



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, @ 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS/YOUTUBE STREAMING CHANNEL

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Emergency Resolutions
6. **Review of Consolidated Financial Statements March 31, 2023**
7. **Errors and Omissions/Corrections to Minutes**
 - a. March 4, 2024
8. **Correspondence** (Information enclosed)
 - a. Letter regarding Spring Bear Hunt
9. **Recognition** (Information enclosed)
 - a. Lismore Wintertime Revue 25th Anniversary
10. **Presentation**
 - a. Pictou County Partnership – Wade Tibbo
11. **Business Not Requiring Action** (Information enclosed)
 - a. New Scotland Inc. Report
12. **Business Items or Items Requiring Action**
 - a. High School Bursary and Graduation Expenses – DW Murray
 - b. Recreation Sponsorship Grants – Clr. Palmer
 - c. Community Connectivity Grant – Clr. Wadden
 - d. Letter regarding lack of Spare Bus Driver – Clr. Wadden
(Information enclosed)

13. **Consideration of Deferred Business** (Information enclosed)
 - a. Letter of Support for the New Glasgow Farmers Market
14. Community Announcements
15. Motions of Reconsideration
16. **In-Camera** - Valley View Villa Discussion requested by Clr. Boyles
17. Adjournment

March 25, 2024
To Sueann Musick

Director of Corporate Services MUNICIPAL OFFICE
46 Municipal Drive, Pictou Nova Scotia, Canada

Dear Council, I write this letter to the Municipality of Pictou County, in an effort to understand what you're doing. You are an elected body with a mandate to do as their constituents vote you in for. My issue is with the interference, you as elected persons are doing, not based on any vote or data you were given. It is an idiotically decision that animal rights activists push, and lie about. The spring bear hunt. I learnt of this through the local newspaper, where it was wrote the council is sending a letter to the DNR to stop the spring bear hunt. This is extremely reckless. Did you ask every single tax payer of the County of Pictou? I think not.

Your lack of knowledge is one thing, but to interfere in a much needed hunt where your letter will influence other areas like Colchester or Cumberland. Which is swamped with the black bear, is absolutely reckless. There are way more pressing needs required in your areas.

I do appreciate anyone who wants to stop abuse done to animals, but hunting is the most humane way that they will die, and die we all do. The council needs to acknowledge their mistake and stay out of issues they know nothing about.

The most important issue is illegal migration and crime and meaningful employment! Every politician in Canada has failed at that!

Sincerely yours, Cecil-William Rhude

RECOGNITION

Lismore Wintertime Revue

The MOPC would like to congratulate the Lismore Wintertime Revue on its 25th Anniversary.

The foundation for what would become this annual show began in 1998 with a group of dedicated volunteers who produced a one-act play entitled "A Great Day for the Irish." That play was an immediate hit and the start of what we now know as the "Lismore Wintertime Revue."

Tickets for the shows consistently sell out ahead of time, which goes to show just how popular and well done this event is.

None of it would be possible without the dedication of all those involved. We congratulate everyone who has been involved throughout the years and thank them for the talent and time they've given to their community.



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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

March 2024

East River Business Park

- Dunkeld – Meetings and communication with Somerled Property Manager requesting assistance in finding potential tenants for commercial component equalling 11,000 sq ft. Discussed rents and other lease terms as well as fit-up solutions for potential tenants. Facilitated communication between Project Manager and TNG representative related to possible leasing opportunity. Also had conversations with Real Estate Brokerage who may be managing commercial tenant recruitment for Somerled. Tour for members of the NSBDI Board of Directors scheduled for later this month.
- Continued conversations with the real estate development group who own the property of Lot 10A on construction timelines and potential contractor. Development on track for Fall of 2025 following another project in Barrie, ON scheduled earlier in the year. Discussion on possible other service business integration. Preliminary conversations about construction contractors capable of building facility.
- Ongoing correspondence and meetings with local service business interested in relocating and expanding business into ERBP / Site design is ongoing and the site layout is dependent on the availability of accessing the rear parking lot via North Novie Extension. Received drawings from pre-construction project manager showing site details for driveway and parking lots location and elevations to share with municipal staff engaged in costing street extension of North Novie.
- Ongoing communication with investment group from outside of the province and consulting with architects regarding interest in multi-unit mixed residential/commercial development for lot A-1. Received site plan for multi-unit mixed residential development and discussed construction timelines and commercial component. Brought development opportunity to NSBDI Board of Directors for discussion. Received feedback from another real estate development group about keen interest in acquiring 2.7-acre site for mixed-use development. Terms and pricing discussed, and group is currently working on a letter of intent which is expected in the coming days.
- Meetings and conversations with business owner adjacent to East River Business Park wishing to purchase land to accommodate a potential building expansion. Brought to Board of Directors for discussion.
- Ongoing communication with local real estate office who represents client interested in purchasing up to 2 acres for 2-storey development. Sent pricing, land availability and restrictive covenants. More details and decisions expected in the next couple of weeks.

- Email and telephone conversations with local group interested in purchasing up to 3 acres in business park for single story commercial development. Interest is in acquiring 1 or 2 franchise opportunities as well as a locating a privately owned store. Discussed franchise opportunities, site options, pricing, and restrictive covenants.

