

October 16, 2023

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, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

- 1 Clr. Don Butler
- 2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
- 3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
- 4 Clr. Mary Elliott
- 5 Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
- 6 Warden Robert Parker
- 7 Clr. David 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
- Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
- Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
- Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
- Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

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 Mikmaqi people.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Parker that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried**

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions brought forward.

MINUTES

Clr. MacKeil asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for September 18, 2023. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on September 18, 2023, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

COMMUNICATION REPORT

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that the Communication Report be received as presented. **Motion Carried**

WARDENS REPORT

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Turner that the Warden's Report be received as presented. **Motion Carried**

PARL REPORT

Clr. Wadden said the report was distributed, as well as a drone file on the Pictou Place, which shows the progress as it comes along with construction. There are two major projects, both culture hubs, one in Pictou and one in New Glasgow, both of which to be very proud of.

ACCOUNTS PAID – SEPTEMBER 2023

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Palmer that the Accounts Paid for September 2023 report be received as presented. **Motion Carried**

DEED TRANSFER TAX (For Information Purposes Only)

The Deed Transfer Tax Report for the month of September 2023 was received for information purposes.

TAXES RECEIVABLE REPORT

The Taxes Receivable Report for the month of September 2023 was received for information purposes.

CHARITABLE RECEIPTS FOR SARA (SALEM PARK)

Warden Parker said that SARA is progressing well with the walking track, and the playground equipment is being installed this week. They have had large loads of gravel donated. The park has received offers from companies and organizations, and they are looking for tax receipts to be issued from the Municipality for donations and then the funds to be forwarded to SARA.

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the Municipality accepts donations and issue charitable receipts on behalf of SARA. **Motion Carried**

PACE BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Climate Change Advisory Committee has recommended expanding the current bylaw to expand from just solar to include home energy efficiencies.

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Parker to amend the PACE by-law to broaden the program to include home energy efficiencies. **Motion Carried**

REQUEST FOR FUNDING

A letter was received from Don Stewart, President of the Snowmobilers Association of Nova Scotia, requesting assistance from the Municipality to provide a defibrillator for both buildings.

Mr. Hale said that currently, a grant project is being worked on with ACOA for comfort centres or community halls and could likely include these two locations within that.

It was moved by Clr. Parker and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to refer this request for the two locations and apply for assistance through the grant program. Clr. Parker requested The Snowmobilers Association be notified of this. **Motion Carried**

PICTOU COUNTY/COLCHESTER BOUNDARY SIGNAGE

Clr. Elliott requested on behalf of the residents and herself that the sign at the Colchester/Pictou County boundary be replaced.

Clr. Turner recommended considering the quote with the UV coating, or the sign will fade within 3-5 years.

It was moved by Clr. Elliott and seconded by Clr. Parker is to accept the quote included in the package for \$659.00 from Auto Trim and Signs to replace the Colchester/Pictou County boundary signage. **Motion Carried**

SALE OF MUNICIPAL VEHICLES

The Municipality of Pictou County staff issued a tender for three municipally owned vehicles in June, and it closed on July 11, 2023. Given the bids received, staff recommended that Council approve the sale of these vehicles to the highest bidder.

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to move on to the next highest bidder for the sale of the municipal-owned vehicles. If the next bidder does not want the vehicle to continue to move on to the next highest after that.

Motion Carried

Deputy Warden Murray said it should be noted that tenders should not be received in the future from the two bidders who backed out.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr. Boyles said in the last few weeks, there were two incidents of a man with a gun. It was said the incidents happened in Hillside but took place in Little Harbour.

Clr. Bulter Sunday, October 22, 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m. District one will hold a meet and greet at the Community Hall in Lismore. There are a lot of new residents, and the purpose is to invite them to the Community Hall. Part of the event will be the Warden's Tea and the funds will be allotted to sponsor the event.

Warden Parker said that SARA will host a fun day for children on October 22, 2023, at the West River Fire Department. There will be face painting and bouncy castles.

Clr. Thompson said there will be a roast beef dinner at the Plymouth Fire Department. This is a take-out event, costing \$15.00 per plate. Pick-up times are between 4:00-6:00 p.m. To place an order contact Joanne Cumminger at 902-752-8657.

Clr. Thompson said on October 28, 2023, Springville Church and Community Centre will host the Hunter's Breakfast. This will continue for six weeks. The cost is \$12.00 per plate, and it is available from 6:30-10:00 a.m. There is a lot of excitement in the community to be restarting this.

Clr. Elliott said there will be a public meeting at the Toney River Community Hall for the Land Use Planning on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK