



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Monday, March 24, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS/YOUTUBE STREAMING CHANNEL

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of Agenda
4. **Business Items or Items Requiring**
 - 4.1 2023/2024 Financial Statements
 - 4.2 Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy Discussion
 - 4.3 RESOLUTION: Recreation Start Up Grants- Clr. Thompson
 - 4.4 Abercrombie Fire Department Levy
 - 4.5 MOPC Switch Policy
 - 4.6 MOPC Accessibility Plan
 - 4.7 MOPC Equity and Anti-Racism Plan
5. Adjournment



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve the following
Recreation Start Up Grant

Bridgeville Community Hall - \$350.00 – Community Program

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 24th day of March 2025.

(Sgd.)

Memo

To: Municipal Council

From: Brian Cullen, Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Senior Managers

Date: March 19, 2025

Re: Abercrombie Fire Department Levy

Background

The Municipality received a request from Abercrombie FD to increase its fire levy to 12 cents per 100 of assessment. The request was received prior to the February deadline to apply for an increase; however, misfiled in the upcoming budget file. The request is to assist with the purchase of a new fire truck.

The terms of the fire levy grant policy have been complied with, as a public meeting was conducted on the issue and approved by those present.

Memo

To: Municipal Council

From: Brian Cullen, Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Senior Managers

Date: March 19, 2025

Re: PACE Program Changes

Background

At a recent Climate Change Meeting a discussion was held on financing solar projects through a participation agreement. Julian Boyle PACE Atlantic presented to the committee and said that solar projects for residential applications payback given market conditions and grant availability can push the term currently given (10 years). A discussion also was held around the terms of the solar program to commercial properties. The terms of the commercial solar program would be for 10 years, as there are tax incentives and input tax credits that accelerate the payback in the commercial sector.

The recommendation presented to the Climate Change Committee was that we allow for 15-year payback on solar projects for residential projects. **The Climate Change Committee is recommending this program change for residential applications and setting terms for the commercial properties at 10 years.**

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
Solar Program Participation Agreement Policy

1) PURPOSE

- a) To establish equitable guidelines for the application of the Pictou County PACE Program Loan Program.

2) AUTHORITY

- a) Authority is provided under Section 65, Municipal Government Act, as amended.

3) OBJECTIVES

- a) To identify conditions upon which loan applications will be processed and approved.

4) GENERAL POLICY STATEMENTS

- a) A Participation Agreement approved under the Switch MOPC program and Property Assessed Clean Energy Program By-law for Solar/Battery Projects can be extended for a term not to exceed 15 years for a residential application.
- b) A Participation Agreement approved under the Switch MOPC program and Property Assessed Clean Energy Program By-law for Solar/Battery Projects can be extended for a term not to exceed 10 years for commercial application.