

June 12, 2017

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Donn Fraser, Solicitor, MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald
Brian Cullen, CAO/Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Karen E. Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Anne MacCarthy, Dog Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Warden R. Parker called the meeting to order and requested that Councillors stand and take a moment in silence to pray or simply reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the County.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Wadden that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

UNITED STEEL WORKERS - PLAQUE

Warden R. Parker circulated a plaque that was presented to the Municipality in recognition of its commitment to honor the lives and memory of Westray miners and determination to ensure all workers are healthy and safe in the workplace. He pointed out a plaque was presented by the United Steel Workers to all 6 municipal units for their leadership in helping to move forward the enforcement of the Westray Bill.

MINUTES – APRIL 3, 2017

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the minutes of April 3, 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

MINUTES – MAY 1, 2017

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the minutes of May 1, 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and acknowledged from the following:

(a) Scott Adamson – Expressing appreciation for the efforts to have the Dunmaglass Tower move to a more suitable location.

(b) Canada Post – Advising that after analyzing customer traffic patterns at the River John Post Office, Canada Post is in the processing of assessing some changes to the facility's hours of operation and will provide advance notice of implementation.

(c) Min. Education & Early Childhood Dev. – Outlining the various opportunities in the Nova Scotia social studies curriculum for students to gain an appreciation for the sacrifices and achievements of those who have served the cause of peace and security for our country and other nations. Remembering Canada's Heroes maintains an ongoing conversation with curriculum consultants and the department and has made copies of their video available for review purpose. Additionally they are visiting classrooms and providing an important learning experience for students.

(d) TIR – Advising that Department staff will re-check stopping site distances at 6078 Highway 4 in Linacy and review findings with the District Traffic Supervisor to determine if any improvements are warranted

(e) Cards of appreciation (uncirculated) for 4-H financial assistance have been received from Sara Sherman, & Oceanna (Sunrise Trail 4-H) & from Safe Harbour for Syrian Refugee funding.

Clr. Wadden referred to correspondence from the Minister of Education and asked that a copy of that letter be sent to Mr. William Green, Remembering Canada's Heroes.

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

There was no recognition of individuals and groups.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warden R. Parker reported that currently on display at the Museum of Industry is "Witnesses to a New Nation" put on by the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. There are 150 buildings throughout Nova Scotia that pre-date confederation. On Saturday, June 17th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm there will be another event at the museum where he will be speaking as Warden. He informed Council he lived in one of these houses that is located on the Greenhill Road where his cousin now lives. There will be a tour of the stone house from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on June 17th as well.

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY HEARING – FRANK R. WALLACE (7:07 P.M.)

At 7:07 p.m. Warden R. Parker convened a hearing with respect to a dangerous and unsightly premises assessed to Frank R. Wallace, 86 Old Row, Thorburn, Pictou County (AAN04795156). Mr. Frank R. Wallace was not present in the Chambers.

Council viewed an electronic presentation of pictures taken earlier today by the By-Law Enforcement Officer showing the property in question. Ms. MacCarthy reported that this property was brought to her attention in November 2016 and she believed the owner has passed away. She has not been contacted by anyone who has expressed an interest in the property. The property poses a danger to

surrounding properties if was to be set on fire and there is another vacant property beside it. The property had burned in 2010 and was boarded up at that time but now some of the boards are not as secure. An initial notice was sent on May 15, 2017 requesting a response by May 23, 2017 but there has been no response to date. She informed Council that notices were sent to Frank R. Wallace by registered mail and the lot was posted.

Warden R. Parker asked if Council is obligated to know who to send the notice to and the Solicitor replied the notice is effective if posted at the property and mailed to the last known address.

Clr. Boyles asked if the taxes are being paid on the property and Ms. MacCarthy replied she was not sure.

Clr. Palmer advised that the property is both dangerous and unsightly and is located close to the Thorburn Post Office.

The CAO informed Council that the taxes on the property are in arrears.

Clr. D. Parker noted that the Province owns the front portion of this lot and he asked if the Municipality has any ability to seek compensation from the Province for the expense of demolishing the structure.

The Solicitor replied that the charge is on the lot that the demolition will be done on.

Clr. D. Parker asked the estimated cost to remove the building and Ms. MacCarthy responded that she does not put out tenders until the 30 day order has lapsed.

Clr. D. Parker asked if that lot could be sold and Clr. Palmer replied it could be sold but he pointed out that this property is one of many that will be coming before Council so we may not be able to recover funds from some of them.

Ms. MacCarthy informed Council that the property is accessible to sewer and street lights so there may be some interest in it.

Clr. Thompson asked if all debris will be removed from the lot as well as the house and Ms. MacCarthy responded the draft order does state in Section 2 to "remove all debris from the property". She would like (if Council considers issuing an Order) that the wording be amended in Section 2 to itemize specifically the cast iron stove, refrigerator and debris on site.

The CAO pointed out that Council only has to issue the Order on the demolition of the building and everything else is an Administrative Order.

Clr. Butler asked if the fact that the taxes are in arrears implies that this will become a property of the Municipality.

The CAO explained that it could trigger a tax sale process at some point however the Municipality does not bid properties in at tax sale so the property would remain in the current owner's name until some future date.

Clr. Wadden asked the cost to take the building down and Ms. MacCarthy replied the 30 day order gives the owner an opportunity to remove the debris. During that time she will investigate the cost to have the job done in the event that the owner does not comply with the Demolition Order.

Clr. Boyles asked if the fire department would come to burn the building down so there would be less debris to move and the CAO replied that the Department of Environment no longer permits that method of demolition.

RESOLUTION – DEMOLITION ORDER

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 finds that the property located at 86 Old Row, Thorburn (Tax Account #04795156), and further described in the attached Order is dangerous and unsightly;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Council, pursuant to Section 346 of Part 15 of Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the *Municipal Government Act*, make an Order in the form attached hereto and forming part of this resolution, the said Order to be signed and issued forthwith on behalf of the Council by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality or his designate.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Andy Thompson

**DRAFT ORDER
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, STATUTES OF NOVA SCOTIA, 1998, CHAPTER 18
ORDER REQUIRING DEMOLITION**

TO: Frank R. Wallace
P.O. Box 149
Thorburn, NS
B0K 1W0

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 346 of *The Municipal Government Act*, The Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou ("the Council" and "the County") has determined that the property located at 86 Old Row, Thorburn, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, associated with Tax Account Number 04795156, and PID #00894360, which lands are included in those more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto attached and forming a part hereof ("the Property") is dangerous or unsightly.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Council orders you to remedy these conditions by doing all of the following work, acts or things ("the work") on the property, that is to say:

Complete all required work to the property as listed below:

- (1) Demolish all sheds and structures which are in a ruinous or dilapidated condition, leaving the site in a safe condition.
- (2) Remove all debris from the property and dispose at an approved site.

THE WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED AND DONE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THIS ORDER.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE

THAT in the event of failure by you to comply with the requirements of this Order within Thirty (30) days after its date of service, the administrator may enter upon the property without warrant or other legal process and carry out the work specified in this Order;

THAT the cost of the work, with interest at the rate determined by the Council, from the date of the completion of the work until the date of payment:

- (a) Is the first lien on the property upon which the work was done and that the property is liable to be sold in a tax sale in accordance with *The Municipal Government Act*, and;
- (b) May at any time be sued for and recovered in an action in the name of the County.

THAT after this Order is served; any person who permits or causes a dangerous or unsightly condition, continues to permit or cause a dangerous or unsightly condition or fails to comply with the terms of the Order is liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, and not more than Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars, and, in default of payment, to imprisonment for not more than three (3) months;

THAT every day during which the condition is not remedied is a separate offence.

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Clr. D. Parker presented the report of the Financial Services Committee as follows:

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

For information purposes the Financial Services Committee submits the following report on the activities of the Committee for the month of May:

1. Reviewed a response from the Minister of Municipal Affairs advising that Council's concerns regarding the Municipal Election Act will be sent to the Elections Review Committee for consideration.
2. Reviewed the report of the Recreation Coordinator for the month of April.
3. Considered several request for financial assistance. (Resolution to follow)
4. Considered an administrative recommendation to write off sewer user charges. (Resolution to follow)
5. Agreed to aid the Friends of Caribou Island in facilitating ownership of the Caribou Island Light House.
6. Reviewed the list of Accounts Paid for the month of April.
7. Reviewed draft budgets for General Operations, and Capital Expenditures, as well as area rates for hydrant and sewer user fees and agreed on recommended rates. (Resolutions to follow)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Clr. Wadden reported that she was not in agreement with Item #5 in the report and would not be supporting the motion.

Motion carried. (1 Nay Vote: Clr. Wadden)

PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Clr. Thompson presented the report of the Property Services Committee as follows:

PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

For information purposes the Property Services Committee submits the following report on the activities of the Committee for the month of May:

1. Reviewed and discussed the reports of the Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement/Dog Control Officer and Warden for the month of April.
2. Reviewed the process used to receive, investigate and resolve complaints involving dangerous and/or unsightly premises and approved a timeline schedule proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer.
3. Acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal advising that departmental staff have completed an assessment of the traffic signal operation at the intersection of the Granton-Abercrombie Rd. and the Trenton Connector and have determined that the signals were functioning properly. This intersection meets the Department's current standards and no additional controls or improvements are warranted.
4. Received an update on the status of capital projects. Construction on the McLellan's Brook/Upper Plymouth Wastewater Phase II Project continues and a directional-drill crew is installing service laterals. Mechanical/Electrical work on the pumping stations is scheduled to begin shortly. Design of the Abercrombie and Springfield Estates Wastewater Extension Projects is currently underway and expected to be complete shortly. Construction tenders for the Green Acres Road have closed and award is recommended to the low bidder (resolution to follow). Design on all 3 sidewalk projects is approximately 90% complete.
5. Received an overview on the completion of the LED Street Light Project.
6. Approved the installation of a conventional street light at 50 Lewis Road, Chance Harbour and agreed to recommend the installation of an intersection light in District 9. (Resolution to follow)
7. Discussed the disposition of two properties in Central West River which vested into the Municipality by way of tax sale. (Resolution to follow)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Andy Thompson
Chester Dewar

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Dewar that the report of the Property Services Committee be received for information purposes.
Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT REPORT

Clr. Wadden gave a report on the activities of the Municipal Alcohol Project Committee. She advised that primarily our conversation this month was on the Workshop I and Clyde Fraser along with Sophie attended concerning the legalization of cannabis. It was an excellent workshop and really brought to a head the concerns we should have with the legalization of cannabis by our Federal Government. It will be legalized July 2018 so time is very short to deal with the many municipal issues we are apt to have with this legislation. The Federal Government is legalizing it, but turning it back to the provinces to frame it and then Municipalities will be responsible to cover their share of this legislation. You should have received an email from the UNSM this morning with the links for the presentations associated with the Cannabis workshop so I encourage all of you to take some time and have a look through all these to get some

indication of the many issues we may be facing by July of next year. Now is the time for municipalities to become involved and let the province know our recommendations for a smoother transition in this process. This has the potential to be a 5 to 7 Billion dollars industry in Canada. We made a lot of mistakes with Liquor so we really should try to avoid the pitfalls with cannabis. We are not sure if our MAP committees will be the champions of this legislation but we do feel we must do something to start making our councils aware and especially here in Pictou County with all 6 of us represented at our table it seems like a good first step. So what we are proposing, sometime late September - early October is to have a session basically following the workshop we attend but with more local input from our MLA's, Dept. of Health, Legal firm, police services and so on . This workshop possible a half day, would be for our mayors and warden, as well as all our Councillors to bring you up to speed on what we should be doing once the province puts the framework out on this issue. We will meet through the summer months to plan this event and really hope to have all councils participate. I am in contact with our UNSM coordinator to see how we can fit what we are doing with our fall conference whether through resolution process or some type of seminar where we can highlight what we see as recommendations to help municipalities better prepare and be a part of the process with legalization.

I will say I was quite taken aback by the information made available to me by attending this workshop. Such things as the importance of zoning to determine where plants can be built or how store fronts should be legislated, the legal age for cannabis, the Feds are saying 18 but our province will determine that along with whether to partner with the NSLC or private entities. The many changes this will bring to our workplaces. The role doctors will have because right now they do not prescribe cannabis just issue the paper patients may benefit from cannabis, as it is currently illegal they cannot prescribe it. So when this becomes legal, the medical profession may just step back as it will now be a legal substance. What about no smoking policies? A real concern is we have no lab in the Atlantic Provinces that can deal with the swab test needed to determine the intoxication level of someone. The list goes on and on, so we have to become much better educated in dealing with this issue and what is our role in making sure this works to improve our communities and not become a real burden especially financially and health wise. So for now I urge all of you to find out all you can and prepare to attend our workshop early in the fall Finally, our committee will be presenting Mr. Trevor Murphy at the Thistle with a letter of appreciation for the steps he has taken to reduce some of the harms associated with his business establishment and the sale of alcohol. This event is taking place tomorrow at 11AM at the Thistle in New Glasgow.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP REPORT

Clr. Turner reported that the Economic Development Working Group did not meet this past month and has nothing to report at this time.

2017/18 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Clr. D. Parker presented the 2017/18 General Operating Budget as follows:



**MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
APRIL 2017- MARCH 2018**

	2016-17 Budget <small>(Including Area Rate)</small>	2016-17 Budget <small>(Excluding Area Rates)</small>	2017-18 Budget <small>(Excluding Area Rates)</small>	Budget Difference %
REVENUE				
TAXES	\$ 18,587,508	\$ 15,192,025	\$ 15,528,876	2.2%
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	191,971	191,971	245,700	21.9%
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE	872,389	872,389	722,668	-20.7%

UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	427,005	427,005	424,379	-0.6%
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	10,500	10,500	14,516	27.7%
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	16,000	16,000	16,065	0.4%
OTHER TRANSERS	284,500	284,500	284,500	0.0%
TOTAL	\$ 20,389,873	\$ 16,994,390	\$ 17,236,704	1.4%

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	\$ 3,140,190	\$ 3,140,190	\$ 2,977,797	-5.5%
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	6,550,223	4,385,029	4,495,542	2.5%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	898,236	496,212	544,810	8.9%
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	2,975,239	2,146,974	2,023,390	-6.1%
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES	105,000	105,000	125,000	16.0%
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SER.	342,200	342,200	542,530	36.9%
RECREATION SERVICES	265,941	265,941	287,032	7.3%
CULTURAL SERVICES	241,404	241,404	249,264	3.2%
EDUCATION	4,650,156	4,650,156	4,770,055	2.5%
SPECIAL ITEMS	925,000	925,000	925,000	0.0%
FINANCING & TRANSFERS	296,284	296,284	296,284	0.0%
TOTAL	\$ 20,389,873	\$ 16,994,390	\$ 17,236,704	1.4%



**MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
APRIL 2017- MARCH 2018**

Unaudited

2016-17 Year to Date (as at 03-31- 2017)	2016-17 BUDGET Approved	2017-18 BUDGET Proposed	Budget Difference %
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**REVENUE
TAXES**

Residential	9,947,063.23	9,926,903.00	10,231,591.00
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Commercial	3,343,434.62	3,146,890.00	3,105,807.00	
Resource	726,254.71	730,036.00	806,880.00	
Area Rates	3,417,055.22	3,395,483.00	0.00	
Business Property	942,410.08	938,196.00	934,598.00	
Deed Transfer Tax	423,403.14	450,000.00	450,000.00	
Sub-total	18,799,621.00	18,587,508.00	15,528,876.00	-16.5%
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES				
Federal government	5,784.34	10,449.00	10,735.00	
Provincial government	248,430.17	181,522.00	234,965.00	
Sub-total	254,214.51	191,971.00	245,700.00	28.0%
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE				
Licenses and permits	78,596.96	72,600.00	78,800.00	
Return on Investment	275,124.38	255,000.00	250,000.00	
Leases	126,867.96	126,868.00	126,868.00	
NSP - Sale of Wind Energy	228,116.78	260,000.00	230,000.00	
Miscellaneous	207,048.57	157,921.00	37,000.00	
Sub-total	915,754.65	872,389.00	722,668.00	-17.2%
UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES				
Provincial Government				
Sub-total	427,005.00	427,005.00	424,379.00	-0.6%
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES				
Federal Government	5,992.00	2,500.00	6,516.00	
Provincial Government	8,047.52	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Sub-total	14,039.52	10,500.00	14,516.00	38.2%
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS				
Towns	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Own Agencies	16,065.00	16,000.00	16,065.00	
	16,065.00	16,000.00	16,065.00	0.4%
OTHER TRANSFERS				
Valuation Allowances	0.00	0.00		
Transfer from Other Funds & Depts.	284,500.00	284,500.00	284,500.00	
Sub-total	284,500.00	284,500.00	284,500.00	0.0%
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	20,711,199.68	20,389,873.00	17,236,704.00	-15.5%

EXPENDITURES**GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

Legislative General	354,371.06	422,342.00	383,097.00
Administrative	1,093,145.88	1,301,085.00	1,568,079.00
Taxation Assessment Services	276,664.23	274,400.00	77,000.00
Banking & Interest Expense	484,723.24	484,723.00	488,400.00
	7,496.38	25,440.00	19,920.00
Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes	105,938.31	0.00	103,349.00
Elections	371,052.41	321,057.00	0.00
Council Grants	297,861.00	203,256.00	201,000.00
Intergovernmental relations	14,110.27	13,800.00	14,100.00
Liability Insurance	66,177.00	66,177.00	55,021.00
Sundry	24,455.70	27,910.00	67,831.00
Capital From Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00

Sub-total	<u>3,095,995.48</u>	<u>3,140,190.00</u>	<u>2,977,797.00</u>	-5.2%
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PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Police Protection	3,118,240.00	3,160,890.00	3,236,700.00
Court Expenses	32,126.71	29,125.00	27,000.00
Corrections By-Law Enforcement	308,852.00	308,853.00	309,878.00
Fire Protection	69,639.20	76,423.00	77,175.00
Emergency measures organization	2,606,562.40	2,716,718.00	530,290.00
Building Inspect. Dept. - Expense	18,914.78	24,000.00	23,551.00
Unsightly Property & Dog Control	162,204.12	194,214.00	195,948.00
Capital From Revenue	12,534.00	40,000.00	65,000.00
	0.00	0.00	30,000.00

Sub-total	<u>6,329,073.21</u>	<u>6,550,223.00</u>	<u>4,495,542.00</u>	-31.4%
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Roads & Streets	214,865.12	299,197.00	278,336.00
Sidewalks	27,320.31	68,000.00	68,000.00
Street Lighting	419,045.07	402,824.00	8,000.00
Capital From Revenue	0.00	128,215.00	190,474.00

Sub-total	<u>661,230.50</u>	<u>898,236.00</u>	<u>544,810.00</u>	-39.3%
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Sewer Services	757,044.69	888,265.00	40,000.00
PCSSA-Garbage & Recycling Services	1,552,285.27	1,564,737.00	1,449,984.00
Public Works Department Expenses	462,345.09	482,237.00	486,406.00
Other Environmental Health	3,027.17	10,000.00	5,000.00
Capital From Revenue	0.00	30,000.00	42,000.00

	Sub-total	2,774,702.22	2,975,239.00	2,023,390.00	-32.0%
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE					
	Sub-total	105,000.00	105,000.00	125,000.00	19.0%
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT					
GIS Department Expenses		83,633.67	86,807.00	89,559.00	
Municipal Planning Regional Development		76,052.58	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Wind Farm Expenses		131,387.44	116,719.00	286,697.00	
Industrial Park Expenses		56,818.82	48,674.00	80,674.00	
Capital From Revenue		0.00	28,400.00	10,000.00	
Sub-total		51,600.00	51,600.00	65,600.00	
Sub-total		399,492.51	342,200.00	542,530.00	58.5%
RECREATION SERVICES					
Grants		138,696.17	125,100.00	146,800.00	
Program expense		15,141.01	17,333.00	17,333.00	
Co-Ordinator		77,849.96	81,858.00	81,329.00	
Student Expenses		28,358.35	32,150.00	32,070.00	
Municipal Newsletter		9,010.31	9,500.00	9,500.00	
Sub-total		269,055.80	265,941.00	287,032.00	7.9%
CULTURAL SERVICES					
Regional Library		186,904.00	186,904.00	186,904.00	
Branch Library		50,229.99	54,500.00	50,360.00	
Heritage Program		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Canada 150 Grants		0.00	0.00	12,000.00	
Sub-total		237,133.99	241,404.00	249,264.00	3.3%
EDUCATION					
Mandatory Contribution					
Sub-total		4,650,156.00	4,650,156.00	4,770,055.00	2.6%
SPECIAL ITEMS					
Municipal Services Grants		280,552.05	250,000.00	250,000.00	
Inter-municipal Contributions		757.02	225,000.00	225,000.00	
Deed Transfer Tax		423,403.14	450,000.00	450,000.00	
Sub-total		704,712.21	925,000.00	925,000.00	0.0%
FINANCING and TRANSFERS					
Principal on Inter-fund Loan		200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	
Transfer to Reserves		96,284.00	96,284.00	96,284.00	
Sub-total		296,284.00	296,284.00	296,284.00	0.0%

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURE

19,522,835.92

20,389,873.00

17,236,704.00

-15.5%

**Excess Revenue over
Expenditure**

1,188,363.76

0.00

0.00

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the 2017/18 General Operating Budget be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 2017/18 TAX RATES

Clr. D. Parker 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, 2017 – March 31, 2018 is approved in the amount of \$17,236,704 and after making the allowance for estimated revenue in the amount of \$3,076,684 the amount of \$14,160,020 is required from general taxation of the assessed valuation of \$1,529,653,807.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Rate for the fiscal period April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 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 16th day of October, 2017, with all costs and expenses of levy and on all proceedings incidental thereto: and further, if the said taxes are not paid before the 16th day of October 2017 an additional penalty charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – CAPITAL BUDGET

Clr. Turner 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 2017/18 – 2021/22 Capital Budget in the amount of \$12,379,202, the same having been reviewed and approved the Financial Services Committee of Council.



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. Comish 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, 2018.

Date June 12, 2017

Deputy Municipal Treasurer

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						Long-Term Borrowing (Utilities)	Long-Term Borrowing (General)		
	Code		Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	Code	
YEAR 1 20 17 / 18													
Industrial Park Debt Payment	661	51,600	1										
Truck Purchase	290	72,000	1										
Plotter GIS	690	14,000	1										
Sidewalks	322	315,000	1										
Paving Roads J Class	321	140,474	1										
Paving Municipal	321	317,527	4										
Solar Panels Mun. Bldg.	121	149,003											
PW PS1 & PS2 Replacement	422	495,400											
MacLehans Brook-Plymouth Sewer	421	7,212,788											
Alma Springfield Estates Sewer	421	903,117	4										
Alma Springfield Estates Water	417	1,354,676	4										
Abercrombie Sewer	421	1,027,217	4										
Year 1 Totals		12,052,802											
		12,052,802											
Sidewalks: Riverton - 50,000	Alma-85,000	MacGregor Avenue 185,000											
Paving J Class: Elishiri Rd & Viggo Holm Rd													
Paving Municipal: Green Acres Rd													
Prepared for Municipal Council													
Source: Information provided to Municipal Council													
Date: June 12, 2017													

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Larry Turner
Peter Boyles

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 2017/18 HYDRANT FEES

Clr. Dewar 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 2017/18:

AREA RATES

<u>Type of Area Rate</u>	<u>Per \$100 Assessment</u>	<u>Flat</u>
Hydrant Fee – Residential	\$	\$ 248.00
Hydrant Fee – Commercial	0.0029	
Hydrant Fee – Institutional	0.0044	
Sewer Maintenance Fee		303.00

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 16th day of October, 2017. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 16th day of October, 2017 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar
Andy Thompson

MOTION

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

Clr. Boyles referred to the hydrant fees and pointed out that Brian Best a resident who lives in his district but is within 1,000 ft. of a New Glasgow hydrant so he asked if Mr. Best has to pay hydrant fees.

The CAO responded that Mr. Best has to be within 1,000 ft. of a County hydrant and Clr. Boyles pointed out that Mr. Best is paying hydrant fees but he is not within 1,000 ft. of a County hydrant.

The CAO reported that he would need the particulars so they look into that issue.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 2017/18 FIRE RATES

Clr. Wadden presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council authorize the rating and collection of the following fire rates on properties assessed in the fire coverage areas throughout the Municipality for the fiscal period 2017/18:

#	FIRE DEPARTMENT	RATE PER \$100 ASSESSMENT	RATE PER ACRE	FLAT RATE
1	Abercrombie	\$0.085 Residential 0.095 Commercial	\$0.01 0.01	\$
2	Alma	0.10	0.01	
3	Barney's River	0.16	0.01	
4	Blue Mountain	0.16	0.01	
5	Caribou	0.09	0.01	
6	East River St. Mary's	0.16	0.01	
7	East River Valley	0.16	0.01	
8	Eureka	0.14	0.01	
9	Linacy	0.17	0.01	
10	Little Harbour	0.08	0.01	
11	Merigomish	0.16	0.01	
12	Pictou Landing	0.19	0.01	
13	Plymouth	0.20	0.01	
14	River John	0.10	0.01	
15	Scotsburn	0.13	0.01	
16	Thorburn	0.14	0.01	
17	Trenton		0.01	59.86
18	West River	0.13	0.01	

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the 16th day of October, 2017. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 16th day of October, 2017 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Deborah Wadden
Don Butler

MOTION

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

RESOLUTION – BUDGET GRANTS

Clr. Palmer 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 2017/18 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	CHAD	Operating Expenses	\$ 57,800.00
2	Festival of the Tartans Committee	Event Expenses	500.00
3	Multicultural Assoc. of Pictou County	Program Expenses	2,500.00
5	New Glasgow Farmers Market Cooperative	Membership Fees, & Tents	5,000.00
6	New Glasgow Riverfront Jubilee Society	Event Expenses	5,000.00
7	Pictou Agricultural Society	Light Hs. Barn Repairs, Paint, Mower Repairs, Mowing & Gravel	10,000.00
8	Pictou County Chamber of Commerce	"Large Bus. of the Yr." Award	1,000.00
9	Pictou County Christmas Fund	Telethon Donation	500.00
10	Pictou County Cruise Committee	Membership Fee & Trade Show Exp.	2,000.00
11	Pictou Co. Council of Seniors Outreach	Lunch & Learn Program Exp.	5,000.00
12	Pictou Co. Firefighters Assoc.	Digital Fire Trainer	3,000.00
13	Pictou Co. Mental Illness Family Support Association	"Bright Smiles" Dental Health Care Project	1,000.00
14	Pictou Co. Municipalities Crime Prevention Assoc.	Operating Expenses	5,000.00
15	Pictou Co. Roots for Youth Society	Operating Expenses	5,000.00
16	Pictou County Scouting	Wastewater Holding Tk., Wash Str., Lodge Sills & Floor	5,000.00
17	Pictou Island Heritage Society	Pictou Island Iceboat Building	2,500.00
18	Pictou Lobster Carnival	Boat Races & Entertainment	7,000.00
19	Plymouth Community & Recreation Assoc.	Solar Panels	10,000.00 (conditional on sourcing remaining funds)
20	Read by the Sea	Literary Festival Expenses	3,500.00
21	River John Community Action Society	Farmer's Market Expenses	2,000.00
22	River John Festival Days Association	Event Expenses	4,000.00
23	VON Pictou County	Volunteer Transportation Pgm.	5,000.00
			\$142,300.00
	MARKETING GRANTS		
24	Destination Eastern & Northern Shores	Operating Expenses	19,696.45
			\$ 19,696.45
	RECREATION GRANTS		
25	deCoste Entertainment Centre	Operating Expenses	15,000.00
26	District 13 Recreation & Planning Comm.	Steel Roof	24,039.00

27	Highland District Soccer Association	Operating Expenses	7,500.00
28	New Caledonian Curling Club	Heat Pumps	3,000.00
29	Pictou County Historical Society	Operating Expenses	500.00
			\$ 50,039.00
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GTS.		
30	District 13 Recreation & Planning Comm.	Community Coordinator	\$ 5,000.00
31	East River Valley Comm. Dev. Assoc.	Community Coordinator	4,000.00
32	District One Development Society	Community Coordinator	5,000.00
33	River John Community Action Society	Community Coordinator	12,000.00
			\$ 26,000.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$238,035.45

DATED at Pictou, NS this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer
Andy Thompson

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Deputy Warden Murray presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

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

Municipal Services:

D01	District 1	\$ 200.00	St. Lights @ Merigomish Hall
D01	Thorb. & Dist. War Vet Ass.	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D01	Kenzieville Comm. Ctr.	1,700.00	Steel Door & Operat. Exp.
D01	Pictou Co. Celtic Assoc.	900.00	Music Instruction
D01	Merigomish Cemetery Co.	1,700.00	Operating Expenses
D01	Kenzieville Cemetery Co.	1,500.00	Lawn Mower
D01	Merig. & Area Rec. & Soc. Ass.	1,200.00	Gravel Parking Lot
D01	Barney's Riv. Stn. Sch. Hs. Mus.	1,000.00	Joist, Windows & Deck
D01	Frank H. MacDonald School	1,000.00	Breakfast Program
D01	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	1,600.00	Chairs

D01	Murray's Point Cemetery	1,200.00	Stone Restoration
D01	Telford Cemetery Assoc.	800.00	Gravel
D01	St. Andrew's Cemetery	1,200.00	Operating Expenses
D01	District One Newsletter	2,000.00	Printing & Distribution Expenses
D01	District One Meals on Wheels	600.00	Food Delivery Containers
D01	District One Fitness Challenge	200.00	Promotion Expenses
D01	Sutherland's Riv. Pioneer Cem.	300.00	Lawn Care
D01	Barney's Riv. Vol. Fire Dept.	1,000.00	Washing Machine
D01	Merigomish & Dist. Fire Dept.	1,000.00	Fire Equipment
D01	Senior's Outreach Program	500.00	8 Wk. Pgm. Event Expenses
D02	Lt. Hbr. Community Ctr.	5,000.00	Gravel, Paint, Insulation & Heater
D02	Lt. Hbr. Walk. Trail & Bicycl. Soc	500.00	Upgrades to Roy's Island Trail
D02	District 2	10,841.00	PL & Lt. Hbr. St. Lights
D03	District 3	250.00	Bayview Hall St. Lights
D03	Caribou Riv. Community Club	4,000.00	Humidex, Lts, Thermostat, Chairs & Projector Screen
D03	Seaboard Cemetery	1,500.00	Brush Cutting, Top Soil, Gravel
D03	Waterside Cemetery Co.	2,500.00	Annual Maintenance & Gravel
D03	Caribou Island Cemetery	500.00	Annual Maintenance
D03	Caribou Riv. Upper Cemetery	1,000.00	Gravel, Topsoil & Lawn Care
D03	Bay View Community Hall	2,500.00	Pressure Washing & Painting
D03	Caribou Dist. Fire Dept.	8,900.00	Bunker Gear & Hose
D03	Central Caribou Cemetery	4,000.00	Tree Removal, Lawn Care, Sign
D04	Toney River Community Hall	3,000.00	Parking Lot Improvements
D04	Burns Memorial Presby. Ch.	2,000.00	Refinish Wood Floors
D04	St. John's Anglican Church	1,500.00	Stone Repairs, Grnds. Mtnce.
D04	Campbell's Cemetery	2,500.00	Stone Repairs, Grnds. Mtnce.
D04	Salem Cemetery	1,200.00	Maintenance

D04	Royal Can Leg. Bch 108	2,500.00	Student Exp., Stone & Engraving
D04	RJ & Area Recreation	1,500.00	Student Exp. & Maintenance
D04	Mountain Road Cemetery	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D04	River John & Area Historic. Soc.	4,000.00	Op. Exp. & Window/Floor Repairs
D04	West Bch. & Area Comm. Assoc.	1,150.00	Ext. Paint. & Yard Light Exp.
D04	District 4	430.00	Welsford St. Lights
D04	RJ Meals on Wheels	1,000.00	Meals for Seniors
D05	Meadowville-Poplar Hill Comm. Hall	5,000.00	Electrical Upgrades
D05	Lyon's Brook Hall	14,601.02	Roof, Water Treatment, Signage & Storage
D05	Bethel Presbyterian Church	10,000.00	Heat Pump
D05	District 6	400.00	Meadowville Community Hall & Elmfield Community Hall St. Lights
D06	Durham Comm. Hall	2,400.00	Lgt. Fixtures, Gravel, Sign, Shelving
D06	West Riv. Fire Dept.	3,400.00	Steps & Wheel Chair Ramp
D06	West Riv. Presby. Church	5,400.00	Steeple Improvements
D07	Saltsprings Car Pool	400.00	Street Light
D07	LORDA	5,000.00	Operating Expenses
D07	New Lairg Pioneer Cemetery	500.00	Mtnce. & Road Repairs
D07	Mill Brook & Area Comm. Club	8,449.83	Repairs to Hall, Driveway & Well
D07	West River Fire Department	4,000.00	Deck, Stairs & Wheelchair Ramp
D09	Northumberland RC Modelers	5,895.00	Fencing
D09	Hillside Cemetery	3,000.00	Stone Repairs
D09	Priestville-Walkerville Cemetery	4,000.00	Maintenance
D09	Linacy Fire Department	6,400.00	Breathing Apparatus
D10	Thorburn & Dist. War Veteran's Assoc.	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
D10	McPherson's Mills Comm. Hall	3,696.00	Drainage & Doorstep
D10	Dist. 13 Rec. & Plan. Comm.	2,717.00	Summer Recreation Pgm. & Field Mtnce.
D10	IOOF More Lodge #19	2,717.00	Siding, Ceiling, Windows & Gyproc