Other Activities:

- Continued correspondence with government and ownership group as it relates to the land development potential at Exit 25. Ongoing meetings and conversations with stakeholders regarding business development opportunities for 12-acre parcel. Impact study to be completed and related funding being discussed between stakeholders. Discussed several potential franchise and other business opportunities for site with real estate for developer.
- Continued conversations with national solutions chain looking for approximately 8,000 ft² of warehouse and office space to operate business in region. Also engage with representing broker to discuss short-term options including both warehouse/office options and singular office (interim) options. Group is also considering land opportunities for future development and construction of a permanent location.
- Ongoing assistance to regional company in finding suitable site for inventory storage. Researched options and supplied two potential site opportunities.
- Introduction and communication with Real Estate Manager for national retail company. Preliminary conversations about expansion opportunities for brand offering in region. Plans for in-person meeting.
- Attended Pictou County Chamber of Commerce AGM 2024 with the Town of New Glasgow table.
- Attended Inclusive Learning Session – Islam 101 at New Glasgow Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that it approve the following High School Graduation and Bursary Grants from the 2024-2025 Operating Budget:

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| a. North Nova Education Centre | \$2000.00 | Grad. Expenses and Bursaries |
| b. Northumberland Reg. High School | \$2000.00 | Grad. Expenses and Bursaries |
| c. Pictou Academy | \$200.00 | Grad Expenses and Bursaries |
| d. Tatamagouche Reg. High School | \$200.00 | Grad Expenses and Bursaries |

Dated at Pictou, NS, this 2nd of April 2024

(Sgd)

RESOLUTION

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

- a. CCREC Regional Science Fair **\$1000.00** Sponsorship of Fair March 27, 2024
- b. PC Crushers U15AA **\$250.00** Hosting Provincials March 28-31, 2024.

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(Sgd)

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that it approve the following Community Connectivity Fund Grant:

- a. Little Harbour Community Centre **\$1500.00** District 2 Year End Party

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(Sgd)

Sueann Musick

From: Deborah Wadden
Sent: March 25, 2024 1:38 PM
To: Sueann Musick
Subject: Re: MOPC COUNCIL Pre-Agenda April 2

Sueann, could I add an agenda item for our council meeting? In the past, if a school bus driver was unable to do his run, a substitute driver would replace him and the run would continue. In some cases the school board would double up the runs and a bus may be delayed an hour on each end but the students would still have the opportunity to be able to attend class. Lately, the school board is cancelling the run altogether if no spare driver. Today for example, 3 buses were cancelled. Some of these buses do both P to 8 and a second run to the high schools. This could mean many students who may have no other alternative to get to school. Some parents may not be allowed the time from work to drop their children off or pick them up afterwards so this is causing concern. In most cases parents cannot arrange alternative arrangements as they do not know until the morning of the cancellation. One of the problems identified is lack of spare drivers. However, at one time the school board trained their own drivers so always seemed to have a number of available drivers. They changed this practice in recent years and now require people to take a driving course through Truck Driving School. The cost to attend this course is born by those attending and can be quite expensive and there is no guarantee of a job with the school board and if you do get hired it is only part time and you do not know when you will get a route to cover or when in the district you could have the run. Some feel this is causing the shortage of labor.

I would like to see council write a letter to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Becky Druhan, as well as the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education possibly, Karyn Cooling and/or Blair MacDonald and whoever else should receive this letter, urging them to re-look at the hiring practices for spare school bus drivers and encouraging them to realize the stress of no school bus at all is causing many concerns for many families trying to schedule their daily routine and most importantly through no fault of their own, these students are not able to attend class.

Thanks Sueann
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On Mar 22, 2024, at 10:14 AM, Sueann Musick <Sueann.Musick@munpict.ca> wrote:

Good Morning. Here is the pre-agenda for the April 2 Council Meeting. Please send me any further submissions and background information by Monday.

Thank You,
Sueann Musick
Director of Corporate Services
Municipality of Pictou County
902-485-2238

February 21st, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Municipality of Pictou County, this letter serves as support for the New Glasgow Farmers Market's initiative to replace their current seasonal structure with a year-round space.

The New Glasgow Farmers Market, bustling with activity every week, serves as the regional market for Pictou County. It supports over 150 small businesses and entrepreneurs, many of whom are from the Municipality of Pictou County. Every week, farmers and artisans from across the region showcase their goods and services.

The New Glasgow Farmers Market offers an inviting community space for neighbors and friends to gather, socialize, and explore a variety of local food, artisanal creations, and handcrafted goods, connecting with local residents and welcoming visitors from around the globe.

The new year-round space would allow the Market to increase capacity during shoulder seasons while offering market vendors greater certainty, knowing that they have a reliable, safe and dependable space to earn their living.

The proposed year-round space for the New Glasgow Farmers Market has the potential to become a dynamic and multifunctional community asset, enhancing not only local food security but also contributing significantly to the arts, community events, and various programs that enrich the fabric of our community. The New Glasgow Farmers Market has the opportunity to increase their role in fostering partnerships and collaboration among a variety of community-driven projects.

The Municipality of Pictou County endorses this initiative, anticipating a thriving future where the market increases their support to small business, fosters partnerships and enriches our community.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Position]

Municipality of Pictou County