

March 6, 2023

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building by videoconference and teleconference on Monday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Dist. 1 Clr. Don Butler  
2 Clr. Deborah Wadden  
3 Clr. Darla MacKeil  
5 Deputy Warden Wayne Murray  
7 Clr. David Parker  
8 Clr. Larry Turner  
9 Clr. Peter Boyles  
10 Clr. Randy Palmer  
11 Clr. Andy Thompson  
12 Clr. Chester Dewar

**ABSENT**

4 Clr. Mary Elliott  
6 Warden Robert Parker

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer  
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services  
Sueann Musick, Communications Officer  
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development

**CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Deputy Warden Wayne Murray chaired the meeting in the absence of Warden Parker. He called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaqi people.

**AGENDA**

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. D. Parker that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

**MINUTES**

The Minutes for the Council Meeting of February 6, 2023, were received as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE** (Required for Action)

No correspondence requiring action was presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES**

Thank you from Salt Springs School for Bkfest Program. (uncirculated)  
Thank you from Trenton Elementary for Bkfest Program Funding. (uncirculated)  
Town of Stellarton letter regarding Blue Acres Sidewalks Funding. (circulated)

**ANTI- RACISM CHARTER**

Deputy Warden Wayne Murray read the Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation to Council, followed by an official signing:

**ANTI-RACISM CHARTER IN RECREATION**

WHEREAS Recreation Nova Scotia's Anti-Racism Charter is committed to continued learning and action.

WHEREAS there is a responsibility on all those involved in the sector to acknowledge and address racism in recreation.

WHEREAS collaboration across the recreation sector and beyond, along with building meaningful partnerships, is necessary for any anti-racism initiative to impact positively.

WHEREAS there is no requirement for racialized people to lead this work. However, ensuring ample opportunity for those with lived experience to communicate and impact change is necessary and fundamental to the work moving forward.

WHEREAS recreation is a powerful tool that can bring diverse communities and individuals together. This distinctive characteristic makes it even more important to ensure that everyone is welcome to participate, lead and support the recreation activities that interest them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council for the County of the Municipality of Pictou adopt Recreation Nova Scotia's Anti-Racism Charter as a practical tool shaped by recreation employees, volunteers and participants to engage in the work necessary to acknowledge and confront continued harms caused by racism in recreation.

DATED at Pictou, NS, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

(Sgd) Wayne Murray

## **UPDATE ON NEW SCOTLAND BUSINESS PARK**

Clr. Palmer reported to Council an update on the progress being made at the East River Business Park owned by New Scotland Business Inc.

On February 16, Frank MacFarlane received a Letter of Intent from a developer interested in the land at the end of Victory Court. Consolidated land size is approximately 4 acres. In addition to the offer price, the Board has approved a period of 90 days during which time the developer can perform due diligence. If all goes to plan, the Board will be in position to negotiate an Agreement of Purchase and Sale by May 15, 2023.

There was also interest from another development group for a portion of the 4 acre parcel at the end of Victory Court but the Board decided to accept the offer from the other developer for the total parcel of land. MacFarlane has been working with this developer and their realtor for a few months on potential land development options throughout the region and has been instructed by the Board to see if there is interest in developing the 1.5 acre parcel on Terra Cotta Drive. MacFarlane is currently working with their realtor and has met with their management team in Halifax to discuss specific land related details. He expects to receive a revised Letter of Intent for the parcel on Terra Cotta Drive within the next week. Once it is received, the Board will meet to review the details of the group's intent and make a determination on whether or not they would like to pursue the opportunity.

The Dunkeld is progressing as expected. MacFarlane has spoken with their leasing team and they are encouraged and pleasantly surprised with the interest and activity generated via their phone lines and website forms. They have been actively seeking tenants for the commercial space and have indicated that they are engaged in discussions with a number of potential office/retail/commercial tenants for the ground-floor commercial space. MacFarlane has met with the site supervisor and was pleased with the progress to date. The one concern is with the availability of tradespeople – a sentiment shared by all construction sites in the country.

The 1.9-acre lot on the corner of East River Road and North Novie Drive has officially been sold to a group of investors from the Greater Toronto Area. The buyers wish to remain anonymous for now, but the Board hopes to make an announcement about this development in the coming weeks. Once the group is in a position to disclose more information, a sign will be erected on the lot advertising the project.

## **RESOLUTION - NEW SCOTLAND BUSINESS PARK**

It was moved by Crl. D. Parker that the following resolution be adopted by Council:

## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou and the Town of New Glasgow have created a municipal body corporate, named the New Scotland Business Development Incorporated for the purpose of development of a business park on lands adjacent to current municipal boundaries between the two municipal units;

WHEREAS New Scotland Business Development Incorporated is the owner of a parcels of land identified by Property Identification Number 65228173 is located within the current boundaries of the Town of New Glasgow;

WHEREAS New Scotland Business Development Incorporated wishes to have all its owned parcels of land be located within one municipal boundary;

WHEREAS section 357 of the Municipal Government Act, S.N.S. 1998 c. 18 requires that a Municipality make an application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for an amendment to municipal boundaries;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou enter into an agreement with the Town of New Glasgow to change the mutual municipal boundary between the Municipality and the Town so as to include the lands now within the current geographic boundaries of the Town which are owned by the New Scotland Business Development Inc., and identified by PID No. 65228173, within the intended changed geographic boundaries of the Municipality.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality (on its own behalf or jointly with the Town) thereafter make an application to the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board, pursuant to section 357 of the Municipal Government Act, SNS 1998. Section 18, as amended, requesting such a change to the mutual municipal boundary.

DATED at Pictou, NS, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

Sgd Clr. D. Parker  
Clr MacKeil

Motion Carried

## **RESOLUTION – ACCESSIBILITY REPORT**

It was moved by Clr. Turner that the Accessibility Report 2023-2025 be adopted by Council:

## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Municipality of Pictou County is committed to ensuring equitable access to community life and participation in society for all people, regardless of their abilities.

WHEREAS the Municipality is committed to helping people maintain their dignity and independence and meeting the needs of people who face barriers to accessibility.

WHEREAS the Municipality will meet these needs by identifying, removing and preventing these barriers and meeting the requirements of Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act.

WHEREAS the Municipality supports the goals of the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act and will strive to ensure that its policies, practices and procedures are consistent with the core principles to create an inclusive environment that is considerate and accommodating to all.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council adopt the aforementioned Accessibility Plan.

DATED at Pictou, NS, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

(Sgd.) Clr. Turner  
Clr. Boyles

Motion Carried

## **RESOLUTION – LAND USE PLANNING TENDER**

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil that the Land Use Planning Tender be adopted by Council:

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS requests for proposals have been called for consulting services for municipal planning and land use bylaws planning and development.

WHEREAS three proposals were received and considered by the Financial Services Committee as follows:

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|----|--------|--------------|
| 1. | WSP    | \$238,455.00 |
| 2. | FOTENN | \$186,080.00 |

3. UPLAND \$ 139,180.00

WHEREAS the proposals have been reviewed to determine content and completeness, demonstrated management of the contract, related experience and costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council accepts the tender submitted by UPLAND in the amount of \$139,180.00.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

(Sgd.) Clr MacKeil  
Clr. D. Parker

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION – RECREATION FUNDING REQUESTS:**

It was moved by Clr. Dewar that the following Recreation Grant Requests be approved by Council:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approves the following Recreation Grants:

- a. Pictou County Trap and Skeet Club -\$1000 (Capital Grant) – repairs following Fiona
- b. Lismore and Area Recreation Committee -\$2000- youth leadership programming

Dated at Pictou, NS, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

(Sgd) Clr. Dewar  
Clr. Butler

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION – GRANT EXTENSIONS**

It was moved by Clr. Thompson that the following Grant Extensions approved by Council:

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the extension of the following Municipal Grants:

### Municipal Services:

- D01 Barney's River School House Museum - \$ 1500.00 Repairs to museum
- D04 Toney River Community Centre - \$3000.00 - Repairs to the Hall
- D06 West River Fire Department - \$3,000 – replacement of damaged sign on fire hall
- D10 The Mountain Cemetery - \$836.34 – maintenance and repair work
- D11 Bridgeville Community Hall - \$1467.91 – insurance deductible and taxes
- D11 Plymouth Community and Recreation Assoc. - \$4000 – repairs to the building.

### Council Grants:

- D11 Churchville Community Hall - \$5000- replacement of floor in the hall.
- D11 MacDonald Rebekah Lodge #108 Sunny Brae - \$5000 – repairs to the building.

### Community Development Grant:

- D01 District One Development Society -\$237.53 – community coordinator position

DATED at Pictou, NS this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 6, 2023.

(Sgd.) Clr. Thompson  
Clr. Dewar

Motion Carried

## **RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL TAX WRITE OFF**

Clr. Wadden presented the following resolution to Council:

### **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approves the write-off of taxes levied to the Town of Trenton from 2020-2023 for the sum of \$483.57. (Roll#10149401)

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 6th day of March 2023.

(Sgd) Clr. Wadden  
Clr. Butler

Motion Carried

## **RURAL INTERNET PROJECT UPDATE**

CAO Cullen provided Council with an Update on the Rural Internet Project.

The logo for Digital Ubiquity features the word "DIGITAL" in orange and "UBIQUITY" in white, with a stylized orange dot above the 'U' in "UBIQUITY".

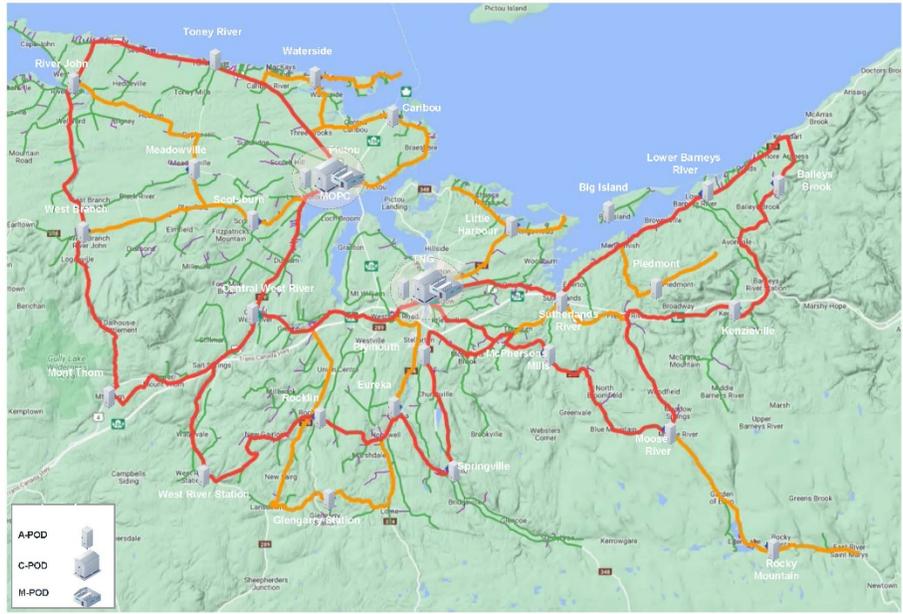
# DIGITAL UBIQUITY

Project Overview & Updates

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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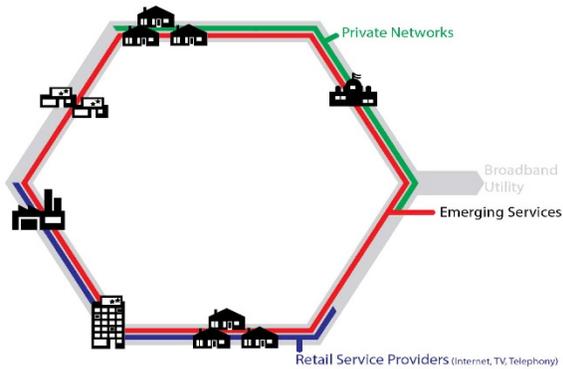
# Broadband Utility – Project Overview



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# Broadband Utility – Open Market for Choice and Competition

Retail Service Providers (RSPs) are third party providers that are offering Triple-Play services on a broadband utility and are categorized by the traditional telecommunication services such as **Internet, Telephony and Television**. Already creating competitive pressure. This lowered costs of 1G service to 99\$ and soon 2.5Gbps will be introduced in 2023.



3 more under discussions  
(Galaxy, North Nova and Rogers)

✓ Speed	All fiber, 1Gbps – 10Gbps (symmetrical)
✓ Affordability	Open network promotes competition, 30%+ savings typical for open access networks
✓ Customer Service	Multiple service providers compete on service – different levels to match customer preference
✓ Choice	Open standards, multiple service providers
✓ Privacy	Business model based on selling network access / capacity, not selling data
✓ Sustainability & Resiliency	Build high capacity upfront, budget accounts for upgrades and refresh, well capitalized private partner

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# Broadband Utility – General Update - Construction

### Fibre Builds

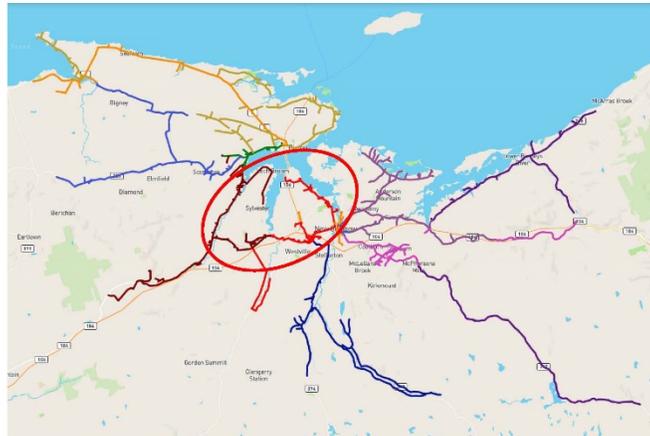
- Make Ready work has progressed to the point we can now build from CWR to the Town Hall at TNG
- Once the build to TNG is done, it is expected that the Loch Broom Loop will be ready for construction in the May time frame
- Lots of progress on Make Ready Work on Route 6 to River John, which will likely be the next build focus ~early-mid summer
- Telecon will deploy up to 4 line crews
- Nova Scotia Power has stepped up its response to permitting & Make Ready, prior meetings seem to have had a direct positive effect.

### Subscriber Report

- There are 36 full-service subscribers
- 130 utility installs only orders with most of the drop cables complete

# Broadband Utility – Phase I

- ▣ Project originally started in 2019, reviewed in 2021 and will services between 1500-2310 households for scope in red circle.
- ▣ Construction Started in Q3 of 2021 and is likely to end in Q2 2023.
- ▣ Permits and POs were issued to NSP/Bell in 2021 and received in 2022-2023.
- ▣ The network segment in brown is currently active and serviced and advertised by retail service providers.
- ▣ The project includes initial Eastlink connection 10GB to MOPC Building.



Project Highlights	
Route Kms	221
Homes Passed	2310
Percent of total homes in County	21%
Estimate for Outside Plant	\$ 8,840,000
Total Project Size	\$ 11,544,292.87

# Broadband Utility – Phase I - Financials

## Balance Sheet

Municipality of Pictou County  
As at February 28th 2023

Projects is PHASE I.

Account	28-02-2023	Budget			
		Budget	Forecasted	Fcast vs Budget	%
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Telecommunication Plant under Construction - Allowance	\$ 3,346,113.98				
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,346,113.98</b>				
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Fiber and Wire Cables	\$ 2,506,250.32	\$4,587,500.00	\$4,887,500.00	-\$300,000.00 ▲	0.07
Access Equipment	\$ 375,300.00	\$282,741.30	\$282,741.30	\$0.00 ▲	-
Management & Oversight*	\$ 773,293.66	\$579,569.25	\$773,293.66	-\$193,724.41 ▲	0.33
Community Ombudsman	\$ 453,180.00	\$449,007.70	\$453,180.00	-\$4,172.30 ▲	0.01
Central Office	\$ 162,289.96	\$371,906.23	\$371,906.23	\$0.00 ▲	-
Long-Haul Transport Equipment	\$ 252,797.98	\$1,219,850.40	\$252,797.98	\$967,052.42 ▲	0.79
Land and Support Assets	\$ 72,816.88	\$100,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$25,000.00 ▲	0.25
Poles and Make-Ready	\$ 890,590.77	\$1,226,100.00	\$1,226,100.00	\$0.00 ▲	-
Software Systems	\$ 187,958.85	\$380,895.00	\$380,895.00	\$0.00 ▲	-
Customer Premises Equipment	\$ 93,102.36	\$685,723.00	\$685,723.00	\$0.00 ▲	-
Outside Plant under Construction	\$ 1,661,000.00	\$1,661,000.00	\$1,661,000.00	\$0.00 ▲	-
Tools and other work equipment	\$ 32,252	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00 ▲	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,460,832.76</b>				
<b>Non-current Assets</b>					
Capitalizable Fees - G&A	\$ 110.50				
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 110.50</b>				
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,807,057.24</b>	\$11,544,292.87	\$11,050,137.17		



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# Broadband Utility – UBF 05306 (Phase II)

- ▶ Project reviewed in December 2022 and now with federal support by ISED, UBF-5806 and BuildNS provincial support.
- ▶ The project was conditionally approved September 2022 and will continue until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.
- ▶ The project extends phase I to 4641 underserved households in the county.
- ▶ The project provides for an additional 871 kms of fiber.
- ▶ The permit applications for most routes have been filed in early 2022 with most routes scope and POs have been issued to NSP on many network segments.

Project Highlights	
Route Kms	871
Homes Passed	8718
Eligible Homes	4461
Percent of total homes in County	79%
Estimate for Outside Plant	\$ 34,840,000
Total Project Size	\$ 53,659,219



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# Broadband Utility – UBF 05306 - Financials

## Balance Sheet

Municipality of Pictou County  
As at February 28th 2023

Projects is ISED

Account	28-02-2023	Budget			
		Budget	Forecasted	Fcast vs Budget	%
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Fiber and Wire Cables	\$ 617,742.97	\$12,598,199.00	\$12,598,199.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Access Equipment	\$ 20,471.79	\$3,745,890.00	\$3,745,890.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Project Governance	\$ -	\$3,962,845.98	\$3,962,845.98	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Central Office	\$ -	\$1,149,704.00	\$1,149,704.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Land and Support Assets	\$ -	\$396,685.50	\$396,685.50	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Poles and Make-Ready	\$ 33,240.00	\$5,046,710.00	\$5,046,710.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Software Systems	\$ -	\$380,895.00	\$380,895.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Customer Premises Equipment	\$ -	\$685,723.00	\$685,723.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Outside Plant under Construction	\$ 189,038.66	\$18,144,304.00	\$18,144,304.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Engineering and Design	\$ -	\$2,584,900.00	\$2,584,900.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Radio Systems	\$ -	\$584,900.00	\$584,900.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Customer Premises Equipment	\$ -	\$669,150.00	\$669,150.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Project Management	\$ -	\$2,135,945.00	\$2,135,945.00	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
Other	\$ -	\$1,573,367.52	\$1,573,367.52	\$0.00 = \$ -	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	\$ <b>860,493.42</b>				
<b>Non-current Assets</b>					
Capitalizable Fees - G&A	\$ -				
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	\$ -				
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ <b>860,493.42</b>	\$53,659,219.00	\$46,110,956.48		



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# RDN – Project Overview

- ▶ Project to offer an affordable wireless service (**49.99\$**) to the community while long-term infrastructure is in progress.
- ▶ Leverages 5GHz P2MP , TVWS for Fixed Wireless Broadband.
- ▶ Supported by RRS-2358 by ISED and is ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 with an extension to finish audits and certifications.
- ▶ Feasibility Study on Band 14 for public safety under review with TIR and other use for cellular coverage partnerships under discussions.
- ▶ 17 Tower Sites between colocations and new tower constructions.

Project Highlights	
Homes Serviceable	2182
Percent of total homes in County	26%
Coverage Percentage	70%
Total Project Size	\$ 10 338 169



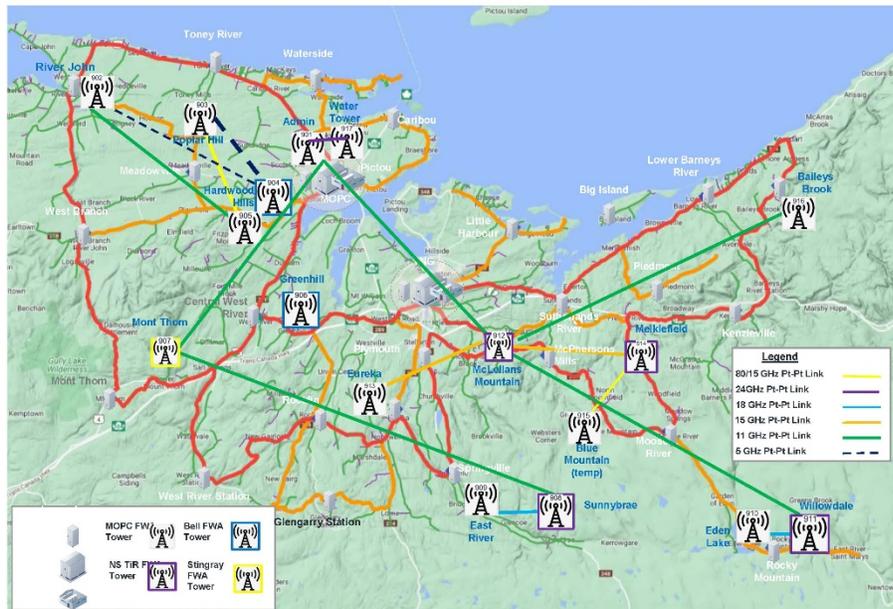
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## Broadband Utility – General Updates - Wireless

- Testing continues on tower backhalls and access network
- There are 25 test subscribers on three towers
- Construction is progressing well on River John, Eden Lake, Baileys Brook, East River and Poplar Hill
- CBC has agreed to negotiate directly with the county on the Blue Mountain site
- Some equipment failures have been experienced, so the project team is taking a cautious approach to transferring the network to operations
- DUC is conducting an audit of wireless operations and expects to make recommendations to MOPC by the end of March

## RDN – Latest Sites Updates

17 Tower Sites



## RDN – Financials

### Balance Sheet

Municipality of Pictou County

As of February 28th 2023

Projects is RDN.

Account	28-Feb-23	Budget			
		Revised Budget (2022)	Forecasted	Fcast vs Budget	%
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Fiber and Wire Cables	261,511.26	\$500,000.00	\$261,511.26	\$238,488.74	48%
Access Electronics	203,884.65	\$477,688.00	\$203,884.65	\$273,803.35	57%
Management & Oversight	921,345.71	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Central Office	581,694.22	\$967,270.00	\$581,694.22	\$385,575.78	40%
Customer Premises Equipment	28,875.00	\$751,813.00	\$200,000.00	\$551,813.00	73%
Land and Support Assets	75,185.00	\$553,371.00	\$75,185.00	\$478,186.00	86%
Radio Systems	3,338,296.25	\$2,463,212.26	\$3,638,296.25	-\$1,175,083.99	-48%
Software Systems	701,117.72	\$793,450.00	\$701,117.72	\$92,332.28	12%
Tools and other work equipment	148,573.78	\$100,000.00	\$148,573.78	-\$48,573.78	-49%
Towers	2,383,626.99	\$2,175,342.00	\$2,829,342.00	-\$654,000.00	-30%
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>8,382,599.32</b>	<b>\$9,982,146.26</b>	<b>\$9,839,604.88</b>	<b>-\$142,541.38</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>					
Capitalizable Fees - G&A	140,268.18				
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	<b>140,268.18</b>				
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>8,522,867.50</b>				

\*Notes : Installations in Winter due to hurricane increased our labor costs on Towers and Radio Systems Installations significantly.

## RIVERVIEW ADULT RESIDENTIAL HOME UPDATE

Clr. D. Parker provided Council with an update on the Riverview Adult Residential Centre. He said things are changing much faster at the centre. There is a court order that the province close institutions that provide care for people with disabilities. The client numbers at the centre have reduced from 51 residents to 33. He said the centre currently has 10 group homes (three on-site) and others in various locations in Pictou and Colchester counties. It currently has a mortgage of \$27 million done for the renovation of the building, and it is paid through per diems based on the number of residents. It currently has a deficit of about \$700,000. He said the centre has regularly communicated with the Dept. of Community Service to work on reducing that deficit. He said senior staff has been working many hours on finding new group homes, working on the financials etc. He said the centre is in the process of agreeing with Summer Street Industries to sell some land at the back of the centre for SSI's greenhouse operations. It could provide useful employment for some of the people who live there. Also, because it's geothermal and there is no cooling in the building, it is hoping it can install a system that will provide cooling and the majority of the heat. This would save \$225,000 on the oil bill and provide the building with a cooling system, accommodating the third floor where it becomes incredibly warm. The centre is also working with HCRS in terms of sharing some services.

## **FORMER EAST PICTOU SCHOOL CONCERNS**

Clr. Boyles raised concerns about memorabilia items being left in the former East Pictou Rural High School. He said he saw a social media post with pictures piled on floors. He doesn't understand why the place wasn't cleaned out or distributed to people who want items. He said he has also heard that people are entering the building and there are safety concerns, particularly with the roof not being stable. Clr. Boyles asked permission to enter the building and see what is left inside.

Director of Public Works and Development Logan McDowell said there had been requests in the past from the public to go through the school, but he is not allowing it now, nor is MOPC staff entering the building.

Clr. Don Butler said the education foundation had removed many items from the school, and it is now in storage in Sutherland's River. He said some large pictures were smashed, but the most important memorabilia items had been removed.

Deputy Warden Murray asked if Council was in favour of Clr. Boyles entering the building. Council voted 6 to 4 that Clr. Boyles does not enter the former school because of safety concerns.

## **ELECTRONIC VOTING CONCERNS**

Clr. Boyles said he and Warden Parker met Lwr. Sackville Coun. At a recent Nova Scotia Municipalities event, Paul Russell expressed his concerns about electronic voting. He said Clr. Russell is plenty of knowledge on the topic and now is the time for Council to hear these concerns before the next municipal election in 2024.

Clr. Boyles motioned that Mr. Russell be invited to MOPC Chambers to share his views with Council.

Clr. Thompson said he is opposed to the motion because he needs background information on Mr. Russell to determine if he has credible knowledge on the issue.

Clr. MacKeil said she is aware of electronic voting concerns and would like to hear from people in favour and against it.

Nay votes Clr. Butler  
Clr. Wadden  
Clr. Thompson

Motion Carried

## **ILLEGAL DUMPING REGULATIONS IN YARMOUTH**

Clr. Turner spoke about a recent CBC article on how the Municipality of Yarmouth will use a reverse onus clause to combat illegal dumping. If a name is found in the items illegally dumped, and if that person fails to prove someone else dumped the garbage, they'll be on the hook for cleanup and served with a summary offence ticket with a fine of up to \$5,000. Staff said this is an issue for Pictou County Solid Waste because it has a compliance officer. The Municipality's bylaw officer does not deal with illegal dumping sites.

## **AGE-FRIENDLY IN FOCUS – UNDERSTANDING ACCESS AND INCLUSION FOR OLDER ADULTS IN THE BUILD ENVIROMENT**

Clr.Thompson submitted an age-friendly in focus document for information purposes.

## **SURVEY SNAPSHOTS: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND THE NS QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY RESULTS**

Clr.Thompson submitted a Survey Snapshots document for information purposes.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENTS**

Clr. Dewar congratulated Clr. Bulter on the success of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Lismore Wintertime Review. He said the fundraiser included good music, skits and a beef dinner. Clr. Turner said Clr. Butler is the driving force behind the fundraiser, and he encouraged others to go in future years.

## **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

No emergency resolutions were brought forward.

## **ADJOURN**

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Warden

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Municipal Clerk