

July 7, 2025

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, July 7, 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
- 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
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Rhannon McNair, Director of Operations, Broadband Initiative
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer

ABSENT

Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk

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 Mikmaqi people and would like to thank the Mikmaqi 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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you from Pictou Academy for the graduation bursary.
2. Letter from NS Department of Municipal Affairs regarding MPS and LUB.
3. Letter from Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment regarding health concerns from uranium mining.
4. Letter from NS Justice Minister regarding outcomes of the Comprehensive Policing Review.
5. Letter from the Municipality of Digby regarding concerns about road safety and insufficient funding.

PRESENTATION

Carissa Ainslie, Executive Director, Creative Pictou County gave a presentation to Council. Ms. Ainslie provided an update on the Creative Pictou County's ongoing projects, and expressed gratitude for the continued support from the municipality.

The Creative
ARTS
Mean Business



CREATIVE
Pictou County

ART FORWARD

Mission and Vision

Community Engagement

Create networking skills, sharing, and connective arts community activities.

Artist Exposure

Promote and celebrate artistic talent, creative output, and the official contributions of art and culture in Pictou County.

Create a Sustainable Non-profit

Develop a diverse financial model which includes membership and sponsorship programs, art services revenue, fundraising events, grant funding, and municipal support.

Arts and Wellness

Nurture creativity, wellness, and healing by using the arts to foster connection, self-awareness, and resilience.

Revenue Development

Leverage creative sector funding programs, connect artists with market and performance opportunities, and support business development skills.



Upcoming Events & Projects



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE
CARLEY MULLALLY
JULY 14 - 19



Creative Pictou County Studio
99 Water Street, Pictou

HOSTED BY DARGY WALSH OF EAST COAST LUNA

SUMMER SONGWRITER SERIES

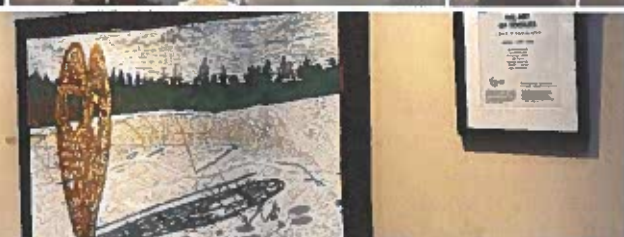
TRENTON PARK AVENUE THEATRE 119 PARK ROAD

WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT THREE EVENINGS OF LIVE MUSIC, STORYTELLING, AND CONVERSATION.

JULY 10, 6-7 PM NATHAN GERRIER & MEGHAN WESTERS OF ITINERARY
AUTUMN SPARKS

JULY 31, 6-7 PM GARY MEYER
FIELDER ENGINE
WALL MOUNTED

AUGUST 13, 6-7 PM ANDRE FEELRAS
LEARN TO FLEE SQUAD





JUNE 16 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2025



Artistry In Action Showcase

**March 22
11am-4pm**

Museum of Industry

**September 20
11am-4pm**

Pictou Landing First Nation School





STORIES ACROSS GENERATIONS

SEPTEMBER 27

1PM-4PM

DECOSTE CULTURE HUB
99 WATER STREET, PICTOU

OCTOBER 8

5PM-8PM

GLASGOW SQUARE THEATRE
155 RIVERSIDE PKWY, NEW GLASGOW

5 LOCAL ARTISTS + 5 NEWCOMERS
5 NEWCOMER ARTISTS + 5 LOCAL ELDERS

PRESENTED BY



FUNDED BY



JUNE 6 - 8

Economic Development Forum for Artists



In the Works | Studio

DOCUMENTING ARTWORK

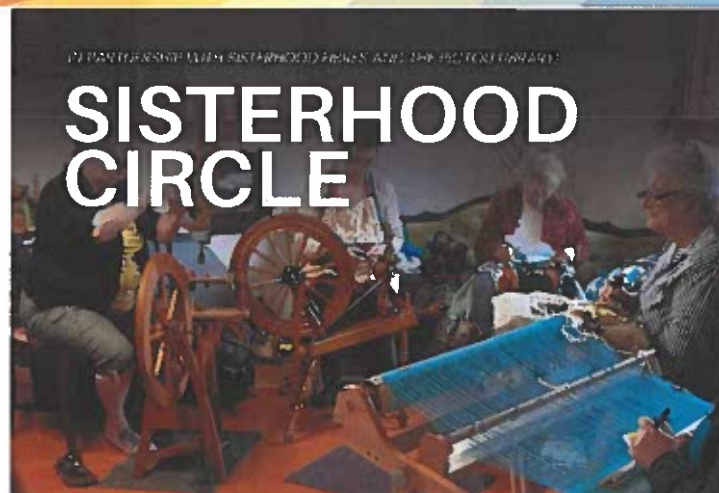
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM
SUMMER 2025

CRITIQUE SESSIONS

YOUTH FILM PROGRAM

COLOUR THEORY WORKSHOP
WITH SEAN BENTON

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT



Pictou-Antigonish
Regional Library



● 3PM - 6PM

● Creative Pictou County Studio
99 Water Street, Pictou

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST TUESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH!

creativepictoucounty.com

Stop Motion Workshop

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12 1PM-3:30PM



Intro to Drawing

with
Benoît Paradis

April 2, 9, 16 & 23



SLOOFox

creativepictoucounty.com

Let's Talk About **ART**

*Join us for a facilitated
conversation around art!*



April 30 | 6pm-8pm

Creative Pictou County Studio
99 Water Street, Pictou

Creative Pictou County in 2024



ART CRAWL



POP UP EXHIBITIONS



CRAFT NS WORKSHOP



FREE ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS
AT FUSION FEST



FREE PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FOR ARTISTS



COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD
CAROLYN VIENNEAU

\$12,000+ PAID TO ARTISTS
2,500+ PEOPLE ENGAGED
30+ EVENTS ORGANIZED



2024 RoundUp



CULTURE DAYS 2024



**Pictou County
Ranks #9**

in

Small Municipalities
Category





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BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION
RESOLUTION – 2025/2026 TAX RATE

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Thompson to approve the 2025-2026 tax rate at \$0.815 per \$100.00 of assessment for residential and resource property and at \$1.825 per \$100.00 of assessment for commercial property. **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION - TAX RATES 2025-26

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council that the estimated expenditures of the Municipality of the County of Pictou for the fiscal period **April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026** is approved in the amount of **\$30,695,730.00** and after making the allowance for estimated revenue in the amount of **\$10,649,866.00** the amount of **\$20,045,864.00** is required from general taxation of the assessed valuation of **\$2,233,459,975**.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Rate for the fiscal period **April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025** be set at **\$0.815** per \$100 of assessment for residential and resource property and at **\$1.825** per \$100 of assessment for commercial property;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rates and taxes for the current period may be collected by Warrant of Distress without further notice if not paid on or before the **15th day of October 2025**, with all costs and expenses of levy and on all proceedings incidental thereto: and further, if the said taxes are not paid before the 15th day of October 2025 an additional penalty charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 7th day of July 2025.

(Signed) _____

Motion Carried
Clr. Chester Dewar
Clr. Andy Thompson

AREA RATES FOR STREETLIGHTS, HYDRANT AND SEWAR

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. MacDonald to approve the 2025-2026 fiscal period Area Rates for streetlights, hydrant fire protection and sewer maintenance fees.

Motion Carried



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou, that Council authorize the rating and collection of area rates for streetlights, hydrant fire protection and sewer maintenance fees on applicable properties assessed in all districts as follows for the fiscal period **2025-26**:

<u>Type of Area Rate</u>	<u>Per \$100 Assessment Assessment Rate</u>	<u>Per Property Flat Rate</u>
Street Lights	\$ 0.052	
Street Lights (Little Harbour/Pictou Landing)	\$ 0.016	
Street Lights (Abercrombie/Grantton)	\$ 0.017	
Street Lights		\$ 49.35
Street Lights (District 1)		\$ 9.09
Hydrant Fire Protection Residential		\$ 280.00
Hydrant Fire Protection Commercial	\$ 0.440	
Hydrant Fire Protection Institutional	\$ 0.480	
Sewer Maintenance Fee		\$375.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and paid to the Treasurer on or before the 15th day of October 2025. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October 2025 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 7th day of July, 2025.

(Sgd.) _____

Motion Carried
Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Clr. Joe MacDonald
Nay Vote: Clr. Peter Boyles

WATER UTILITY RATES

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to approve the following water utility rates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the Water Utility Budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year in the amount of \$622,040.00, the same having been reviewed and approved by the financial Services Committee of Council.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of July, 2025.

(Sgd.) _____

Motion Carried
Clr. Randy Palmer
Deputy Warden Murray

FIRE AREA RATES

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Baillie and seconded by Clr. Parker to approve the following Fire Area Rates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year:

Motion Carried



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou, that Council authorize the rating and collection of of the following fire rates on properties assessed in the fire coverage areas throughout the Municipality for the fiscal period 2025-26:

#	Fire Department	Rate per \$100 Assessment	Rate per Acre	Flat Rate
1	Abercrombie	\$ 0.120	\$ 0.01	\$
2	Alma	0.098	0.01	
3	Barney's River	0.195	0.01	
4	Blue Mountain	0.195	0.01	
5	Caribou	0.086	0.01	
6	East River St. Mary's	0.195	0.01	
7	East River Valley	0.195	0.01	
8	Eureka	0.133	0.01	
9	Linacy	0.162	0.01	
10	Little Harbour	0.080	0.01	
11	Merigomish	0.174	0.01	
12	Pictou Landing	0.195	0.01	
13	Plymouth	0.190	0.01	
14	River John	0.100	0.01	
15	Scotsburn	0.124	0.01	
16	Thorburn	0.133	0.01	
17	Trenton		0.01	\$ 60.45
18	West River	0.140	0.01	

BE FURTHER IT RESOLVED, that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and paid by the 15th day of October 2025. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October, 2025 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

Dated at Pictou, this 7th day of July, 2025.

(Sgd.) _____

Motion Carried
Clr. Ronald Baillie
Clr. Donald Parker

NEW SCOTLAND BUSINESS INC. TAX RATE

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Dewar to approve the New Scotland Business Inc. Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal period: **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS New Scotland Business Inc., the Municipality of the County of Pictou and the Town of New Glasgow have agreed that the tax rates for the East River Business Park should not exceed \$1.89 per \$100 of assessment as a residential rate and \$2.90 per \$100 of assessment as a commercial rate and:

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou has set the 2025-26 tax rates at \$0.815 per \$100 of assessment as a residential rate and \$1.825 per \$100 assessment as a commercial rate:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipal of the County of Pictou, that Council authorize the rating and collection of an area rate for the East River Business Park for the for the fiscal period 2025-26 as follows :

Residential Rate	\$1.075 per \$100 of assessment
Commercial Rate	\$1.075 per \$100 of assessment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and paid to the Treasurer on or before the 15th day of October, 2025. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 15th day of October, 2025 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 7th day of July, 2025.

(Sgd.)

Motion Carried
Clr. Andy Thompson
Clr. Chester Dewar

COUNCIL GRANTS

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to approve the following Council Grants for the 2025-2026 fiscal period: **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS numerous applications for funding were received and considered by the Municipality during the preparation of the 2025/26 General Operating Budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the payment of the following grants:

#		APPLICANT	PURPOSE	FUNDING DECISION
	Account #	COMMUNITY GRANTS		
1	219503	Aberdeen Hospital Archive Project	Healing Garden	\$5,000.00
2	219505	CARMA	Operations	\$3,000.00
3	219505	CHAD	Operations	\$63,000.00
4	219505	Healthy Pictou County	Operations	\$24,200.00
5	219503	DEANS	Operations	\$19,700.00
6	219503	HCRS Northern Respite Services	Summer Camp	\$5,000.00
7	219503	Pictou Agricultural Society	Site Maintenance	\$10,000.00
8	219504	Pictou Community New Horizons	Building Upgrades	\$5,000.00
9	219502	Pictou County Fuel Fund	Operations	\$2,500.00
10	219505	PC Vol. Ground Search and Rescue	Operations	\$10,000.00
11	219502	PC Christmas Fund	Annual Donation	\$1,500.00
12	219502	PC Chamber of Commerce	Achievement Awards	\$1,500.00
13	219503	PC Mental Illness Family Support	Bright Smiles Project	\$3,000.00
14	219502	Pictou County Pride	Operations	\$1,000.00
15	219503	PC Rivers Association	Water Project	\$3,500.00
16	219503	PC Seniors Outreach	Lunch and Learn sessions	\$2,500.00
17	219503	Pictou United Church	Ryans Case for Smiles	\$1,000.00
18	219503	Piktukewag Women's Group	Ribbon Sweater Project	\$1,500.00
19	219503	Read by the Sea	Operations	\$3,000.00
20	219503	School Backpack Program	Operating Expenses	\$9,700.00
21	219503	School Breakfast Program	Operating Expenses	\$9,400.00
			TOTAL	\$185,000.00
		COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS		
22	269190	District One Development Society	Community Coordinator	\$5,000.00
23	269190	District 13 Recreation & Planning Comm.	Community Coordinator	\$5,000.00
24	269190	East River Valley Comm. Dev. Association	Community Coordinator	\$5,000.00
25	269190	River John & Area Recreation	Community Coordinator	\$5,000.00
			TOTAL	\$20,000.00
		RECREATION/CULTURE GRANTS		
26	271214	Autism Pictou County	Swim Program	\$5,000.00
27	271215	Broidy Park Splash Pad	Splash Pad Construction	\$5,000.00

28	271214	Creative Pictou County	Operations	\$2,500.00
29	271215	Dalhousie Mtn Snowmobile Club	Snow Groomer	\$10,000.00
30	271214	DeCoste Performing Arts Centre	Operations	\$15,000.00
31	271217	District 13 Rec and Planning Commission	Operations	\$30,000.00
32	271212	East Pictou Rural Fair	Event	\$3,000.00
33	271217	Hector Arena	Operations	\$30,000.00
34	271213	People First NS Society	Event	\$500.00
35	271215	Pictou County 4H Leaders Council	Maintenance and Repairs	\$8,000.00
36	271214	Pictou County Historical Society	Operations	\$500.00
37	271214	Pictou County Trails Association	Trail Improvements	\$10,000.00
38	271212	Pictou Lobster Carnival	Event	\$5,000.00
39	271214	Pictou County Comm. Health	Fall Prevention Program	\$5,000.00
40	271214	Riverview Home Corporation	Lifeguard Program	\$5,000.00
41	271212	River John Festival Days	Event Promotions	\$2,000.00
42	271214	Scouts Canada (Local Group)	Operations	\$1,000.00
43	271212	The Jubilee	Event	\$5,000.00
44	271212	North Nova Education Centre	Graduation/Bursary	\$2,000.00
45	271212	Northumberland Regional High School	Graduation/Bursary	\$2,000.00
46	271212	Pictou Academy	Bursary	\$200.00
47	271212	Tatamagouche Reg. High School	Bursary	\$200.00
48	271212	Climate Change Students @500 each	Bursaries	\$1,000.00
			TOTAL	\$145,900.00
		COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY FUND		
49	219500	Abercrombie Community Centre	Building Improvements	\$50,000.00
50	219500	Little Harbour Community Centre	Kitchen Upgrades	\$50,000.00
51	219500	Scotsburn Recreation	Multi-purpose courts	\$50,000.00
			TOTAL FOR CCF	\$150,000.00
			GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL GRANTS	\$500,900.00

DATED at Pictou, NS. on this 7th day of July, 2025.

(Sgd.)

Motion Carried
Clr. Darla MacKeil
Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Nay Vote: Clr. Ronnie Baillie

Clr. Baillie is unable to support this motion due to the answer received when the question was asked why the District 4 Community Coordinator grant amount was cut. Clr. Baillie noted that the position created in District 4 was built and added to and Council had been very supportive. Other areas have tried this and did not make it work.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Baillie and seconded by Clr. Wadden to amend the motion to increase the District 4 Community Coordinator position get an increase of \$8,000.00 for a total of \$13,000.00.

Motion Defeated
Clr. Joe MacDonald
Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Warden Robert Parker
Clr. Darla MacKeil
Clr. Larry Turner
Clr. Peter Boyles
Clr. Chester Dewar

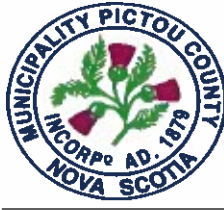
Deputy Warden Murray said that the biggest thing at the time the decisions were made was that there was an ask for over one million dollars and cuts had to be made.

SHEEP VALUER

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. MacDonald to approve the appointment of the following sheep valuers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year:

Motion Carried
Motion Carried
Clr. Deborah Wadden
Clr. Joe MacDonald



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section 9(1) of the Sheep Protection Act provides for the annual appointment of Sheep Valuers;

WHEREAS appointments to this office have been made throughout the various districts of the County of Pictou;

WHEREAS in accordance with the Statutes of Nova Scotia, these appointments require the approval of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the appointment of the following Sheep Valuers for 2025/26:

DIST 2	Allan Keefe
DIST. 3	William Ferguson
DIST.#12	Willard MacDonald

DATED at Pictou, NS. on this 7th day of July, 2025.

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MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS DISTRICT 1

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacDonald and seconded by Clr. Wadden to approve the following District 1 Municipal Service Grants:



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou approves the following Municipal Service Grants for District 1:

1. District One Development Society	\$1,700.00	Community newsletter
Barney's River Station School Museum	\$1,500.00	Maintenance
Hattie Cemetery Committee	\$ 500.00	Maintenance
Kenzieville Cemetery	\$1,500.00	Maintenance
Kenzieville District Action Group	\$1,500.00	Purchase Exercise Equip.
Lismore & District Comm Centre	\$1,500.00	Maintenance
Lismore & District Comm. Centre (Lismore Summer Rec Program)	\$1,500.00	Children of District 1
MARSA	\$1,500.00	Exterior lights, gutters, Maintenance
St. Andrew's Cemetery, Egerton	\$1,000.00	Maintenance
Merigomish Cemetery Company	\$1,500.00	Maintenance
Old School Cooperatives Merchants	\$1,500.00	Operating Costs
Pictou Co. Celtic Association	\$400.00	Creation of Memory Book
Piedmont Valley Cemetery	\$1,500.00	Maintenance
Sutherland's River Comm. Centre	\$1,500.00	Hall Upgrades
Telford Cemetery Assoc	\$900.00	Maintenance
Thorburn War Memorial	\$500.00	Maintenance
District 1 – Merigomish Street Light	\$40.00	Yearly Cost
French River Cemetery Society	\$1,500.00	Maintenance
Sutherland's River Pioneer Cemetery	<u>\$960.00</u>	Maintenance
Total	\$24,000.00	

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Motion Carried
Clr. Joe MacDonald
Clr. Deborah Wadden

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS DISTRICT 5

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. MacKeil to approve the following District 5 Municipal Service Grants: **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou approves the following Municipal Service Grants for District 5:

Dalhousie Snowmobile Club	\$6,000.00	Steel Roof for Hall
Lyons Brook & Area Women's Institute	\$2,800.00	Music Therapy Program
Lyons Brook Hall Society	\$7,300.00	Parking Lot Expansion
Meadowville Poplar Hill Comm. Hall	\$8,390.00	Construction of Gazebo
Scotsburn Fire Department	\$11,000.00	Pump Purchase
Elmfield Hall Street Light	\$40.00	Yearly Cost
Meadowville Hall Street Light	\$40.00	Yearly Cost
Total	\$35,570.00	

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Motion Carried
Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Clr. Darla MacKeil

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS DISTRICT 6

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Boyles to approve the following District 6 Municipal Service Grants: **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou approves the following Municipal Service Grants for District 6:

West River Fire Dept. Auxiliary	\$2,000.00	Kitchen Supplies
Salem and Area Recreation	\$10,000.00	Concrete Storage Building
NRHS	\$5,000.00	Purchase & Install Greenhouse
Durham Community Club	\$3,000.00	Hall Upgrades
Salem Presbyterian Church	\$1,500.00	Fridge for Hall
West River Presbyterian Church Hall	\$2,000.00	hall Upgrades
Loch Broom Log Church	\$2,000.00	Maintenance
Total	\$25,500.00	

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Motion Carried
Clr. Larry Turner
Clr. Peter Boyles

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS DISTRICT 9

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Dewar to approve the following District 9 Municipal Service Grants:

Motion Carried



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou approves the following Municipal Service Grants for District 9:

Hillside Cemetery	\$2,000.00	Maintenance
Hillside Community Centre	\$9,000.00	Purchase storage building/ maintenance
Linacy Fire Department	\$9,000.00	Firefighting Equipment
Priestville Walkerville Cemetery	\$2,000.00	Maintenance
Total \$22,000.00		

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Motion Carried
Clr. Peter Boyles
Clr. Chester Dewar

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS DISTRICT 11

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Boyles to approve the following District 11 Municipal Service Grants: **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou approves the following Municipal Service Grants for District 11:

Churchville Cemetery	\$400.00	Cemetery Maintenance
Churchville Comm. Hall	\$1850.00	Operating Costs
East River Valley Comm. Dev.	\$1,500.00	Newsletter Expense
Plymouth Fire Dept	\$1,500.00	Equip. Purchase & Operating Costs
Plymouth Fire Dept Ladies Aux	\$950.00	Equipment & Expense for Catering
Bridgeville Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
Bridgeville Comm. Hall	\$1,850.00	Operating Costs
East River Valley Fire Department	\$1,500.00	Equipment Purchase
East River Valley Rec Assoc.	\$2,000.00	Maintenance & Operating Costs
Glencoe Comm. Hall	\$950.00	Maintenance
Springville Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
Springville Church & Comm. Hall	\$3,000.00	Well Project
Sunny Brae Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
Blue Mtn Fire Department	\$1,500.00	Operations & Equip. Purchase
East River St. Mary's Fire Dept	\$1,500.00	Operations & Equip. Purchase
Garden of Eden Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
Garden of Eden Comm. Hall	\$3,750.00	Replace a Beam in Hall
Green's Brook Cemetery	\$400.00	Maintenance
Total	\$24,250.00	

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Motion Carried
Clr. Larry Turner
Clr. Peter Boyles

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANTS DISTRICT 12

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Boyles to approve the following District 12 Municipal Service Grants:

Motion Carried



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou approves the following Municipal Service Grants for District 12:

East River Valley Comm. Dev. Assoc.	\$6,000.00	Newsletter/Hall Projects
East River Valley Recreation	\$2,000.00	Trail
Eureka Fire Department	\$2,000.00	Department Projects
Friends of Iona Park Assoc.	\$1,500.00	Park Upkeep
Hopewell First Presbyterian Church	\$750.00	Maintenance at War Memorial
Hopewell Rec. Assoc. & Candy Cane	\$3,000.00	Park, Footbridge, Candy Cane Maintenance
Lorne Cemetery	\$1,500.00	Maintenance
Lorne Comm. Hall	\$6,000.00	Upgrades to Fire Safety Requirements and Maintenance
Riverton Cemetery	\$1,500.00	Cemetery Upkeep
St. Columbia Cemetery	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	Cemetery Upkeep
Total	\$25,750.00	

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of July 2025.

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Motion Carried
Clr. Chester Dewar
Clr. Peter Boyles

RECREATION CAPITAL GRANTS

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacDonald and seconded by Clr. Wadden to approve the following Recreation Capital Grants:

Motion Carried



Staff Recommendation on Recreational Grant Funding

The Municipality of Pictou County has budgeted **\$7,000.00** in its Community Recreation Program Operating Grant for 2025/2026. This grant covers several sources of funding for recreational programming including Community Recreation Programming, Leadership Programming, Operating Assistance Grants and Start Up Grants:

The Community Recreation Program Grant which allows the municipality to grant up to **\$750** to a community organization that is offering summer recreation programming to MOPC residents. There are four districts that offer such programming so if all the funds are requested this amount would come to **\$3,000.00**.

We currently have grant requests from the following organizations. To ensure the requests do not exceed the budget, staff have made the following recommendations:

Operating Assistance Grants:

UC Friends (Thorburn Youth Group) - **\$1,000.00**

Lismore and District Recreation (Youth Leadership Program) - **\$1,000.00**

Little Harbour Youth LEAD Arts Program – **\$1,000.00**

Start Up Grants

Pictou County Music and Memories Café - **\$200.00** - Programming

Keltic Chorus Women's Choir - **\$200.00** - Programming

Pictou County Arm Wrestling Association - **\$200.00** – Programming

This will leave **\$400** in the budget if there are any other applications that come forward throughout the year.

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Clr. Joe MacDonald
Clr. Deborah Wadden
Nay Vote: Clr. Peter Boyles

Clr. Boyles noted that the Start-Up Grants state the amount is \$350.00, and these grants are for \$200.00. Clr. Boyles does not agree that they are not given the amount stated in the application. Warden Parker said that the budget did not allow for the full amount. CAO Cullen stated that the policy states that up to \$350.00 can be granted. Clr. Boyles said that Council has to stop giving money to other places that are not within the rural municipality.

DOG POUND KEEPER

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. MacDonald to appoint Shelby Ranch as the MOPC Pound Keeper for a one-year term. **Motion Carried**



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou appoints Shelby Ranch of Scotsburn as its Pound Keeper for a monthly fee of \$750.00 for a one-year term.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of July 2025.

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Motion Carried
Clr. Deborah Wadden
Clr. Joe MacDonald

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Parker and seconded by Clr. Baillie to appoint Building Officials, Travis Spears and Cody Avery, as temporary development officers.

Motion Carried



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou is currently in the process of hiring a new development officer.

WHEREAS the Municipality currently has two Building Officials who can temporarily fill the position until a new development officer is hired.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Municipality of the County of Pictou appoint Building Officials, Travis Spears and Cody Avery, as its temporary development officers.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 7th day of July 2025.

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Motion Carried
Clr. Donald Parker
Clr. Ronnie Baillie

LACK OF GRASS CUTTING ON SHOULDERS OF THE ROAD

Clr. MacKeil noted that last year, there were a lot of areas within the county where the shoulders of the roads had not been mowed until September. Clr. MacKeil stated that in a rural municipality this is a safety issue with wildlife. Clr. MacKeil was happy to report that since the request was made to have this discussion added, some efforts have been made in District 3.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Turner to send a letter to the provincial government and local MLAs to thank them for the work that has already been done but to remind them that this is a safety issue for residents and to ask that the grass cutting and tree trimming along the roads be done in a timely manner. **Motion Carried**

Nay Votes: Clr. Andy Thompson
Clr. Randy Palmer
Clr. Debbie Wadden

Clr. Palmer made a phone call to find out how many mowers are available to do this work and was told there was one in the east and one in the west of the county. Clr. Palmer stated that there are a lot of roads within Pictou County and only two machines are available to do the work. Clr. Palmer will not support the motion. Clr. Wadden noted

that this is a huge concern but is uncertain as to what would be achieved by sending a letter.

Clr. Thompson stated being unable to support the motion to write a letter to the provincial government. Clr. Thompson agreed that there is a lot of overgrowth, but unless the municipality is prepared to spend money, then it should not be complaining to the province. Clr. Thompson noted that approximately a year ago the province wanted to hand over secondary roads and the municipality said that it did not want to manage the roads.

Clr. MacKeil stated that residents' concerns of public safety are the concern of Council and that the local MLAs do take notice of these letters. Clr. MacKeil said that this is a timing issue but the request to send a letter is to look out for the residents and public safety concerns. Clr. Parker agreed that this is an ongoing problem and is supportive of sending a letter.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

CAO Cullen noted that none of the eight projects met the 50% plus one threshold. The CAO said that the Capital Improvement Plan would be the projects that have already been on the plan for the previous years.

Councillors discussed the procedure for prioritizing the projects on the Capital Plan.

Clr. Turner stated that it is striking that there is no plan for years 3, 4 and 5 and that it is the responsibility of this Council to change the way that things are evaluated and put on the Capital Plan. Clr. Turner said that it is disappointing to Councillors who had worthwhile projects and that it should be reconsidered to how Council put capital projects together. Clr. Turner noted that hard data is needed to make proper decisions.

Clr. Baillie said that it is difficult to move projects forward if they do not make the list and that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the projects from year one will move on to year two.

Clr. Parker expressed that it is critical for residents to have water and will continue to fight for this for the residents of District 7.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. MacKeil to approve the Capital Improvement Plan. **Motion Carried**

CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

There was no deferred business.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcements were given.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK