

August 17 2026

The Financial Services Committee for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building by videoconference and teleconference on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 7:35 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
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Business Operations, Broadband Initiative
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Josie Conrod, Department of Public Works and Development Student

ABSENT

Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Clr. MacKeil, Chair of the Financial Services Committee called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

No Emergency Resolutions were brought forward.

AGENDA

Motion: It was moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by: Clr. Turner

Seconded by Clr. Boyles

Motion Carried

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS/CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES

Clr. MacKeil asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for July 20, 2026. The members of the Committee entered with no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on July 20, 2026, as the official record of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence was received

REPORTS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

- Communications Report - Received for information.
- Recreation Report - Received for information.
- Warden's Report - Received for information.
- Tax Receivable Report - Received for information.

REPORTS REQUIRING MOTION

Accounts Payables

Motion: A motion was made to accept the Accounts Payables for July 2026.

Moved by: Clr. Wadden

Seconded by: Clr. Turner

Motion Carried

Water Utility Account

Motion: It was moved to approve the Water Utility Account for July 2026.

Moved by: Clr. Wadden

Seconded by: Warden Parker

Motion Carried

Internet Accounts Payables April 2026

Motion: It was moved to approve the Internet Accounts Payables for July 2026.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Murray

Seconded by: Clr. Palmer

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEM REQUIRING ACTION

District 12 MSG

Motion: A motion was made to approve the municipal service grants totaling \$2,250 for the Hopewell 4-H Club and First Presbyterian Church.

Moved by: Clr.Dewar

Seconded by: Clr. Palmer

Motion Carried.

Municipal Service Grants - District 11

Motion: A motion was made that the District 11 Municipal Service Grants be approved as submitted.

Moved by: Clr.Thompson

Seconded by: Clr.Turner

Motion Carried.

River John Legion Request for Charitable Tax Donation Status

Motion: A motion was made that the River John Legion be granted charitable tax donation status through the Municipality of Pictou County.

Moved by: Clr. Baillie

Seconded by: Clr. Palmer

Motion Carried

Municipal Branding Initiative

Staff presented updated logo concepts developed as part of the Municipality's branding review.

Discussion included:

- Accessibility and readability of proposed logos.
- Preservation of the Municipality's historic thistle symbol.
- Use of logos on signage, vehicles, clothing, promotional materials, and digital platforms.
- The possibility of creating a future municipality-wide tagline.

Council requested that all branding concepts be circulated for further review.

Administration will provide additional design concepts and return the matter to a future Financial Services Committee meeting as a deferred agenda item.

Capital Investment Plan

Staff presented the proposed Capital Investment Plan. Projects discussed included:

- Pleasant Valley Water System.
- Alma School Sidewalk.
- Salem Wastewater Project.
- McLellans Brook Water Project.
- Riverton Water Extension.
- Various water, wastewater, transportation, building, and infrastructure projects.

Funding sources discussed included federal and provincial infrastructure programs, municipal reserves, gas tax funding, and long-term borrowing.

Motion: It was moved that the Capital Investment Plan be approved as presented.

Moved by: Clr. Palmer

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Murray

Motion Carried

DEFERRED BUSINESS

No Deferred Business was brought forward.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

No motions were brought forward for reconsideration.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events were brought forward for community announcements.

IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion: A motion was made that Council move In Camera to discuss a public protection matter.

Moved by: Clr. Turner

Seconded by: Warden Parker

Motion Carried.

Motion: A motion was made that Council move In Camera

Moved by: Warden Parker

Seconded by: Clr. Turner

Motion Carried.

PICTOU ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

Motion: A motion was made to amend the Municipality's Fire Grants Policy Section 3 (c) to pay a grant of \$20,000.00 the Pictou Island Fire Department subject to terms and conditions agreed to by department and agreed to by the Municipality.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Murray

Seconded: Warden Parker

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Clr. MacKeil declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK