atmosphere so businesses will come and know Pictou County is a good place to do business but we also have to keep in touch with our present businesses. We have one of the lowest commercial and residential tax rates in the province. We have to continue working with the Department of Education and School Board because we cannot have more school closures in rural Pictou County. The Municipality's policies and by-laws should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis as well as to continue with the planning sessions. Clr. Baillie commented that he has proven he is a team player over the years and what this Council needs is a team leader. He asked the Councillors for

their support for the office of Warden and in return he will give leadership, respect, openness and transparency.

Clr. R. Parker reported that this Council has been through a very challenging period over the last 2 years. We were faced with a difficult decision as to how our rural Municipality would be governed going forward. Either as we had been for 100 years or as a single Municipality amalgamated with 3 Pictou County towns. A clear decision was delivered by our residents on May 28th to remain as a rural municipality. Much division was caused by the prolonged and heated debate, not only in our former Council but also in our County as a whole. Four out of the other five municipal governments in Pictou County are under new leadership following the municipal elections on October 15th. It is time for all Pictou County to put this divisive atmosphere behind us and take the instruction of our electorate to move forward in a more cooperative but non-amalgamated form. He believed the rural residents of this County also want new leadership to work with the other new leaders to point Pictou County towards a brighter future. He was willing to do his very best to provide that leadership if you put that trust in him. Clr. Parker believes in asking difficult questions to get to the bottom of issues. He is certainly not always right and neither are any of us. While he attempts not to be personal, we all cross that line sometimes and we must all strive to avoid that. We should all feel free to disagree but we must do it respectfully in order to reach the best decisions for our residents. Clr. Parker stated he is a strong believer in running a tight fiscal ship and many of our residents and business are having a tough time financially so it is our responsibility, not only to keep the tax rate down but minimize increases to the total tax burden. If our commercial assessment is decreasing we should limit new initiatives until we pay off our bills and increase reserves. As your leader, he would always stand for fairness, to the residents in remote rural areas who often feel left out when we are discussing sewer and water, sidewalks and the like. We must help our outlying areas grow and prosper through our Municipal Services Grants and a reset on how we look at schools in our rural communities. We need to work with the rural citizens and provincial government to find a new and better way to utilize perfectly good buildings for all citizens including students. These school buildings are the glue that hold our communities together. Our rural citizens are also demanding improved access to high speed internet to help individuals and businesses grow their communities. We as a Council need to do all we can to assist them. At the same time we must help our more populated areas with the generous provincial and federal grants available. It is time we worked with our urban municipal neighbors to move more quickly to a modern transit system. On May 28th the people of Pictou County voted to remain free, free to control their own future as our soldiers we remember this week fought so hard for. The people of rural Pictou County choose to be free and make their own decisions. We must work on improving our Dangerous & Unsightly Polices, Animals At Large Policies and continue to provide a good balance between new developments and residents. If we are to continue to attract new folks to our communities it is essential we work closely with all our urban municipalities, including Westville and Trenton to create many new jobs in traditional and new ventures. Our working groups on the economy and aquaculture are a good beginning and using this road map he believed we can stimulate economic growth in the whole county. He has lived in Pictou County his whole life and along with his wife Colleen they raised 5 children and 3 still reside in the county. He reported that with his 13 years of experience with the School Board, 4 as Chair of CCRSB, 8 years on Municipal Council and 44 years of running a family business in rural Pictou County he feels that he is in a position to provide new leadership to our rural municipality. If you entrust him with that he pledges to be fair with all, both on this Council and with our rural residents. Clr. R. Parker asked the Councillors for their support for the office of Warden.

Ballots were distributed for nominations for the office of Warden.

The Chief Administrative Officer declared Clr. Robert Parker elected to the office of Warden of the Municipality and administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Clr. R. Parker.

Warden R. Parker assumed the Chair, thanking his colleagues for their support and pledged to work with all Councillors around this table to do the best he can to make the decisions they can for the residents of this County. He was humbled because it is a great responsibility and he hopes he can reach the expectations of his fellow Councillors as well as the residents of rural Pictou County. He was honored to be in this position and he mentioned 2 former Wardens that he was honored to follow, Alex MacKay from Mt. Thom and his late Uncle K.Y. Parker who also served as Warden. He thanked his family, his wife Colleen and children who will be stepping up to run the family business when he takes over the duties of Warden. He thanked his late mother and father for instilling in all 8 of their children a desire to help others and taught them the difference between right and wrong. He thanked Clr. MacKeil for nominating him this

evening and thanked the other Councillors who have worked with him. He commented that as difficult as it has been in the County the last while he would hope we can move on as a County.

MOTION – DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that all ballots for the election of the Warden be destroyed.
Motion carried.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN

Warden R. Parker called for nominations for the office of Deputy Warden. Clr. Turner nominated Clr. Thompson; Clr. Dewar nominated Clr. Murray for the office of Deputy Warden. All nominees accepted the nomination and briefly addressed Council outlining their qualifications for the office and their vision for the four year Council term.
Clr. Murray was declared elected as Deputy Warden.

MOTION – DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. D. Wadden that all ballots for the election of the Deputy Warden be destroyed.
Motion carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Warden Baillie selected Clr. Baillie, Deputy Warden Murray and Clr. Turner to sit on the Nominating Committee.

RECESS

Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. for a meeting of the Nominating Committee.

RESUMED

Council resumed at 8:55 p.m.

The Chief Administrative Officer administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Clr. Murray.

RESOLUTION – NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the Municipal Council Appointments, Standing Committees & Outside Boards for the 2016/17 term as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES	
Financial Services	Full Council
Property Services	Full Council
Committee of Council as a Whole	Full Council
Executive	Full Council
OUTSIDE BOARDS	
Ad Hoc Road Committee	Deborah Wadden, Darla, MacKeil, David Parker, Andy Thompson and Randy Palmer

Aquaculture Development Working Group	Don Butler, Deborah Wadden, D9 Clr, Corinne MacDonald (Citizen Rep.), Steven MacIntosh (Lease Holder)
Airfield Engineering Flight	Andy Thompson, Allister MacDonald (Citizen Rep.)
Community Grant Review Committee	Robert Parker, Wayne Murray, Ronald Baillie, David Parker, Randy Palmer, Chester Dewar
deCoste – Pictou Library Feasibility Oversight	Larry Turner
Eastern Mainland Housing Authority	Linda Priske (to Feb.19/18)
Fences Arbitration Committee	Joyce Roode (to Nov/16)
Friends of the River John Library Board	Ronald Baillie
Forbes Lake Watershed Committee	Andy Thompson
Hector Arena Commission	Darla MacKeil, Ronald Baillie, David Parker
Heritage Advisory Committee	Don Butler, Deborah Wadden, Darla MacKeil, Wayne Murray, Larry Turner, D9 Clr.
Ivor MacDonald Memorial Rink	Don Butler, Randy Palmer & Andy Thompson
LORDA Board of Directors	David Parker, D9 Clr,
Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP)	Deborah Wadden
New Scotland Business Park	Larry Turner, Randy Palmer, Andy Thompson
Noise Committee	Warden, Deputy Warden & Clr. for area with Complaint
Northumberland Fisheries Museum & Heritage Association Board	Darla MacKeil
Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board	Deborah Wadden
Pictou Co. Firefighter's Assoc. Liaison	Don Butler, Robert Parker, D9 Clr.
Pictou Co. Genealogy & Heritage Society	Darla MacKeil
Pictou County Shared Services Authority	Robert Parker
Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame	Larry Turner
Pictou Co. Wellness Centre Bd. Authority	Robert Parker
Pictou Landing Harbour Authority	Deborah Wadden
Pictou-North Colchester Exhibition	David Parker, Chester Dewar
Pictou Source Water Protection	Darla MacKeil, Wayne Murray
Planning Advisory Committee	Don Butler, Deborah Wadden, David Parker, Randy Palmer, Earle Cameron (to Nov./16), Fielding Smith (to Nov./16)
Police Advisory Board	Ronald Baillie, Wayne Murray, Randy Palmer, Linda Priske (to Nov./16), Len Thomas (to Nov./16), George Crocker (to Nov./16)
Regional Economic Develop	Robert Parker, Larry Turner
REMO: Unified Command Group	Robert Parker, Wayne Murray
Riverton Guest Home Corporation	Don Butler, D9 Clr., Chester Dewar, Earle Cameron (to Dec.31/16), Bonnie Allan (to Dec.31./17)
Riverview Home Corporation	David Parker
Sinclair Island Fishermen's Association	Deborah Wadden
Trenton Source Water Protection Comm.	Deborah Wadden, D9 Clr.
UNSM Delegates	Full Council
OFFICERS	
Returning Officer	Josephine MacDonald (to Nov./19)
Relief Building Inspector	Mike Thompson
Development Officer (Subdivision By-Law)	Jeffery Turnbull
Development Officer (Wind Energy LUB)	Jeffery Turnbull
Dog Control Officer	Anne MacCarthy

Relief Dog Control Officer	John Fillier
Poundkeepers (Dogs)	Pictou County SPCA & Dog Control Officer/Relief DCO
Poundkeepers (Animals @ Large)	Wally Ross

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Baillie that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted as presented.
Motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (9:00 p.m.)

Robert Parker
Warden

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk

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