D10	Thorburn & Dist. Fire Dept.	2,264.00	Interior Painting
D10	St. Alban's Anglican Church	2,717.00	Interior repairs due to Water Damage
D10	Thorburn Cemetery Assoc.	1,630.00	Maintenance of Grounds
D10	MacLennan's Mtn. Cemetery	1,359.00	Maintenance of Grounds
D10	McPherson's Mills Cemetery	1,250.00	Gravel & Loam
D10	MacLellan's Bk. & Area Com. Ctr.	453.00	Operating Expenses
D11	Blue Mtn. Dist. Vol. Fire Dep.	1,500.00	Electrical Panel, Plugs, Lts.
D11	Garden of Eden Cemetery	400.00	Lawn Mower
D11	Garden of Eden Comm. Club	1,000.00	Soffit & Kitchen Equipment
D11	Knox Presbyterian Church	1,150.00	Stained Glass Window Reprs.
D11	Churchville Hall	1,000.00	Capital Improvements
D11	Plymouth Fire Dept.	750.00	Community Rm. Plans & Dwgs.
D11	Plym. Fire Dept. Ladies Aux.	750.00	Community Rm. Plans & Dwgs.
D11	District 11 Summer Recreation	750.00	Program Expenses
D11	East Riv. Val. Com. Dev. Ass.	1,500.00	Newltr, Com. Gdn. Snowshoe Wk.
D11	East Riv. Val. Rec. Assoc.	3,500.00	Bathroom Improv'ts. & Ramp
D11	Glencoe Community Hall	1,500.00	Window Replacements
D11	Springville Church Hall	1,000.00	Springville Church Hall
D11	Sunny Brae War Mem. Soc.	250.00	Lawn Care
D11	East Riv. Val. Fire Dept.	1,500.00	Light Improvements
D11	Sunny Brae Cemetery	400.00	Storage Shed Roof, Stone Mtnce.
D11	MacDonald Rebekah Lodge	1,350.00	Rain Gutters, Step Rail, Wall Rep.
D11	SBI 4-H	400.00	Projects, Trips, Ex., Achiev. Days
D11	East Riv. St. Mary's Fire Dept.	1,500.00	Oil Tank & Door Steps
D11	Bridgeville Community Club	1,000.00	Redevelopment Costs
D12	Lorne Community Hall	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
D12	Hopewell & Area Pk & Ftbridge	2,500.00	Op. Exp + Candy Cane Exp.
D12	Friends of Iona Park	1,000.00	Operating Expenses

D12	Eureka & Dist. Vol. Fire Dept.	2,500.00	Operating Expenses
D12	First Presbyterian Church	250.00	Hopewell War Mem. Op. Exp.
D12	Riverton Cemetery	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D12	Lome Cemetery	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D12	Hopewell 4-H Club	750.00	Eureka War Mem. Exp, Lawn Care & 4-H Projects
D12	East Riv. Val. Com. Dev. Ass.	2,000.00	Newsletter & Op. Expenses
D12	East Riv. Valley Rec. Assoc.	<u>500.00</u>	Op. & Mtnc. of Rec. Field
		\$217,719.85	

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D01	Pictou County Celtic Assoc.	\$ 150.00	Music Workshop
	Barney's River Fire Dept.	150.00	Banner
	Lismore & Dist. Comm. Hall	350.00	Community Celebrations
	Merigomish Comm. Hall	50.00	Community Celebrations
D02	Hbr. Authority of P. Landing	500.00	Community Celebrations
	Little Hbr. Comm. Centre	500.00	Community Celebrations
D03	Caribou Riv. Comm. Hall	200.00	Family Fun Day
	Cent. & NE-NS Bch Monarchist Lea	150.00	Entertainment & Venue Exp.
	Caribou Women's Institute	200.00	Ice Cream Social
	Pictou North Col. Exhibition	150.00	Agriculture Promotion
	Caribou Dist. Fire Department	300.00	Dance Expenses
D04	Royal Canadian Legion	500.00	July 1 st Events
	West Branch & Area Comm. Ass.	500.00	Community Dance Expenses
D05	Scotsburn Recreation	1,000.00	Comm. Celebrations/Fireworks
D06	Friends of Green Hill Park	260.00	Tree Planting
	Durham Heritage Society	490.00	
	Durham Men's Club	250.00	Flag Pole
D07	Salt Springs Element. School	650.00	Trees & Flowers
	Mill Brook Community Club	350.00	Flag Pole & Flag
D09	Linacy Fire Department	1,000.00	Canada Day Events
D10	Thorburn & Dist. Fire Dept.	500.00	Community Fun Day
	Dist. 13 Rec. & Plann. Comm.	500.00	Canada Day Celebrations
D11	Blue Mtn. Fire Dept.	200.00	Flags, BBQ
	Churchville Community Hall	200.00	Basket, Ticket Sale & Tea
	East River Valley Recreation	200.00	Party @ Recreation Field
	Garden of Eden Community Club	200.00	Birthday Cake & Refreshments
	Plymouth Comm. & Rec. Assoc.	200.00	Community Day

D12 Hopewell & Area Park & Footbridge Assoc. 1,000.00 Community Celebrations
 \$ 11,000.00

Council:

Northumberland Reg. High Sch.	\$ 1,000.00	5 \$200 Bursaries for graduating Students from the Municipality who will be attending Community College or University
North Nova Education Centre	1,000.00	5 \$200 Bursaries for graduating Students from the Municipality who will be attending Community College or University
River John Lyon's Club	2,400.00	SCORE Program Rental
Pictou County 4-H	250.00	Exhibition & Awards Night Trophies
William Austin	<u>100.00</u>	Nicaragua Social Enterprise Project
	\$ 4,750.00	
	<u>\$233,469.85</u>	

Trenton & Area Minor Softball	\$ 1,000.00	Extension of deadline to utilize \$1,000 for fencing, backstop & lighting, originally approved by Council on Oct. 3/16
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DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray
 Ronald Baillie

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Cir. Baillie that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.
 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – TAX WRITE-OFFS

Cir. Dewar 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 sewer charges, 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>
08833672	David & Margaret MacLeod	\$1,068.45	No Sewer Infrastructure in the community
01805355	Brian Best	<u>1,434.78</u>	No County Sewer Infrastructure
		\$2,503.23	

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Chester Dewar
Andy Thompson

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – GREEN ACRES ROAD TENDERS

Clr. D. Parker acknowledged Mr. Harold Fraser who is in attendance this evening who is a resident of Green Acres Road and for several years he was the Chair of the Green Acres Road Committee. Mr. Fraser had stepped up when the developer abandoned the road and made sure winter maintenance and basic repairs were done.

Clr. D. Parker presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS tenders have been called for the completion of upgrades to Green Acres Road;

WHEREAS a total of 4 tenders were received as follows:

	<u>TENDER AMOUNT</u> <u>(Excluding HST)</u>
C. F. Construction	\$304,476.61
Blaine MacLean Excavation	325,745.00
Dexter	420,910.00
S W Weeks	308,075.60

WHEREAS the Director of Public Works & Development advises that the low bid meets all of the requirements of the tender and recommends the acceptance of the low tender;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the tender submitted by C. F. Construction Limited in the amount of \$304,476.61 for upgrades to Green Acres Road.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Daria MacKeil

MOTION

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

Clr. D. Parker pointed out that Green Acres Road is a subdivision that has Maple, Pine and Oak Streets. He asked if those 3 streets need to be named and the CAO replied they do not need to be named because Council is accepting the tender only.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – INTERSECTION STREET LIGHTS

Clr. Boyles presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted a policy with respect to the provision of street lighting at intersections in areas where residential street lighting does not exist;

WHEREAS this policy is intended to aid in the safe passage of motor vehicles on public streets or roads and pedestrian traffic at street intersections and other pedestrian infrastructure in a manner which is both affordable and adequate for vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

WHEREAS the Property Services Committee has considered requests for an intersection street light in District # 9;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the installation of intersection street lights, in accordance with Policy #2016-03-34, at the following intersection:

District #9: at the intersection of the John Campbell Road and the Little Harbour Road.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Peter Boyles
Larry Turner

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTIES

Clr. D. Parker presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou owns 2 parcels of land in the Central West River area which were acquired at the 2000 and 2003 Tax Sales;

WHEREAS the properties in question are identified with Assessment Account #01741403 and #04177851;

WHEREAS it is the determination of the Property Services Committee that these properties are no longer required for the purposes of the Municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council declare the aforementioned properties to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Chief Administrative Officer be instructed take all necessary steps to advertise the two properties for sale by public tender.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) David Parker
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – SHEEP VALUERS

Clr. MacKeil 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 2017/18:

DIST. # 2	Alan Keefe
DIST. # 3	William Ferguson
DIST. # 4	Doug White
DIST. #10	Carolyn Thompson
DIST. #11	Carolyn Thompson & Mark Wannamaker
DIST. #12	Willard MacDonald

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil
Ronald Baillie

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Deputy Warden Murray presented a resolution to Council as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the terms of the Collective Agreement negotiated on behalf of the Municipality and enter into a contract with the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union for a contract covering the employees of Local 60 which will be in effect from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2021.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 12th day of June, 2017.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray
David Parker

MOTION

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

Motion carried.

ROAD REPAIRS – WALKERVILLE RD., ANDERSON'S MTN RD., & LOGAN RD.

Clr. Boyles reported the Walkerville Road leads to the high school and before the road was patched there were people leaving the high school driving on the wrong side of the road. The Department of Transportation should make sure that road is in better condition especially with the buses travelling on it to and from the school. He also pointed out the Anderson's Mountain and Logan Roads both need to be repaired and he asked they be added to the list of roads for repairs.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Turner that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal, with a copy to Tim Houston, MLA, Pictou East, asking that the Walkerville, Anderson's Mountain and Logan Roads be added to the list of roads for repaving.

Warden R. Parker pointed out there are roads in all areas of Pictou County that are in poor condition and suggested that Council meet with TIR to discuss ways to improve road conditions.

Motion carried.

FCM & UNSM CONFERENCE REPORTS – CLR. D. WADDEN

Clr. Wadden reported on her experiences at the UNSM Spring Conference and the FCM Annual Conference as follows:

UNSM Spring Conference

We had an excellent spring conference this year. The first event was with Engage NS which was held at their very beautiful Centre in Lochaber. For me, the most important part of this session was the workshop "Working Across Municipalities and First Nations to address Regional Issues". It was led by Jim Mustard from Victoria County and Margaret Poulette, elder with the We'Koma'q First Nations in Cape Breton. She very gently told her story and it is very difficult to try and understand why our First Nations were made to suffer so much by our descendants. This lady was 3 years old when she and her older brother and sister were torn from her parents and her home and forced to live in a residential school where she was separated from her siblings, and not allowed to have any connection to her orientation. She was not allowed to speak Micmac, her hair was cut short, she was beaten and punished and until she got very sick four years later, had no contact with her parents. When she finally did meet them again, she didn't know what to call them so used Mr. and Mrs. We are at a point in our history where we must reconcile the issues which have torn our communities apart. It is fair to say both sides have trust issues but we must work through our differences and really learn to understand each other. We both have so much potential to grow our country but we must do it side by side. One comment Margaret made was concerning our Canada 150 - the First Nations do not have a reason to celebrate our 150 but perhaps our next 150 celebration will include everyone.

With all sessions I attend now, special mention is made to the fact we are on First Nations land and must respect that. We will continue to hear more and more about reconciliation so we as a council must start to take steps to build a relationship with the First Nations community in our Municipality, in fact in the Centre of my District 2, Pictou Landing First Nations. I would like to thank Warden Parker for taking the time to attend the Powwow session held while I was in Ottawa attending our FCM. This is how we start to build a relationship, respecting their culture and wanting to be a part of their celebrations. The next two days of the conference was held in Antigonish at St FX. This was one of the best spring conferences I have ever attended. Again the UNSM Website has all the presentations available but the ones I would like to highlight were:

Physician Recruitment with Tricia Cochrane and Dr. Lynne Harriman. It was a much more positive presentation than most I have heard. For example, the National Average for Canadians with no Doctor is 14.9% but NS is 10.6% - much better than the national average. Having said that, no one wants to be without a doctor normally but we are doing much better than some provinces - what they showed for our Northern region is 3712 registered as requiring a doctor. The total in our province is 29,547. Now again we must keep in mind that not all people want a family doctor. A clear message from this presentation is that we are all responsible for recruitment. The days of a single doctor having a huge practice and working 24/7 are just about gone. Approximately half of the doctors graduating are women who want to raise families like everyone else and Doctors no longer want to work night and day but have set hours with days off. That is why there is a huge trend to collaborative practices. As Municipal representatives we must learn to sell our province. Stop all the criticisms and start listing our great benefits, which really makes sense when you think about it. Who would consider coming here when we speak so much negative, what we don't have. Start saying what we do have. The recruitment doctor for Northern region is Shirley Symes. Again, this whole presentation is on the UNSM website and I do recommend you take the time to read it. Another workshop was Municipal Trail Blazers. There were a few stories told here but I was really impressed with partnership with The Municipality of Chester and Kaiser Meadow. This program has the potential to drastically change the whole concept we have of waste management. They have the ability to separate the plastic and other materials by steaming and the end result is a very high quality pellet for burning and a synthetic diesel fuel. This process has the potential to save millions of dollars in landfill costs and gets rid of garbage.

I attended the UNSM updates for what is happening at UNSM - highlighting Accountability and Transparency with councils and A Fire Study which has 3 top issues:

Funding

Fire Service Standards

Organizational Structure

A report is expected to be released end of June

NS Action Plan for Aging Populations and Solid Waste, a review of the whole system which is the first time in 20 years.

I attended the workshop on RENS which I must be honest am not really sold on. The message I did hear was basically they do a lot of data compiling for areas. They like to employ 5 or 6 full time staff which seems quite expensive. They do not do Economic Development. They are planning an Annual Provincial REN Conference and a website platform to provide a portal to all of the Nova Scotia RENS.

For me, I cannot stress enough the importance of attending these conferences and workshops as a way of improving your personal development as a Councillor. We must constantly learn and grow as Councillors and these types of educational training is a must. You have an opportunity to see and hear what is happening in other areas of the province and how issues are being dealt with, you learn what is happening across Canada in comparable areas to Pictou County and how these issues are being handled. And you learn new strategies and ways of dealing with issues we are all facing today.

2017 FCM Conference

"Shaping Canada's Future" got underway on Friday June 2 with Our Prime Minister being the first political keynote speaker, this was followed by the forum: The future is now for Municipal Leadership which highlighted the importance of. Nation building and the strong partnerships between the federal and municipal governments. Speakers were Hon Sochi Minister of Infrastructure and Communities along with Clark Somerville our past FCM president

The first workshop was Rural and Remote Broadband Opportunities. There is no doubt that both wired and wireless broadband traffic is growing in Canada but rural and remote municipalities need good affordable options and running that "last mile " connectivity continues to be a problem. It was a good discussion on the continuing problems facing our communities such as the large Telcos having to keep their shareholders happy, CRTC making good decisions so we can continue to work to connect all Canada from coast to coast to coast and where should Municipalities be partnering and with whom to grow our broadband connections.

During lunch we had the opportunity to sit through some various presentations such as Building an Accessible Canada, Generating more Revenue for You Municipality, Vision Zero and Traffic Safety in Canada and Smart Communities Our next political keynote was Finance Critic, Hon Gerard Deltel.

The next workshop I attended was Reconciliation through Economic Development Service Agreements and Relationship Building. I cannot stress the importance of strengthening our relationship with our First Nations. Forging the path of reconciliation is a must for all municipalities and we have our own Pictou Landing First Nations right in the middle of my District which we need to build a better and stronger relationship with. Ignoring each other is no longer an option. We must learn to sit together to see how we can learn to trust each other and build on that relationship. We both have so much to offer that we need to be at the table together.

The Mayors reception was held that night.

Day 2 started with our resolutions and we passed 4 at this session. I have a copy of these if anyone wishes to read them.

We then had a session on Shaping Rural Canadas next 150 years One of the panelists here was Halifax Mayor Mike Savage and it was rather surprising to see Halifax at this forum but in the big scheme, Halifax is a small city with many rural areas so they too are facing the same problems and concerns as other rural communities.

Our next political Keynote speaker was Hon Tom Mulcair, leader of the NDP.

The next workshop I attended was, As an Elected Official, what is my role in Stakeholder Engagement? This workshop as a Councillor you learned how councils should engage their communities, as well as the role of Councillors, staff and your CAO - we all have our jobs to do and things go much smoother when you do the job function you are supposed to be doing in this relationship.

Once again during lunch you've had the opportunity to sit through various presentations such as Financing Matters, Advancing the Urban Surface Evolution, Managing the Risks of Bike Parks and Getting Better operational and financial control over your Municipal Assets and Prudent Public Private Cities.

My next workshop was Youth Forum, How Young Elected Officials are changing our communities. We must do a better job of encouraging our young people to become involved. We need them volunteering in their communities and being a part of Municipal solutions. Just because they are young certainly does not mean they do not deserve to be at our council tables. The panel they had were young and so interesting

to listen to. One of the panelists was Lindell Smith, a 26 year old recently elected to Halifax council. Here is a young man who has always worked and volunteered in his community and now he is at the council table making decisions for Halifax. These young Councillors have the same fears and challenges as we older Councillors have but they also have a different perspective on how to solve some of the problems too. Following this workshop was the signing of the MOU between FCM and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy - FCM has formally indicated its support for the Global Covenant and now these two organizations will begin to explore how FCM can serve as the primary representative of the Global Covenant in Canada. This is a huge step as Municipalities continue to tackle climate change.

Our third day started at 7AM with the Breakfast Fundraiser for FCM Women in Municipal Government Scholarships. We need to continue to encourage women to take an active role in Municipal politics. Currently we stand at approximately 26% representation but where over 50% of our population is women, this 26% has to be higher. This scholarship fund helps women attain their goals to become better educated and more inclined to enter municipal politics. One of the highlights was the presentation of the Anne Maclean award to Claire Detheridge, a past president of our own UNSM. How thrilling to be a woman from NS attending this fundraiser and the award being presented was in honor of the role New Glasgow's former mayor, Anne MacLean, played in the FCM and the person receiving was another very deserving previously elected woman Councillor from Cape Breton NS. It makes me very proud of the role our small province plays within the FCM We had our annual General Meeting and Elections followed by our final Political Keynote speaker, Hon Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party.

We had the FCM Tree Planting Ceremony followed by our Board Member elections. NS is represented by Timothy Habinski from Annapolis County and Tom Taggart from Colchester County. Our closing Key note Speaker was Jon Montgomery. Most of you may know him from our 2010 Vancouver Olympics where he won gold for Canada in skeleton. Or you may also know him from the TV show the Amazing Canadian Race. Either way it was a very motivational way to end our conference. If any of you remember his walk through the Olympic Village and his pitcher of beer drink, that old plastic pitcher was raffled off for \$600 and the funds went to our FCM Women in Municipal Government Scholarship Fund.

It was quite a way to end.

Warden R. Parker informed Council that he attended the Powwow in Pictou Landing and got to see the culture of the First Nations. There were a fair number of people in attendance other than the First Nations Community themselves and that is what they want so they can share their culture. We need to make a concerted effort to work more closely with the First Nations on economic, environmental and cultural issues.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES & NOTICES OF MOTION

Clr. Turner reported that he received an email from a resident in his District asking to extend the Landfill Voucher Program until December.

Warden R. Parker pointed out that Council just recently extended the program until the end of November.

Clr. Palmer reported Council had reasons why the program was not extended beyond November because of staffing issues.

Clr. Turner reported the owner of the condominiums in Abercrombie would like to make a presentation to Council about how his residents feel about the Street Lighting Policy.

Warden R. Parker reported that he has to send a letter requesting he would like to make a presentation to the Property Services Committee.

Clr. Boyles reported that he would like to have a discussion at the next Property Services Committee about the length of time it is taking Black & MacDonald to install the LED lights.

The CAO pointed out the delay is not on Black & MacDonald but it is actually the supply of fixtures because there is a shortage of lights being produced by LED Road Light Way. They expect to have the inventory within the next few weeks.

Warden R. Parker reported that he would like to have a discussion on a better way to handle these road issues at a future Property Services Committee meeting.

Cir. Boyles pointed out we could ask the MLAs to see if they have any information or suggestions they may be able to provide to help with these road issues.

Cir. Wadden reported that we could ask the TIR's Area Manager to meet with Council as well.

MOTION

It was moved by Cir. D. Parker and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (8:30 p.m.)



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