

June 1, 2026

The Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 7 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
- 9 Clr. Peter Boyles
- 10 Clr. Randy Palmer
- 12 Clr. Chester Dewar

IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Cullen, CAO Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Ian Watson, Upland Consultants
Jeremy Martell, Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs Advisor

ABSENT

8 Clr. Larry Turner
11 Clr. Andy Thompson
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Rhannon McNair, Director of Business for the Rural Broadband Project.

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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in memory of:

- Dennis Raniowski and Alex Jardine of the Eureka Fire Department
- Kevin Adshade (local reporter)

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

No Emergency Resolutions were presented

AGENDA

It was moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Clr.Boyles

Seconded by Clr. MacKeil

Motion Carried

MINUTES

Warden Parker asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for May 4, 2026. The members of the Council entered with no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of May 4, 2026, meeting as the official record of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) providing one-year notice of changes to fire protection legislation.

BUSINESS ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

New Scotland Business Park report was submitted for information.

REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION

District 1 Municipal Service Grants

Motion: It was moved to adopt the Municipal Service Grants presented to Council for District 1 totaling \$24,640.00.

Moved by Clr. MacDonald

Seconded by Clr. Wadden

Motion Carried

District 2 Municipal Service Grants

Motion: It was moved to adopt the Municipal Service Grants presented to Council for District 3.

Moved by Clr.MacKeil

Seconded by Clr. Boyles

Motion Carried

District 6 Municipal Service Grants

Motion: It was moved to adopt to approve the Municipal Service Grants presented to Council for District 6 totaling \$21,000.00.

Moved by Clr. Baillie
Seconded by Clr. Wadden

Motion Carried

District 10 Municipal Service Grants

Motion: It was moved to adopt the Municipal Service Grants presented to Council for District 10 totalling \$17,200.00.

Moved by Clr. Palmer
Seconded by Clr. MacDonald

Motion Carried

Student Casual Employee Policy

Motion: It was moved to adopt the updated student/casual policy number 2026-06-01.

Moved by Clr. Wadden
Seconded by Clr. MacDonald

Motion Carried

Land-Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy First Reading (Agricultural Land Amendments)

Motion: It was moved to approve the first reading of the land-use bylaw and municipal planning strategy amendments to agricultural land.

Moved by: Clr. Palmer
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Murray

Fruit Trees at 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou

Motion: It was moved to purchase six fruit trees for the Municipality of Pictou County's Administration Building at 46 Municipal Drive this fiscal year.

Moved by: Clr. Boyles
Seconded by: Clr. Parker

Motion Carried

Nay Votes:

Clr. Wadden

Clr. Baillie

DEFERRED BUSINESS

Clr. Dewar brought up concerns regarding the audit of bill from Municipal Affairs – Discussion centered on the \$109,000 bill that the municipality did not order and the offer from Municipal Affairs to halve the cost. Council noted the need to obtain further details and to follow up with the department.

Warden Parker introduced Jeremy Martell, the new Municipal Affairs Advisor for the region. He said he would address Council's concerns with Municipal Affairs.

Clr. Wadden mentioned that the Municipality has implemented audit recommendations – Council affirmed responsibility to ensure the five audit recommendations are followed.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

None brought forward.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community announcements were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Warden Parker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.