

April 20, 2026

The Property Services Committee for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

- 1 Clr. Joe MacDonald
- 2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
- 3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
- 4 Clr. Ronald Baillie
- 5 Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
- 6 Warden Robert Parker
- 7 Clr. Donald Parker
- 8 Clr. Larry Turner
- 9 Clr. Peter Boyles
- 10 Clr. Randy Palmer
- 11 Clr. Andy Thompson
- 12 Clr. Chester Dewar

IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development

ABSENT

Rhiannon McNair, Director of Business Operations, Broadband Initiative
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Clr. Randy Palmer, Chair of the Property Services Committee called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Turner that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

No emergency resolutions were brought forward.

MINUTES

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for March 18, 2026, the members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on March 18, 2026, as the official record of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

Sugar Maple Wind Energy Project: Registration for Environmental Assessment noted. Administration advised the project includes 16 wind turbines and will follow a process like Weaver's Mountain.

REPORTS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

7.1 Director of Public Works and Development's Report — Updates provided on multiple streetlight installations (Mount Tom, Cape John Road, Murphy's Cove Road), with completion anticipated April 2026.

7.2 Development Office Report — Reviewed for information.

7.3 Streetlight Report — Reviewed for information.

7.4 Emergency Services Report — Reviewed for information.

7.5 Fire Inspection Report — Reviewed for information.

7.6 Building Officials Report — Reviewed for information.

REPORTS REQUIRING A MOTION

8.1 Streetlight Approvals

Motion: It was moved to approve the streetlight applications for District 1 at the intersection of Highway 4 and Old MacBeth Road in Telford as well as Highway 4 and Lamont Road.

Motion moved by: Clr. MacDonald

Seconded by: Warden Parker

Motion Carried

Motion: It was moved to approve the streetlight application for District 8 at 28 Patterson Road, Greenhill.

Motion moved by: Clr. Turner

Seconded by: Clr. Boyles

Motion Carried

8.2 Summer Road Maintenance Practices

Administration presented updated best-practice framework, including:

- Road condition assessments
- Contractor bids (April–May)
- Work commencement in June
- Dust control using calcium chloride (spec-compliant, inspected by staff)
Information received; no motion required.

8.3 Alternative Sites for Proposed Natural Gas Peaker Plants

Motion: It was moved to accept a resolution calling for ISEO and the provincial government to consider alternative sites and modes of action for proposed peaker plants in Pictou County through a third-party analysis.

Key Points of Resolution:

- Request third-party analysis of alternatives
- Technology-neutral RFP (combustion and non-combustion)
- Third party analysis to be done Independent of IESO and NS Dept. of Energy

Discussion: Extensive discussion noted community concerns, technological alternatives (battery storage), environmental impacts, and long-term cost implications.

Moved by: Warden Parker

Seconded by: Clr. Parker

Motion Carried

DEFERRED BUSINESS

No deferred business.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

No motions of reconsideration were brought forward.

MOTION TO GO IN-CAMERA

Motion: It was moved to go in camera to discuss a contract matter.

Moved by: Warden Murray

Seconded by: Clr. Dewar

Motion Carried

MOTION – LEAVE IN CAMERA

Motion: It was moved to leave the in-camera session of the meeting.

Moved by Deputy Warden Murray

Seconded by Clr. Thompson

Motion Carried

ADJOURMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK