

March 2, 2026

The Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Tuesday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

1. Clr. Joe MacDonald (videoconference)
2. Clr. Deborah Wadden
4. Clr. Ronald Baillie
- 6 Warden Robert Parker
7. Clr. Donald Parker
8. Clr. Larry Turner
9. Clr. Peter Boyles
- 10 Clr. Randy Palmer
11. Clr. Chester Dewar
12. Clr. Andy Thompson

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Brian Cullen, CAO  
Karen Cornish, Deputy Treasurer  
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services  
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works and Development  
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Business Operations for the Broadband Project  
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Management

**ABSENT**

3. Clr. MacKeil
5. Deputy Warden Murray

**CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Warden Robert Parker, Chair of the Council called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mi'kmaw people.

**AGENDA**

It was moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Peter Boyles

Seconded by Larry Turner

**Motion Carried**

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

**Discussion on McCulloch House Funding**

It was moved that a discussion on McCullough House Museum funding be added to the agenda.

Moved by Clr. Parker

Seconded by Clr. Palmer

**Motion Carried**

**MINUTES**

Warden Robert Parker asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes of February 2, 2026. The members of the Council entered with no errors,

omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the February 2, 2026, meeting as the official record of the meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from the following:

- Mark Brennan regarding the proposed power plants in Salts Springs and Marshdale with Pictou County.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed power-plant projects in Salt Springs, Six Mile Brook, and other locations within Pictou County. Council expressed concern over environmental and community impacts. No motion was tabled.

- The Department of Municipal Affairs provides an update on funding contained in the operating budget.
- Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian for Pictou Antigonish Regional Library regarding Library Funding.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION**

7.1 New Scotland Business Park report — Reviewed for information.

## **REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION**

### **8.1 MOTION Water-meter tender resolution – award to Neptune for \$422,961.11 (including HST).**

It was moved to approve the recommendation from staff that Neptune be awarded the water-meter contract, which includes an AMI cellular auction for a cost of \$422,961.11, (including HST)

Moved by Clr. Wadden

Seconded by Clr. Palmer

**Motion Carried**

### **8.2 MOTION Mobile-generator tender resolution – award to Samson for \$133,950.00.**

It was moved to approve the recommendation that Sampson be awarded the contract for the mobile generator for a cost of \$133,950.00.

Moved by Clr. Baillie

Seconded by Clr. Wadden

**Motion Carried**

### **8.3 MOTION J-Class Roads Agreement cost-share resolution (2027-2029).**

It was moved to adopt the three-year cost-share agreement (2027-2029) with the Province of Nova Scotia for the pavement of subdivision streets.

Moved by Clr. Palmer

Seconded by Clr. Wadden

**Motion Carried**

**8.4 MOTION Generative AI policy resolution.**

It was moved to adopt the Generative AI policy for the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

Moved by Clr. Turner

Seconded by Clr. Boyles

**Motion Carried**

**8.5 MOTION MOPC Broadband Utility Oversight Committee policy resolution.**

It was moved to accept the MOPC Broadband Utility Oversight Committee Policy 20260301 and repeal former related policies.

Moved by Clr. Wadden

Seconded by Clr. Palmer

**Motion Carried**

**8.6 MOTION Letter to the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage and Tourism and to the Premier regarding the McCulloch House Genealogy Society.**

It was moved to send a letter to the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage and Tourism and to the Premier, requesting that they meet with the people on the board at the McCulloch House Genealogy Society and see if we can come up with a better resolution than closing it.

Moved by Warden Parker

Seconded by Clr. Wadden

**Motion Carried**

**DEFERRED BUSINESS**

No deferred items were discussed.

**MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION**

None brought forward.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community announcements were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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CHAIRPERSON

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MUNICIPAL CLERK