

October 6, 2025

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Dist:

- 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 (videoconference)
- 7 Clr. Donald Parker
- 8 Clr. Larry Turner
- 9 Clr. Peter Boyles
- 11 Clr. Andy Thompson

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Brian Cullen, CAO Municipal Clerk-Treasurer  
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk  
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development (videoconference)  
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services  
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Operations, Broadband Initiative  
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer

**ABSENT**

- 10 Clr. Randy Palmer
- 12 Clr. Chester Dewar
- Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Deputy Warden Murray called the meeting to order and invited Councillors to pray or reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the Municipality and to remember our Indigenous communities. He acknowledges that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people and would like to thank the Mikmaq people today for their ancestors sharing these precious lands with all our ancestors, whether they arrived here 400 years ago or four years ago. May we all live in peace and harmony together.

## **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.

## **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Deputy Warden Murray asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for the September 2, 2025, Council Meeting. The minutes of the August 5, 2025, Council Meeting were reviewed by the Municipal Council. Deputy Warden Murray proclaimed the minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2025, as the official record of the meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Thank you from the Abercrombie Community Centre for the grant funding.
2. Thank you from the Bridgeville Cemetery for grant funding.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY 808 GRANTON, ABERCROMBIE ROAD**

Mr. Hale noted that the dangerous and unsightly complaint was first filed in June 2021, followed by a site visit. The property was then posted as dangerous and unsightly, and since that time, not much has been done to rectify its issues. In November 2024, a second complaint was received regarding the property, stating that the building had deteriorated further, with the walls starting to collapse and the roof compromised. The property was once again posted as dangerous and unsightly. The area where the building is located is frequented by children because it is a school bus stop, posing a serious safety concern. Mr. Hale requested support from Council for the notice of the demolition of this property.

The property owner, Mr. Bruce Levy, was present to address Council regarding the property. Mr. Levy stated that using the building as leverage and indicated that demolishing the building would be preferable, as it costs tax dollars and looks horrible.

Mr. Levy detailed emails sent to various individuals to address the water issues with the lot and the sinkhole on the property. Mr. Levy stated that there is a water problem. Mr. Levy is trying to help the citizens of Abercrombie resolve this situation and will help in any way possible to find a solution. Mr. Levy does not feel it is safe for heavy equipment to be in the lot. Mr. Levy is concerned that somebody could get hurt if they enter the property.

Clr. Thompson expressed concerns that the municipality has some liability and the report has been sent to Council stating the building is dangerous and unsightly. Clr. Thompson noted that many residents in the community want to see a resolution. Clr. Thompson said there are two separate issues: the water problem and the dangerous and unsightly building. Clr. Thompson recommended addressing the dangerous and unsightly issue and obtaining a legal opinion before making any decisions. Clr. Baillie questions why Council would be involved in the property other than to address the dangerous and unsightly. Warden Parker agrees that there are two separate issues, and the county could be liable if the dangerous and unsightly conditions are not addressed, and that is what should be concentrated on.

#### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. MacDonald to go to In-Camera session. **Motion Carried**

#### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. MacDonald and seconded by Clr. Thompson to return to regular session. **Motion Carried**

#### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. MacDonald that the property of 808 Granton Abercrombie, PID 00861492, AAN 00319988 be issued an order of Dangerous and Unsightly premises, 30 days' notice will be issued for demolition of the dangerous and unsightly property. **Motion Carried**

Mr. Levy requests in writing that there is no responsibility to him should anything happen. Deputy Warden Murray stated that it would be an issue with Public Works, as Council does not own the roads.

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Section 346(3) of Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, The  
Municipal Government Act, Part XV - Dangerous or Unsightly  
Premises

**-and-**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Bruce Ronald Levy; 808 Granton Abercrombie Road,  
Abercrombie, Nova Scotia; (the "Property" with Tax Account  
Number 00319988 and PID # 00861492)

#### **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND COUNCIL**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou, Nova Scotia ("The Council") may issue an Order against you under Section 346 of the Municipal Government Act which, along with other things, may require demolition of a structure or structures located on the property. The Order may be in the form attached ("the proposed Order"), or to the like effect, together with such amendments or changes as may be removed and adopted by Council.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE**

**THAT** the proposed Order will be considered at the Council meeting to be held at the Administration building, 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou, Nova Scotia on **Monday October 6th, 2025, at 7:05 pm**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be considered.

**THAT** before the proposed Order is made, you, as an owner of the property, are hereby notified that you have, and hereby are offered, an opportunity to attend at the Council meeting and to be heard before any Order is made; and

**THAT** the Council may proceed to consider the proposed Order, and may make the proposed Order, or may make any variation thereof at the Council meeting, whether you appear at the Council meeting to address Council.

This notice is served upon you as the owner(s) of the property as defined in Section 3 (ay) of the Municipal Government Act.

A copy of part XV of the Municipal Government Act, Dangerous or Unsightly Premises, is attached hereto.

**DATED AT** Pictou, Nova Scotia, to be effective the 22nd day of September 2025.

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Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services,  
Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly  
Premises

TO: **Bruce Ronald Levy**  
**387 Meadowlark Drive**  
**New Glasgow, Nova Scotia**  
**B2H 3S1**

## **PRESENTATION - PICTOU COUNTY FOOD BANK EAST**

Ms. Shelley Manning, Pictou County Food Bank East, gave a presentation to Council. Ms. Manning noted that the Food Bank is a not-for-profit agency that has been around for about 36 years. Ms. Manning stated that no funding is received for day-to-day operations. The Food Bank is operated solely by volunteers.



# **PICTOU COUNTY FOOD BANK EAST**

**Oct 2, 2025  
Municipality of Pictou County**



## **A little bit about us...**

- Established in 1989 - not-for-profit agency
- Located at 410 Granville Street, New Glasgow
- Serve families throughout Pictou County
- Managed and operated solely by volunteers
- Home delivery available on Wednesdays
- Food Bank Canada National Standards of Excellence
- <https://pcfoodbank.ca/>



## **Our clients...**

**Year to date - Jan 1- August 31, 2025**

- 1348 households
  - 198 new households
- 3155 Individuals:
  - 44 % single person households
  - 32 % are children
  - 18% are seniors
- Jan 1 - August 31, 2025
  - 5325 orders filled

**Clients are eligible to receive an order once/month**



## **Operations**

- Food industry partners & private donors
  - Volunteers
  - Operational costs increasing
    - Food prices, gas prices, power
    - Demand is also increasing
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## **How does it work?**

- **Clients need to come to our location (410 Granville Street) and provide some basic information**
  - **Name & Date of Birth for each member of the household**
  - **Address & Phone Number**
  - **Need to provide ID for each member of the household**



## **Partnering Opportunities**

- How can we work together?
  - Consider adding a food drive to local events
  - Share information about our services with your constituents
  - Share our social media posts
  - Others?



## **Thank You**

## **Questions?**

Ms. Manning noted that working together with Council would be beneficial and suggested that a food drive event could be added on if an event is being held. Ms. Manning stated that the Food Bank would happily work together to provide promotion and support. Ms. Manning suggested that Council members share information about the Food Bank with constituents or share information through social media pages.

Clr. Parker questioned whether the Food Bank can help individuals without a home address. Ms. Manning said that, unfortunately, more unhoused people are using the food bank than ever before. Ms. Manning noted that there is a different criteria for homeless individuals. Ms. Manning stated that Nova Scotia has the country's highest rate of food insecurity, at about 29%.

Clr. Turner questioned whether the food bank serves a certain demographic more. Ms. Manning said an increase is seen in the working poor, seniors, and working families.

Council members expressed thanks to Ms. Manning for the presentation.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION**

The New Scotland Business Park Report was received as presented.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION** **DISTRICT 3 MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS**

#### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Turner to approve the following District 3 Municipal Service Grants: **Motion Carried**



#### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the following Municipal Service Grants for District 3:

|                                |                   |                             |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pictou Island Community Assoc. | <b>\$4,910.00</b> | Windows in Community Centre |
| Caribou River Community Hall   | <b>\$570.00</b>   | AED Battery                 |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$5,480.00</b> |                             |

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6th day of October 2025.

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**Motion Carried**  
**Clr. Darla MacKeil**  
**Clr. Larry Turner**

## **DISTRICT 7 MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANT**

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Parker and seconded by Clr. Baillie to approve the following District 7 Municipal Service Grant: **Motion Carried**



### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the following Municipal Service Grant for District 7:

|                                  |                   |                    |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Middle River Presbyterian Church | <b>\$4,345.00</b> | Accessibility Ramp |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$4,345.00</b> |                    |

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6th day of October 2025.

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**Motion Carried**  
**Clr. Donald Parker**  
**Clr. Ronald Baillie**

## **RIVERTON WATER EXTENSION**

CAO Cullen said that the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing has launched the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID). The CAO Cullen stated that if the county successfully obtains funding, it will advance the Riverton Water Extension project quickly and provide 50 percent of the costs if the application succeeds.

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Turner to approve the submission of the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID) application for the Riverton Water Project. **Motion Carried**

## **MOPC PARKING LOT UPGRADES**

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Thompson to accept the bid from S.W. Weeks for the administration building parking lot upgrades. **Motion Carried**

## **PARKING LOT UPGRADES EV CHARGERS**

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Wadden to accept the bid from Wesco for the purchase of EV chargers. **Motion Carried**

**Clr. Andy Thompson  
Clr. Deborah Wadden**

## **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

There was no deferred business.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Announcements were given.

## **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION**

There were no motions of reconsideration.

## **IN-CAMERA**

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Boyles to go to In-Camera session. **Motion Carried**

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. MacKeil to return to regular public session. **Motion Carried**

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Deputy Warden Murray declared the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK