



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS/YOUTUBE STREAMING CHANNEL

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Emergency Resolutions
6. Errors and Omissions/Corrections to Minutes – December 4, 2023
7. Correspondence
8. **Recognition**
 - a. Fraser's Country Clydesdales qualify for the North American Championships in Indiana in September 2024.
9. **Business Items or Items Requiring Action**
 - a. Recreation Grant for Northumberland Regional High School – Clr. D. Parker
 - b. Engage Nova Scotia Quality of Life Mun. Investment Plan – Clr. Thompson
 - c. NSP Power Outages - Clr. Butler (Information included)
10. **Consideration of Deferred Business**
 - a. Gut Bridge Funding (information included)
11. Community Announcements
12. Motions of Reconsideration
13. Adjournment

RECOGNITION: FRASER'S COUNTY CLYDESDALES

On behalf of Council and Staff for the Municipality of Pictou County, I would like to take this time to congratulate Fraser's Country Clydesdales on an exceptional performance at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November 2023.

Fraser's County Clydesdales, which is owned by Leonard and Donna Fraser of Mill Brook, Pictou County, was the No. 1 Clydesdale hitch throughout the competition and achieved first-place finishes in the following categories:

- Ladies Cart, Clydesdales
- Ladies Cart, All Breeds
- Men's Cart, Clydesdales
- Team Class, Clydesdales
- Unicorn Class, Clydesdales
- 4 Horse Hitch, Clydesdales
- 6 Horse Hitch, Clydesdales
- Classic Cart, All Breeds
- 1st Tack Room Competition - overall horse exhibitors.

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the pinnacle of competitions for the agricultural community, and the team from Fraser's County Clydesdales showed they have what it takes to compete with the best and win. Our community is proud of their accomplishments.

With their recent success, Fraser's Country Clydesdales qualified to compete at the North American Championships in Indiana in September 2024. We wish them great success as they prepare for this event.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve a Recreation Capital Grant of \$1000 to Northumberland Regional High School for an accessible multi-trial system.

Dated the 8th day of January 2024 in Pictou, NS.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Engage Nova Scotia will conduct a Quality of Life survey in the fiscal year of 2024/2025, providing municipalities with five years of accessible, evidence-based decision-making information.

BE IT RESOLVED the Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou contribute 50 cents a resident towards the cost of administering an Engage Nova Scotia survey in 2024/25.

Dated the 8th day of January 2024 in Pictou, NS.

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Sueann Musick

From: Don Butler
Sent: January 2, 2024 11:22 AM
To: Sueann Musick
Subject: Re: MOPC Council Pre-Agenda Jan. 8, 2024

New years greetings Sueann. In regards to our January 8th meeting agenda I would like to see Nova Scotia power outages added to the agenda.

As far as background information, it is fair to say we recently had an update from NSP officials, however, in view of the number of recent outages, and the number of calls I received on this matter, I feel further discussion is needed.

Don

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 22, 2023, at 11:21 AM, Sueann Musick <Sueann.Musick@munpict.ca> wrote:

Hi Everyone, here is the pre agenda for January 8, 2024. If you have any additions to the agenda, please have it submitted to me by Tuesday, January 2, 2024 (end of day) with background information and I will have the final agenda to you by Wednesday, January 3rd.

Happy Holidays to Everyone and I will see you all in the New Year.

Thank You,
Sueann Musick
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**Municipality of Pictou
County**

Memo

To: Municipal Council
From: Brian Cullen
cc: Sueann Musick; Karen Cornish; Evan Hale, Logan McDowell
Date: January 2 2024
Re: Gut Bridge

Background

The Town of Pictou made a request that the Municipality consider an additional contribution to the Gut Bridge Project based upon tender pricing.

At the December Financial Services Committee, a motion was made to defer the request to a future meeting of the Grants Review Committee.

Additional Information

Gut Bridge					
Costs	2024	2023		Funding	
Tender	590,842.76			Province	200,000.00
Engineering	14,860.76	2,000.00		ACOA	182,690.26
Engineering Not Billed	21,725.07			County	70,000.00
Geotech		14,356.01		Town	83,333.00

Cleanup	11,491.80				
Total	638,920.38	16,356.01			536,023.26
				Additional Request MOPC	30,000
				Shortfall/ Town of Pictou	89,253.12
Total Project Cost	655,276.39			Total Project	655,276.39

The Town of Pictou's consultants have reviewed the tenders and recommend the award to Partner's Construction.

The CAO for the Town of Pictou has indicated that the tender closed on December 5th and is valid for 60 days. This gives us until February 3, 2024, for a price guarantee; after that, cost escalations could occur.

December 18th, 2023

Town of Pictou
40 Water St
Pictou, NS
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ATTENTION: Mr. Iain MacIsaac, P. Eng – Superintendent of Public Works

Dear Mr. MacIsaac;

**RE: 22-71 GUT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - AWARD
RECOMMENDATION**

Strait Engineering Ltd. (SEL) tendered the project “22-71 – Gut Bridge Replacement Project” for the Town of Pictou. The project was tendered during the period of October 23rd, 2023 and December 5th, 2023. Electronic bids were received up until 3:00pm on December 5th, 2023. The tender submissions were reviewed for contents as well as mathematical correctness. No mathematical errors were found. The following is a summary of the three bids that were received:

Balodis Incorporated

Bid Price: \$1,335,649.00 +HST

Bonding: 10% Bid Bond & Agreement to Bond

Commence Work By: January 15th, 2024

Substantial Performance By: May 15th, 2024

Other Documents: Letter of Good Standing, WCB Good Standing all provided. Insurance certificate not provided.

Optional: Galvanized Panel Bridge - \$912,127.00 +HST

Partner's Construction Ltd.

Bid: \$745,449.60 +HST

Bonding: Checks provided.

Commence Work By: Immediately

Substantial Performance By: February 16th, 2024

Other Documents: Letter of Good Standing, Liability Insurance all provided. Letter of Good Standing not provided.

Optional: Panel Bridge - \$566,560.00 +HST

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December 13th, 2023

Mr. MacIsaac

CMS SteelPro Ltd.

Bid: \$1,611,765.69 +HST

Bonding: No Bid Bond provided.

Commence Work By: Not provided

Substantial Performance By: Not provided

Other Documents: Letter of Good Standing, WCB Good Standing, Liability Insurance,
References all not provided.

After careful consideration and thorough evaluation, SEL recommends Partner's Construction Ltd to be awarded the project and proceed with the optional panel bridge.

Once the recommendation is accepted by the Town of Pictou, SEL will formally notify the Contractor and prepare contract documents for a contract signing.

Trusting this meets your needs at this time.

Very Truly Yours,
Strait Engineering Limited



Darryl Myette, P. Eng, PMP