

June 16, 2025

The Property 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, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

- 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  
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services  
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development  
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services  
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Business Operations, Broadband Initiative  
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer

**ABSENT**

Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Clr. Randy Palmer, Chair of the Property Services Committee called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people.

**AGENDA**

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

## **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

There were no emergency resolutions.

## **MINUTES**

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for May 20, 2025. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on May 20, 2025, as the official record of the meeting.

Clr. Turner noted an incomplete statement in the coastal protection discussion.

Warden Parker noted a correction in a motion passed that Gordon Smith should be the name in the motion.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Acknowledgment from PMO that it received the MOPC letter regarding the potential Canada Post Strike.

Premier Tim Houston's response to the MOPC letter regarding Uranium mining.

Warden Parker noted that no applications were received by the province for exploratory work on uranium in Pictou County. The Warden believes that the province has recognized the need for consultation with residents in advance.

Clr. Wadden stated that it is necessary to take a serious look at ways to get growth in the province. Clr. Wadden agrees that more has to be done. Clr. Wadden noted that the list of projects that the provincial and federal governments have contributed to in the area is remarkable.

## **REPORTS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION**

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Public Works and Development Report for the month of May 2025 was received as presented.

Warden Parker inquired whether there has been any clarification regarding the types of lights that will be used for crosswalks in the Blue Acres Sidewalk Project. Mr. McDowell stated that a report was received regarding the lights but it did not include the safety features. Mr. McDowell requested a revised report including that information.

Warden Parker questioned if the Green Hill Estates Subdivision is closer to an agreement. Mr. McDowell stated that the developer is seeking to modify the plan and the agreement.

Clr. Wadden requested an update on the status of the Chance Harbour Subdivision. Mr. McDowell stated that the servicing agreement has been received and is being reviewed by staff. It is expected that an update will be available within a week.

Warden Parker inquired if the summer road maintenance contracts have been awarded and what the rules are for the timeframe for completion. Mr. McDowell said the contract tenders close on June 20th, and it is expected that the work will take place over the next couple of weeks.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Emergency Services Report for the month of May 2025 was received as presented.

### **FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT**

The Fire Inspector Report for the month of May 2025 was received as presented.

### **BUILDING OFFICIALS REPORT**

The Building Inspector's Report for the month of May 2025 was received as presented.

### **BYLAW OFFICER REPORT**

The Bylaw Officer Report for the month of May 2025 was received as presented.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

### **RFP FOR DOG POUND KEEPER**

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to accept the staff recommendation to accept Shelby Ranch as the MOPC Pound Keeper.

**Motion Carried**

Clr. Baillie questioned the reasoning behind the SPCA's decision not to continue the service, and Clr. Baillie noted that the MOPC just donated \$200,000 to the new SPCA facility. Mr. Hale stated that the SPCA decided province-wide to close out the kennel contracts. Mr. Hale noted that an email was sent with a new fee schedule, which includes

a 400% increase, as well as a call-out fee of approximately \$1,500 for three hours for SPCA staff. Mr. Hale noted that the SPCA are the ones who cancelled the contract.

### **DEFERRED BUSINESS**

There was no deferred business.

### **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION**

There were no motions of reconsideration.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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