

March 16, 2026

The Property Services Committee for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, March 16th, 2026, at 8:10 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

Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Business Operations, Broadband Initiative

ABSENT

Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development

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 Mi'kmaq people.

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.

MINUTES

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for February 17, 2026, the members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on February 17, 2026, as the official record of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

1. From Energy Management regarding fire service legislation.
2. From Nova Scotia Emergency Management regarding new Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) standards.
3. From Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs regarding agricultural land use consultation.
4. From Season Brennan, Pictou County Rivers Association, regarding proposed gas power plants.

REPORTS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

- 7.1 Director of Public Works and Development's Report — Reviewed for information.
- 7.2 Development Office Report — Reviewed for information.
- 7.3 Streetlight Report — Reviewed for information.
- 7.4 GIS Report — Reviewed for information.
- 7.5 Emergency Services Report — Reviewed for information.
- 7.6 Fire Inspection Report — Reviewed for information.
- 7.7 Building Officials Report — Reviewed for information.
- 7.8 Bylaw Officers Report — Reviewed for information.

REPORTS REQUIRING A MOTION

8.1.1 Request to Transfer Ownership

- Request to transfer ownership of a section of unmaintained public highway – Discussed the implications of transferring ownership to the municipality.
- Review of road policy for taking over private roads – Discussed cost-sharing arrangements and policy considerations.

Motion: It was moved that we accept this for information purposes this time and to write to the province informing it was not interested in taking ownership of a section of unmaintained public highway -850 metres of Willard Fraser Road from Brookville Road

easterly.

Moved by Wayne Murray
Seconded by Clr. MacKeil

Motion Carried

8.1.2 District 2 Streetlights

Motion: It was moved to install the three streetlights at 515 Fraser Mountain Branch and two streetlights at Fraser Mountain Branch Road.

Moved by Clr. Wadden
Seconded by Clr. Thompson

Motion Carried

8.1.3 District 11 – Blue Acres Streetlights

Motion: It was moved to proceed with streetlights on five poles in the Blue Acres area. Two would be located between the bridge and Esso gas station and three would be located between the bridge and North Novie Drive. All are on existing poles.

Moved by Clr. Thompson
Seconded by Clr. Turner

Motion Carried

8.1.4 GRID Program Funding for Alternative Lighting

Motion: It was moved to instruct staff to first see if there's any money left in that GRID program that we can access for additional alternative street lighting, i.e., solar street lighting that could reduce costs by 50 per cent in some of the other areas that need help.

Moved by Clr. Thompson
Seconded by Clr. Turner
Nay vote: Clr. Boyles

Motion Carried

9. Deferred Business

No deferred business.

10. Motions of Reconsideration

No motions of reconsideration were brought forward.

11. Adjournment

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK