

January 12, 2026

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building by videoconference and teleconference on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Dist:

- 1 Clr. Joe MacDonald
- 2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
- 3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
- 4 Clr. Ronald Baillie (videoconference)
- 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
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden Parker 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. MacKeil that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried**

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Warden Parker asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for the December 12, 2025, Council Meeting. The minutes of the December 12, 2025, Council Meeting were reviewed by the Municipal Council. Warden Parker proclaimed the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2025, as the official record of the meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Thank you from Salt Springs Elementary School for the support of the Breakfast Program.
- b. Thank you from Pictou County 4H for financial support.
- c. Response from province regarding burning restrictions.

Clr. Parker requested that staff review the Town of Truro's burning restrictions and the actions taken regarding this issue.

PRESENTATION

NSFM LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Warden Robert Parker and Clr. Andy Thompson presented Long Service Awards on behalf of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. Warden Parker thanked the Councillors for their years of service to the County, noting that both Councillors represented their constituents well and demonstrated a strong commitment to the County.

Deputy Warden Wayne Murray was presented with a certificate of service in recognition of 35 years of service.

Clr. Chester Dewar was presented with a certificate of service in recognition of 25 years of service.

BUSINESS ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

NEW SCOTLAND BUSINESS PARK REPORT

The New Scotland Business Park Report was received as presented.

BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION
DISTRICT 10 COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY EVENT FUND

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to approve the following District 10 Community Connectivity Event Fund Grant for District 13 Recreation and Planning Commission in the amount of \$1,500.00. **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the Community Connectivity Event Fund grant:

1. **District 10:** District 13 Recreation and Planning Commission - **\$1500.00** - Community Christmas Event.

DATED at Pictou NS this 12th day of January 2026

Sgd _____

Motion Carried
Clr. Randy Palmer
Deputy Warden Wayne Murray

RECREATION CAPITAL GRANT

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to approve the following \$1,000.00 Recreation Capital Grant for Northumberland Karate.

Motion Carried



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve a Recreation Capital Grant for the purchase of mats for Northumberland Karate valued at **\$1000.00**.

Dated at Pictou, NS, on this 12th day of January 2026.

(Sgd)

Motion Carried
Nay Vote: Clr. Peter Boyles

SUTHERLAND'S RIVER AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TAX RECEIPTS

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacDonald and seconded by Clr. Wadden to authorize the collection of charitable donations to the Sutherland's River and District Community Association's "Community Enhancement Project and the issuance of charitable receipts.

Motion Carried



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a qualified donee.

WHEREAS the Income Tax Act permits qualified donees to issue official donation receipts for income tax purposes.

WHEREAS the Sutherland's River and District Community Association has requested that the Municipality receive donated funds for a Community Enhancement Project and issue charitable tax receipts for respective donors of \$100.00 or more.

WHEREAS the Financial Services Committee supports this request and recommends that the Municipality's charitable tax number be used for that purpose.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council authorize the collection of charitable donations to the Sutherland's River and District Community Association "Community Engagement Project" and the issuance of charitable receipts for the same.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 12th day of January 2026.

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Motion Carried
Clr. Joe MacDonald
Clr. Deborah Wadden

APPROVAL OF RFP FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND USE BYLAW

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Palmer to award the contract for the Statement of Provincial Interest MPS Amendments relating to agricultural land to Upland Studios.

Motion Carried



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou received three bids from companies for the development of a comprehensive Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw specific to Agricultural Lands.

WHEREAS the MOPC's Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the bids and recommended UPLAND Studios be awarded the contract for \$49,950.00 based on the company's familiarity with the County's current Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw and its higher level of work within rural Nova Scotia.

WHEREAS the bid submitted by Upland Studios was approved by the Financial Services Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou award Upland Studios the contract for the Statement of Provincial Interest MPS Amendments relating to Agricultural Land.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 12th day of January 2026.

Sgn _____

Motion Carried
Clr. Darla MacKeil
Clr. Randy Palmer

SECOND READING OF SEWER CHARGES BYLAW

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Parker and seconded by Clr. Wadden to approve the following Sewer Charges Bylaw.

Motion Carried

SCHEDULE "A"

Type of User	Number of Equivalent User Units	Additional Use	Additional Units
Single Family Dwelling	1.00	With a Private Swimming Pool add	1.00
		With a doctor or dentist office add	
		With a beauty or barber shop add	
Mobile Home	1.00	With a Private Swimming Pool add	1.00
		With a doctor or dentist office add	
		With a beauty or barber shop add	
Individual Apartment	1.00		
Senior Citizens Home (1 st Unit)	1.00	Each additional unit add	1.00
Rooming House, Boarding House, Convent, Institutional Dormitory up to five beds	1.00	For each additional bed add	0.20
Hospitals & Homes with Medical Care Facilities	1.00	Without Laundry Facilities add per bed	0.50
		With Laundry facilities add per bed	0.75
Institution with Laundry Facilities & Without Medical Care Facilities	1.00	Add per bed	0.50
Schools, per person (staff & student)	1.00	Add 0.08 per person (Staff & Student)	
Doctor's Office, Dentist's Office, Beauty or Barber Shop	1.00		
Tourist Trailer Park with hook-up facilities per space	0.20	Each additional bathroom facility add	0.30
Hotels, Motels, & Tourist Cottages with housekeeping facilities, per room or unit	1.00	With housekeeping facilities per room or unit add	0.50
		Without housekeeping facilities per room or unit	0.30
		With Swimming Pool	1.00
Tourist Home	1.20	Each additional bathroom add	0.30
Stores, Banks, Clubs, Recreational Facilities & places of business, including Industrial	1.00	Each additional washroom facility add	0.50
Churches, Church Halls, per free standing structure	1.00		

Type of User	Number of Equivalent User Units	Additional Use	Additional Units
Buildings owned by Fraternal Organizations, per free standing structure	1.00		
Fire Halls & Fire Stations	1.00		
Laundromat	1.00	For each machine add	2.00
Service Stations with washroom facilities	1.00		
Car Wash Facilities, each bay	1.00		
Restaurant, Cafeteria, Snack Bar	1.00	For each 10 seats add	0.25
Licensed Restaurant, Lounge, Dining Room or Club	1.00	For each five seats add	0.75
Drive-in Restaurant or Theatre with Canteen	1.00	First Washroom facility add	1.00
		For each additional washroom facility	0.50



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU SEWER CHARGES BY-LAW

1. This By-law may be cited as the "*Sewer Charges By-law*".

DEFINITIONS

2. In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:
 - (a) "building" means any dwelling, mobile home, mini home, house, shop, store, office or any building which would require sewerage services;
 - (b) "clerk" means the Clerk of the Municipality;
 - (c) "Council" means Council of the Municipality;
 - (d) "engineer" means the employee of the Municipality designated by the Chief Administrative Officer to be the Engineer for the Municipality;
 - (e) "equivalent user units" means the equivalent user units contained in Schedule "A" to this By-law;
 - (f) "mini home" includes a dwelling unit designed for transportation after fabrication whether on its own wheels, or on a flat bed or other trailer;
 - (g) "mobile home" means any vehicle or similar portable structure and extension thereof, having no integral foundation other than wheels, jacks, or skirtings, so designed or constructed as to permit occupancy for year round dwelling purposes, and having a flush toilet and a bath or shower;
 - (h) "mobile home park" means any plot of ground upon which two or more mobile homes, or mini homes, occupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, are located for a period exceeding three weeks, except for tourist purposes;
 - (i) "mobile home space" means a tract of land, within a mobile home park, or designated for the accommodation of one mobile home or mini home;

- (j) "municipality" means the Municipality of the County of Pictou or the area contained within its municipal boundaries as the context requires;
- (k) "owner" means a part owner, joint owner, tenant in common or joint tenant of the whole or any part of any land or building and includes a trustee, an executor, an administrator, a guardian, an agent, a mortgagee in possession or any other persons having the care or control of any land or building in case of the absence or disability of the person having title thereto;
- (l) "sewer" means a pipe, conduit, drain, open channel, or ditch used for the collection and transmission of wastewater, stormwater, or uncontaminated process or cooling water;
- (m) "sewerage system" means all pipes, mains, equipment, buildings and structures for collecting, pumping or treatment of wastewater and operated by the municipality, but does not include a storm sewer, and includes any part thereof of addition thereto;
- (n) "storm sewer" means a sewer and all related structures designed exclusively for the collection and transmission of uncontaminated water, storm water, drainage from lands or from any watercourse or any of them;
- (o) "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the Municipality;
- (p) "wastewater" means any liquid waste containing animal, vegetable, mineral, or chemical matter in solution or suspension carried from any premises;
- (q) "Year" means the fiscal year of the Municipality.

EXCLUSION OF EXISTING MOBILE HOME PARKS

- 3. This by-law does not apply to any mobile home park for which a permit for its initial construction was or should have been issued before April 1, 1996.

EQUIVALENT USER UNITS, OPERATIONAL DATES, ETC.

- 4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this by-law, equivalent user units shall be as computed and calculated as per Schedule "A" to this by-law, and Schedule "A" forms part of this by-law.
- (2) Equivalent user units may be attributed to a particular lateral and an account rendered for sewer capital charges based upon that attribution when the number

of equivalent user units can be calculated with reasonable certainty by the Engineer, notwithstanding there may be no structure on the land, and the number of equivalent user units attributed to a particular lateral may be revised from time to time if, in the opinion of the Engineer, circumstances require such a revision, and where there is such a revision, any account for sewer capital charges may be adjusted accordingly.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this by-law:

- (a) no single lateral connection except a garden suite shall be valued at less than 1.0 equivalent user units; and
- (b) in addition to any other equivalent user units in or on a mobile home park to which subsection 6(1) applies, every mobile home space in a mobile home park to which subsection 6(1) applies shall be assessed at 1.0 equivalent user units.

5. For the purpose of this by-law, a sewer or sewerage system or any part thereof is deemed to have become operational only on the date the engineer certifies to the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality that the system or sewerage system or project of which the sewer or sewerage system forms part is operational.

SEWER CAPITAL CHARGE

6. (1) From the date the sewerage system becomes operational, and thereafter, the following persons shall be liable to pay and shall pay a sewer capital charge as calculated in subsection (2) of this section:

- (a) every owner of land containing a building, any part of which is within two hundred feet of a sewerage system; and,
- (b) every owner of a mobile home park for which the initial permit for its construction was or should have been issued after April 1, 1996, the nearest part of which land is not more than two hundred feet from any portion of a sewerage system, and,
- (c) every owner of vacant land described in section 8(3); and,
- (d) any other owner of land who has requested the installation of a lateral connection and for whom the lateral connection has been installed.

(2) The sewer capital charge for the persons described in subsection (1) of this section shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) for the first equivalent user unit or part thereof, the sum of **\$3000.00**; and

(b) for any connection in which the equivalent user units are or become greater than one, **\$3,000.00** for the first equivalent user unit plus **\$300.00** for each additional equivalent user unit or part thereof.

(c) Laterals installed after the system becomes operational:

- a. For any lateral installed after the sewage system becomes operational; for the first equivalent user unit or part thereof, the sum of **\$5000.00** and
- b. For any connection in which the equivalent user units are or become greater than one; **\$5000.00** for the first equivalent user unit plus **\$300.00** for each additional unit equivalent user unit or part thereof.

(d) Second laterals installed the property:

- a. The cost of second lateral to a property shall be charged to the owner of the property at the full cost of the installation; and

(e) Any lateral that is not consistent with a lateral to service an individual residential property or small commercial property shall be billed the owner of the property at the full cost of the installation of the lateral.

(3) The sewer capital charges described in subsections 1 and 2 of this section of the by-law shall not be levied against an owner if the owner is in possession of a valid exemption certificate issued by the Municipal Engineer pursuant to Section 8(1) of the Municipality of the County of Pictou's Sewer Connection By-Law.

(4) Upon expiration of the exemption certificate, the sewer capital charge shall be levied in the amount described in Subsection 2 of this section of the by-law.

(5) The sewer capital charge described in subsection 2(a) of this section of the by-law may be reduced in accordance with the Municipality of the County of Pictou's Policy 2001-08-32 Low Income Capital Charges Tax Exemption.

INCREMENTAL EQUIVALENT USER UNITS

7. Where either:

- (a) an owner of land is connected to a sewerage system; or
- (b) the construction of a public sewer lateral or laterals to the boundary of vacant land has occurred; and
- (c) the owner uses the land in such a way that there is or will be an increase in the number of equivalent user units attributable to a lateral connection,

unless that use is a garden suite, that owner shall be liable to pay, and shall pay, an additional sewer capital charge for each such additional equivalent user unit or part thereof on each such public sewer lateral, which shall be equal to the number of such additional equivalent user units or part thereof, times \$250.00.

VACANT LAND

8. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, no sewer capital charge shall be payable by an owner of vacant land.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the owner of vacant land which fronts on any street or highway in which a sewerage system is or will be situate, may request the installation of one or more public sewer laterals from the sewerage system to the boundary of the owner's property.

(3) Where a public sewer lateral or laterals from the sewerage system to the boundary of the owner's vacant land is, or are, so constructed, and the land is still vacant on the date construction of the public sewer lateral is complete, that owner shall be deemed to be an owner of land containing a building, part of which is within two hundred feet of a sewerage system within the meaning of Section 6(1)(a), in respect of each such public sewer lateral, and shall be liable to pay, and shall pay, for each such public sewer lateral, a sewer capital charge equal to the charge for the greater of one equivalent user unit or the number of equivalent user units attributed to that public sewer lateral under section 4(2) of this by-law.

(4) Land is vacant under this by-law if, on the date an account for sewer capital charges is rendered, there is no reasonable basis upon which the Engineer can attribute a number of equivalent user units to the public sewer lateral or laterals.

SEWER SERVICE CHARGE

- 9 Every owner

- (a) of land on which any building is connected to a sewerage system; and

(b) of land on which a building is situate that is required to be connected to a sewerage system or which Council has ordered connected to a sewerage system; and

(c) of land containing a mobile home park to which this by-law applies,

shall be liable to pay, and shall pay, an annual sewer service charge for the maintenance and operation of the sewerage system of the Municipality.

10 (1) For each year the Municipality shall calculate the sewer service charge to be paid by each owner of land referred to in section 9 of this by-law, by dividing the total estimated operating and maintenance cost of all of the Municipality's sewerage systems for that year, by the total number of equivalent user units actually operating on those sewerage systems at the time of the calculation, times the number of equivalent user units actually operating on that owners' land at the time of the calculation.

(2) For the purpose of calculating the sewer service charge for a garden suite, the number of equivalent user units shall be 1.0 equivalent user units per garden suite.

(3) Where any sewerage system is deemed to have become operational on any date after the beginning of the year, the annual sewer service charge for that part year on that system shall be pro-rated from the date of the connection of the service to that lateral to the end of the year in question.

11. (1) An owner of land that fronts on any street or highway in which a sewer is situate, or that fronts on a right of way which connects to such a street or highway, is not liable to pay the sewer service charge if the Engineer certifies that it would be impractical to connect any building on the land to the sewer.

(2) A decision of the Engineer pursuant to this Section may be appealed to the Council, and Council has the power to confirm, reverse or vary the decision as it sees fit, or to make any other decision as it sees fit.

(3) This section applies only to land upon which a building has been constructed.

BILLINGS & ENFORCEMENT

12. (1) Sewer capital charges and sewer service charges shall be levied on the owners of all properties liable to pay the same.

(2) The Treasurer, from time to time, may render accounts for sewer capital charges and for sewer service charges or any portion thereof as soon as the cost of the same are known, or reasonably can be estimated, and such accounts, whether for the whole of such charges or for any portion thereof, may be based on such estimates.

(3) The Treasurer shall forward a notice that a sewer has been installed to each person who appears to him to be liable for the payment of a sewer capital charge or a sewer service charge, but the failure to forward such a notice shall not invalidate or defeat any sewer capital charge or sewer service charge, or prevent interest from accruing thereon, and nothing but the payment in full of the sewer capital charges and the sewer service charges, and any interest thereon shall discharge the liability to pay any such charges so made.

13. (1) Subject to section (3) of this section, accounts for sewer capital charges and sewer service charges shall be due and payable when rendered.

(2) Sewer capital charges, and sewer service charges, shall bear interest at the annual rate set from time to time by Council by policy, and interest shall be calculated from thirty (30) days after the date the account is rendered.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, sewer capital charges, at the option of the owner, may be paid in installments over a period of three (3) years, and the entire amount, from time to time outstanding and unpaid, shall bear interest at the rate set from time to time by Council by policy.

(4) An account is rendered under this by-law on the date it bears.

14. (1) The sewer capital charge and the sewer service charge and interest on each are, and each is, a first lien on the real property, and the lien arises and attaches and becomes effective as the work is done, or the service is provided, or the interest is charged, and the interest accrues from day to day, as the case may be.

(2) The sewer capital charge and the sewer service charge and interest thereon may be collected in the same manner as other taxes and at the option of the Treasurer of the Municipality are collectible at the same time, and by the same proceedings, as other taxes.

GARDEN SUITES

15. (1) In this section,

- (a) "family member" means mother, father, mother-in-law or father-in-law of the owner of the principal residence lot;
- (b) "garden suite" means a relocatable single storey dwelling unit, not exceeding 1000 square feet in floor area, designed and intended to provide accommodation to a family member and to be located as a non-permanent second dwelling unit on a principal residence lot only for so long as required for the intended purpose;

- (c) "principal residence" means the actual, inhabited principal residence of the lot owner;
- (d) "principal residence lot" means the single lot of land upon which is located the principal residence, and upon which is located, or is proposed to be located, a garden suite;

(2) Notwithstanding anything else in this by-law, but subject to subsection (3) of this section, where an owner of land installs a garden suite on a principal residence lot, inhabited, or to be inhabited, by a family member, it shall be served by a separate sewer lateral, and the principal lot owner shall be liable to pay, and shall pay, two sewer capital charges as follows:

- (a) upon installation, a first sewer capital charge is due and payable, equal to 20% of the capital charge that otherwise would be payable on the date the installation of the sewer lateral for the garden suite was made; and
- (b) upon the date the garden suite ceases to be inhabited by a family member, or the principal residence lot is subdivided so that the garden suite is on a separate lot, or the principal residence lot is sold, transferred or conveyed, except to a son or daughter or son-in-law or daughter-in-law who continues the use of the garden suite for a family member, a second sewer capital charge is due and payable equal to 80% of the sewer capital charge that otherwise would be payable if the sewer lateral for the garden suite was being installed on the date upon which occurs the first of the events listed in this sub-clause.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-section (2) of this clause, where an owner of land installs a garden suite on a principal residence lot and where that garden suite ceases to be inhabited by a family member, the second sewer capital charge referred to in sub-section (2)(b) of this clause shall not be payable by the owner where the owner, in accordance with directions to be given by the Engineer, disconnects the garden suite from the sewerage system.

(4) The Engineer shall certify to the Treasurer the dates upon which any of the events referred to in subsection (2) of this section have occurred, and his certificate shall be conclusive evidence of its contents.

(5) No garden suite shall be connected to a sewerage system unless the owner of the principal residence lot first files a certificate and undertaking with the Engineer which:

- (a) certifies that the garden suite is or will be inhabited only by a family member; and

- (b) undertakes that the principal lot owner will advise the Engineer in writing when the garden suite has been removed from the principal residence lot, or when the garden suite ceases to be inhabited by a family member, or when the principal residence lot has been subdivided, sold, transferred or conveyed; and
 - (c) undertakes to pay the Municipality the first and second sewer capital charges as herein provided.
- (6) The purpose of this part is to provide for the levying of sewer capital charges on garden suites and it does not in any way imply a grant or a permission to construct or locate a garden suite on any property or to its use after construction or location.

MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS

16. (1) In this section;

- (a) "accessory building" means a subordinate building or structure on the same lot as the main building devoted exclusively to an accessory use;
- (b) "accessory use" means a customarily subordinate and incidental to a main use of land or building and located on the same lot, which in the sole discretion of the Engineer, or the Engineer's designate, would not overburden or otherwise adversely impact the sufficiency of existing lateral(s) of the sewerage system serving the lot;
- (c) "dwelling" means a building occupied or capable of being occupied as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one or more persons, containing one or more dwelling units, and shall not include a hotel, motel, apartment hotel or a travel trailer;

(2) Subject to all requirements of the Sewer Connection By-Law, with the approval of the Engineer, or the Engineer's designate, the Municipality will permit an owner of a dwelling to connect an accessory building to the sewerage system, through the same lateral servicing the dwelling.

(3) Subject to all other requirements of the Sewer Connection By-Law and approval of the Engineer or the Engineer's designate, the connection of the accessory building to the sewerage system may be made by connecting the plumbing of the accessory building to the plumbing of the dwelling.

(4) A connection made to the sewerage system pursuant to this section shall not result in;

- (a) a capital charge as prescribed in Section 6 of this by-law;
- (b) a sewer service charge as described in Section 9 of this by-law.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection 4 of this section of the by-law, the Municipality will impose the capital charge as prescribed in Section 6 of this by-law and a sewer service charge as prescribed in Section 9 of this by-law if;

- (a) the accessory building is used to operate a home based business;
- (b) the accessory building is used for the purposes of a sleeping place by one or more persons; or
- (c) in the sole discretion of the Engineer, or the Engineer's designate, the use of the accessory building becomes such as to overburden or otherwise adversely impact the sufficiency of the existing lateral(s) of the sewerage system serving the lot on which the accessory building is located.

17. The Sewer Charges By-law of the Municipality, approved by Municipal Council on April 2, 2013 is hereby repealed on and not before the date upon which this By-law becomes effective.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a Bylaw duly adopted at a duly called meeting of the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou held on the day ____ of _____ 2025.

GIVEN under the hands of the Municipal Clerk and under the corporate seal of the Municipality this day of 2025.

BRIAN CULLEN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

BYLAW ADOPTION RECORD	
First Reading	

Advertising Second Reading	
Second Reading	
Submitted to Department of Municipal Affairs	
Bylaw Published	

Motion Carried
Clr. Donald Parker
Clr. Deborah Wadden

NSGEU LOCAL 60 CONTRACT

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Palmer to accept the terms of the NSGEU Collective Agreement covering the employees of Local 60.

Motion Carried



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accept the terms of the Collective Agreement negotiated on behalf of the Municipality and enter into a contract with the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union for a contract covering the employees of Local 60 which will be in effect from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2029.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 12th day of January 2026.

(Sgd.)

Motion Carried
Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Clr. Randy Palmer

TAX SALE UPDATE

Clr. Boyles requested an update on the status of holding a tax sale. Clr. Boyles stated that Council has been on several occasions that a tax sale would be held on certain dates. Clr. Boyles asked whether the process had changed and if a tax sale would be held. Clr. Boyles indicated that people are asking and wondering about the status of the sale. CAO Cullen stated that the tax sale would proceed, that the first batch is ready, and that the second batch should be nearly ready. The CAO noted that several factors delayed the sale. CAO Cullen indicated that the goal is to send the letters this week.

Clr. Boyles asked whether the tax certificates would need to be redone after having sat for so long. CAO Cullen indicated that the certificates do not need to be recertified and that all information is present. If a question arises regarding a property, the CAO will flag it. Clr. Boyles enquired whether changes had been made to how tax sales are conducted and why they are being conducted this way. The CAO indicated that the process has not changed; however, the Audit Committee has adopted a different approach, making it more standardized.

Clr. Dewar is pleased to hear that the tax sale will be proceeding and noted that this is discussed at each Audit Committee meeting. Clr. Dewar asked whether the sale would be possible in February. The CAO said that, based on advertising requirements, the sale would most likely occur in March.

DEFERRED BUSINESS

DREAMERY GARDEN PROJECT TAX RECEIPTS

CAO Cullen indicated that once the society is created and information confirming that the Dreamery Garden Project is incorporated as a not-for-profit is received, the Administration Office can proceed to issue tax receipts for charitable donations.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community announcements were given.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Palmer to go to an In-Camera session. **Motion Carried**

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. MacDonald to return to regular session.

Motion Carried

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

WARDEN

MUNICIPAL CLERK