

May 5, 2025

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Dist:

- 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

Brian Cullen, CAO Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Paul Dec, Upland Planning + Design

ABSENT

Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Operations, Broadband Initiative

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden Parker called the meeting to order and invited Councillors to pray or reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the Municipality and to remember our Indigenous communities. He acknowledges that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaqi people and would like to thank the Mikmaqi people today for their ancestors sharing these precious lands with all our ancestors, whether they arrived here 400 years ago or four years ago. May we all live in peace and harmony together.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Turner that the agenda be approved with the following amendments: **Motion Carried**

Clr. Parker said the two missing children in Lansdowne is a tragic situation and expressed thanks and appreciation to the large number of searchers involved from various places. The community hopes and prays that these children are found safely, and the family is being kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Warden Parker stated that a young kayaker, Kallen MacKinnon, was also lost at Eden Lake. The Warden emphasized the importance of exercising caution when near bodies of water. Clr. Dewar acknowledged Ally Munro's presence at the meeting; Mr. Munro was the gentleman who helped the other young boy safely reach shore.

Clr. Wadden requested that the discussion on Internet Borrowing follow the In-Camera discussion.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

Clr. Baillie requested Council's support in sending a letter to Nova Scotia Power regarding replacing power poles. Residents in District 4 are unhappy with the lean-to repairs.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Baillie and seconded by Clr. Wadden to send a letter to Nova Scotia Power requesting that the power poles be replaced instead of placing a lean-to for the poles, or to provide a timeline for when the replacement will occur.

Motion Carried

Clr. Boyles stated that there is currently a dangerous situation regarding coyotes, citing numerous reports. Clr. Boyles noted that it is currently mating season, and coyotes are particularly protective. Clr. Boyles is seeking to issue a warning to bring this to people's attention and requested that Mr. MacInnis prepare a social media post to help spread the word.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Turner to write a letter to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the dangers of coyotes and to ask if there is a plan for coyotes. **Motion Carried**

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Warden Parker asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for the April 7, 2025, Council Meeting. The minutes of the April 7, 2025, Council Meeting were reviewed by the Municipal Council. Warden Parker proclaimed the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2025, as the official record of the meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. NS Emergency Management regarding Fire Services Review
2. NS Municipal Affairs regarding BSP and CWP programs
3. Municipality of Colchester regarding Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations in respect to wind turbines
4. Town of Stellarton regarding the condition of Auburn Avenue
5. Letter from Minister Lohr regarding Fire Records Management System

Deputy Warden Murray took the chair as Warden addressed correspondence.

NS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGARDING FIRE SERVICES REVIEW

Warden Parker said it was pleasing to see the NS Emergency Management's request for proposals go forward. The Warden stated that the FSANS addressed many previously discussed issues, such as inequitable funding for various fire departments and other vital issues. Warden Parker said it appears that it will happen quickly.

Clr. Palmer said the letter includes some good things, but there are some things that Clr. Palmer disagrees with. Clr. Palmer noted that volunteers put in a lot of time and effort, and caution must be used when telling them to have a certain level of service, or there may be a loss of volunteers. Clr. Baillie agreed and said it is a worry that the study will come back and give a blanket service across the board, and that fire departments will not like this. Clr. Baillie is not in favour of this study.

Warden Parker stated that a more equitable system of funding is needed and that this study contains many valuable ideas.

Clr. MacDonald stated that some areas in the province need this overview, and if something is done following the study, it could improve capabilities and training throughout Nova Scotia.

MUNICIPALITY OF COLCHESTER

Warden Parker said Colchester's Mayor Blair wrote a letter to Minister Lohr regarding the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations for wind turbines. The

Warden said that Council had worked with residents for two to three years, and came up with something acceptable that still allowed for wind tower development. The province has now set new rules dictating what can be done; the Warden feels this cancels out the public consultation work that had been done.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Palmer to write a letter to the Honourable John Lohr expressing disappointment in the amendments for the setback of wind turbines, with a copy sent to the County of Colchester, the NSFM and local MLAs.

Motion Carried
Clr. Darla MacKeil
Clr. Randy Palmer

PROCLAMATIONS

Gaelic Month

Warden Parker read the following proclamation for Gaelic Nova Scotia Month. Ms. Ann Munro read the Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Proclamation in Gaelic.



PROCLAMATION
Gaelic Nova Scotia Month
MAY 2025

WHEREAS 2025 marks the 29th anniversary of Gaelic Nova Scotia Month which is a time to embrace, honour and celebrate the language, culture, history, contributions and achievements of Gaels across the province.

WHEREAS Gaelic language and culture are integral components of the identity of Nova Scotia, and that Gaels represent one of the earliest non-Indigenous cultural groups to settle in Mi'kma'ki.

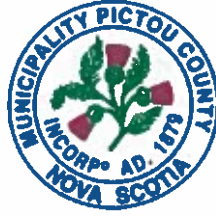
WHEREAS new generations of language learners and cultural champions continue to build upon the legacy of Gaelic Nova Scotia's tradition bearers.

WHEREAS government commits to collaborating with Gaelic communities to support the growth of Gaelic Nova Scotia through opportunities for language acquisition, cultural awareness and capacity building within communities to ensure Gaelic language and culture remain vibrant elements of the living linguistic and cultural landscape of Nova Scotia.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Warden Robert Parker on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Pictou do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of May 2025.

(Sgd.) _____



Gairm Mìos nan Gàidheal

SEACH GUN COMHARRAICH 2025 an naoidheamh ceann bliadhna air fhichead do Mhìos nan Gàidheal, a tha 'na àm gus cànan, cultur, eachdraidh is àrd-ghnìomhan nan Gàidheal thar na mór-roinneadh is na chuir iad rithe, a dhlùth-ghabhail, onorachadh is a ghléidheadh; agus

SEACH GU BHEIL canàn is cultur nan Gàidheal 'nan pàirt bhunaiteach do dh'fhéin-aithne na h-Albann Nuaidhe is iad, na Gàidheil té dhe na buidhnean culturail neo-thùsanach na bu tràithe a thuinich ann an tìr nam Mìogmac; agus

SEACH GU BHEIL ginealaich ùra do luchd-ionnsachaidh a' chànain, agus suinn chulturail, a' cumail orra is iad a' leantainn gu dlùth ri dìleab seanchaidhean na h-Albann Nuaidhe; agus

SEACH GU BHEIL an riaghaltas an geall air a bhith a' co-obrachadh le coimhearsnachdan Gàidhealach gus taic a thoirt do leasachadh nan Gàidheal ann an Albainn Nuaidh thro chothroman gus cànan, mothachadh culturail, agus comas 's na coimhearsnachd a' thogail, a' dèanadh cinnteach gum mair cànan agus cultur nan Gàidheal 'nan pàirt bheartach do 'n léirsinn cànanach is culturail a tha beò ann an Albainn Nuaidh;

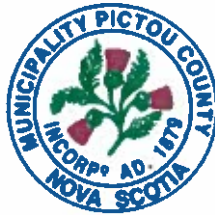
MAR SIN Tha mise, _____, _____ na _____, a' gairm a' Chéitein 2025, 'na mhìos dha na Gàidheil ann an Cathrachd _____.

Signed by: _____
_____ na _____

Ainm air a chur ris ann an Haileafacs, Alba Nuadh

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

Warden Parker read the proclamation for Lyme Disease Awareness Month for May 2025.



PROCLAMATION

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH May 2025

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a blacklegged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*.

WHEREAS blacklegged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia.

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick-borne diseases.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Warden Robert Parker, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month".

Dated at Pictou, Nova Scotia this 5th day of May 2025.

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ACCESS AWARENESS MONTH

Warden Parker read the proclamation for Access Awareness Week, May 25-31, 2025.



PROCLAMATION

ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK May 25 - 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the week of May 25 – 31, 2025 is recognized as Access Awareness Week.

WHEREAS Access Awareness Week aims to celebrate achievements made both by and for persons with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, transportation, housing, employment, recreation, education and communication.

WHEREAS this is the 39th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Nova Scotia and the theme for 2025 Access Awareness Week is *Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action*.

WHEREAS Access Awareness Week promotes the inclusion of all Nova Scotians with disabilities as full citizens within our communities; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, community partnerships and education, this campaign aims to foster an environment of equal participation for persons with disabilities within the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou will fly the Access Awareness flag in honour of this week.

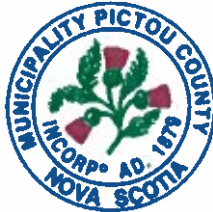
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Warden Robert Parker, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Pictou do hereby proclaim May 25th – 31st, 2025 as "Access Awareness Week".

Dated at Pictou, NS, this 5th day of May 2025.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA

Warden Parker read the proclamation for International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia on May 17, 2025.



PROCLAMATION

**International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
May 17, 2025**

WHEREAS the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no one can be discriminated against based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

WHEREAS Canada is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions.

WHEREAS despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBTQ+ people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society.

WHEREAS May 17 is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, is celebrated as such in many countries and is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Emergence starting in 2003.

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou will be flying the Pride Flag on May 17, 2025, in honour of this day.

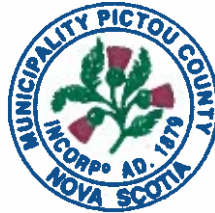
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou proclaim May 17, 2025, INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA.

DATED at Pictou, Nova Scotia, this the 5th Day of May 2025.

Signed _____

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Warden Parker read the proclamation for Emergency Preparedness Week, May 4-10, 2025.



PROCLAMATION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK MAY 4-10, 2025

WHEREAS Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative supported by Public Safety Canada, working closely with provincial and territorial emergency management organizations, Indigenous organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and private sector who support activities at the local level.

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou recognizes the importance of Emergency Management in Nova Scotia.

WHEREAS the goal of Emergency Preparedness Week is to increase awareness of individual, family, and community preparedness for the possibility of an emergency.

WHEREAS Emergency Preparedness Week encourages everyone to take simple steps to become better prepared and remain safe when facing a range of emergencies: Know the risks; Make a Plan; Get an emergency kit.

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou will work with REMO to promote the safety of our community by reminding residents we must prepare and practice now and learn how to secure a strong and healthy tomorrow.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Warden Robert Parker on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Pictou do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 to 10, 2025 to be Emergency Preparedness Week and encourage all citizens to participate in educational activities on emergency preparedness."

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of May 2025.

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VON WEEK

In recognition of VON Week, May 18-24, 2025, Warden Parker read the following proclamation:



PROCLAMATION VON Week MAY 18-24, 2025

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou is looking forward to celebrating VON Week May 18-24, 2025.

WHEREAS VON Week is an annual event recognizing the people who support VON in achieving our mission to help people live in their homes and communities by delivering the caring support that they and their families need.

WHEREAS the 2025 theme, **At the Heart of Care**, it recognizes that it's the people who make VON special. VON staff and volunteers put their whole hearts into providing life-changing care to clients. VON is also at the heart of the healthcare system. It brings people support they need and want — at home and in the community — so they can live healthier, happier lives, surrounded by loved ones.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Warden Robert Parker on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Pictou do hereby proclaim the week of May 18 to 24th, 2025 to be VON Week and in honour of this week, we will turn our MOPC lights blue to encourage all citizens to celebrate its essential work within the healthcare system.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of May 2025.

(Sgd.) _____

INTERNET BORROWING

RESOLUTION

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION RENEWAL

Amount: \$ 31,542,110

Renewal Projects: Schedule "A" Attached

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose as authorized by statute;

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act and are so authorized to expend funds for a capital purpose as identified in their capital budget;

WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 1st day of May 2023, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated the 6th day of July 2023, did borrow from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Thirty-One Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$31,542,110) for the purposes set out above and for a period not exceeding twelve months; and

WHEREAS Council has deemed it expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the authorized period of borrowing in the amount not exceeding Thirty-One Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$31,542,110) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twenty-Four (24) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou; held on the 5th Day of May 2025.

Given under the hand of the Clerk and under the seal of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, this the 25th day of May 2025.

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk/CAO

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION RENEWAL**

Amount \$31,542,110

Renewal Projects: Schedule "A" Attached

SCHEDULE "A"

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Heading: Rural Internet Phase 1 Project		
Item	ISED/Develop Nova Scotia Fibre to the Home (RBC Credit Agreement)	31,542,110
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Heading Sub Total		\$31,542,110
Heading: Rapid Deployment Network (Expected Completion June 2023)		
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Heading Sub Total		0
Heading: Rural Internet Phase 2 Project (Expected Completion December 2025)		
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Heading Sub Total		
TOTAL REQUEST CONTAINED WITHIN THIS RESOLUTION		\$31,542,110

BUSINESS ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION
NEW SCOTLAND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The New Scotland Business Development Report was received as presented.

BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

**SECOND READING OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU'S LAND
USE BYLAW AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY**

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to adopt the
Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

Motion Carried

**Nay Vote: Clr. Chester Dewar
Clr. Donald Parker**



RESOLUTION
(Second Reading)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou adopt the Land Use
Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of May 2025.

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Clr. Palmer thanked Upland Planning + Design for the professionalism and expertise throughout the process. Clr. Palmer stated that all municipalities throughout the province must develop minimal planning strategies. Warden Parker said that a light approach was taken, and it must be remembered that this is not a standing document, and there is the ability to make changes.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE GRANT POLICY

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Baillie to approve the following Municipal Service Grant Policy:

Motion Carried
Clr. Deborah Wadden
Clr. Ronald Baillie

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou adopt the following Municipal Services Grant Policy:



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
MUNICIPAL SERVICES GRANT POLICY**

POLICY #2025-05-05

1) PURPOSE

- a) To establish equitable guidelines for Council Members and Municipal Staff for the distribution of funds to the not-for-profit sector and charitable organizations in the community for Municipal Services Grants.

2) AUTHORITY

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

3) OBJECTIVES

- a) To identify on an annual basis the amount of funding that the Municipality will provide in grants.
- b) To establish a process for applying for grant money which is fair and consistently applied, as well as a process by which the Municipality will consider grant requests.

4) APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

- a) Applications for a Municipal Services Grant shall be received by the Municipal Councillor at any time throughout the fiscal year.
- b) Church manses or glebe houses are not eligible for funding.

5) FUNDING

- a) The Municipal Council shall distribute an amount of Municipal Services Grant to each district in accordance with the funding formula approved by Municipal Council.

6) RATEPAYERS MEETING

- a) The Municipal Councilor shall hold a rate-payers meeting to review Municipal Service Grant applications received and to recommend allocations to the Financial Services Committee.
- b) The Municipal Councilor shall determine the time and place for the ratepayers meeting.
- c) The Municipal Councilor shall provide at least 7 days advance notice of the meeting. Notice may be provided by posters located within the community, an advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the municipality, notice in a community newsletter or bulletin; or a notice on the Municipality's webpage or social media sites.
- d) The Municipal Councilor at the ratepayers meeting shall inform the ratepayers of the requirements and rules of this policy including but not limited to:
 - i) The Requirement for the applicant to submit to the Municipality a copy of its most recent financial statements;
 - ii) That an applicant cannot receive Municipal Services Grant funding if they have received funding from the Council Grants Program for the same fiscal period;
 - iii) Decisions of the ratepayers meeting are recommendations only and that the Municipal Council is the only body that can authorize the expenditure of funds in accordance with the Municipal Government Act;
 - iv) The Financial Services Committee will review recommendations from the rate-payers meetings and determine if funding shall be recommended to Council.

7) APPLICATION PROCESS

- a) Prior to the Financial Services Committee reviewing the recommendations of the ratepayers meeting, the applicant shall submit to the Municipality a copy of their most recent financial statements, which shall include a reporting on investments held and balances in all bank accounts.
- b) Any application for a Municipal Services Grant shall be declared null and void if the applicant has received funding from the Council Grants Program pursuant to this policy for the same fiscal period, or any applications for a Council Grant shall be declared null and void if a Municipal Services Grant has been approved for the same fiscal period.

8) REPORTING AND ACCOUNTIBILITY

- a) All grant recipients have until January 31st to submit their reporting form and documentation to demonstrate the grant was spent and in accordance the terms of funding.
- b) The applicant will keep accounting records for all receipts and expenditures relating to the grant allocation.
- c) The applicant will make available for inspection by the Municipality or its Auditors all records and books of accounts of the applicant upon request of the Municipality.
- d) If the project is completed without requiring \$100.00 or less of the grant allocated by the Municipality, then the unspent portion does not need to be returned to the Municipality, but it must be accounted for on the reporting form.
- e) Failure to report may result in ineligibility for further grant funding.
- f) In rare circumstances, an applicant's eligibility may be suspended for a specified time period for misappropriation of funds, failure to report, or misrepresentation.
- g) Grants approved below \$1000 will not be required to report on how the money was spent in accordance with this section. It shall be the responsibility of the Municipal Councilor to ensure compliance with the policy.

9) REPEAL

- a) All former policies with respect to municipal services grants are hereby repealed.
- b) DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of May 2025.

(Sgd.)

TAX EXEMPTION POLICY

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Turner to approve the following Tax Exemption Policy:

Motion Carried
Clr. Andy Thompson
Clr. Larry Turner



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU TAX EXEMPTION & TAX REDUCTION POLICY

POLICY # 2025-05-06

1. This Policy shall be known as the Tax Exemption & Tax Reduction Policy.
2. This Policy shall apply to the properties listed in Schedules "A" and "B" and "C" commencing April 1, 2019.
3. Pursuant to section 71(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the properties listed in Schedule "A" to this Policy shall be, subject to sections 4 and 9 of this Policy, exempt from real property taxation.
4. The tax exemption provided in section 3 shall apply to general tax only and shall only apply to the portion of the property specified in Schedule "A".
5. Pursuant to section 71(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the real property tax payable with respect to the properties listed in Schedule "B" to this Policy shall be, subject to sections 6 and 9 of this Policy, reduced to the tax that would otherwise be payable if the property were residential property, inclusive of area rates.
6. The tax reduction provided in Section 5 shall apply only to that portion of the property specified in Schedule "B".
7. Pursuant to section 71(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the properties listed in Schedule "C" to this Policy shall be, subject to sections 8 and 9 of this Policy, exempt from real property taxation.
8. The tax exemption provided in section 7 shall only apply to general taxes and shall only apply to the portion of the property specified in Schedule "C", exclusive of sewer user charges and fire rates.

9. When a property listed in Schedule "A", "B", or "C" ceases to be owned or occupied by the owner indicated in the schedule, or if the property ceases to be occupied for the purpose, which pursuant to section 71(1) and 71(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* enabled the Municipality of the County of Pictou to include the property in this Policy, the tax exemption or reduction shall cease and the owner(s) of the property shall immediately be liable for the normal real property tax on such property for the portion of the taxation year then unexpired.

SCHEDULE A

AAN	OWNER	PROPERTY	APPLICATION	
00615196 08253005 04326997	Camp Geddie & Trustees Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada	Lands & Buildings at 3555 & 3581 Shore Rd., Merigomish, and at Lower Barney's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at the Ponds, Merigomish of the owner	0085803-37-04
04564014	Trustees Kenzieville District Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 11677 No. 4 Highway, Kenzieville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Kenzieville of the owner	0476218-56-03
04682696	Trustees Barney's River Station Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 12507 No. 4 Highway, Barney's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Barney's River of the owner	0484527-56-03
03757609	Piedmont Valley Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 1419 Piedmont Valley Road, Piedmont	The whole of the lands & buildings at Piedmont of the owner	0537647-56-03
04682483	Merigomish & Area Recreation & Social Association	Lands & Buildings at 1682 Shore Road, Merigomish	The whole of the lands & buildings at Merigomish of the owner	
03051633	Marshy Hope Hall	Lands & Buildings at 14432 No. 104 Highway, Marshy Hope	The whole of the lands & buildings at Marshy Hope of the owner	
04560221 04033523	Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation	Lands & Buildings at 4699 Shore Road, Lismore & 15 Lighthouse, Ponds	The whole of the lands & buildings at Lismore & Ponds	
05388767	Presbyterian Congregation of Barney's River & Marshy Hope	Lands & Buildings at 11590 No. 4 Highway, Barney's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Barney's River of the owner	

09702725 09702768	Trustees Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada	Land & Buildings at 3581 Shore Road, Ponds	The whole of the lands & buildings at Ponds of the owner	0085803-37-04
03819736	Trustees St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 2264 Shore Road, Merigomish	The whole of the lands & buildings at Merigomish of the owner	
00220973	Trustees Kenzieville Cemetery	Lands & Buildings at Kenzieville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Kenzieville of the owner	

04683188	Trustees Little Harbour Community Centre	Lands & Buildings at 4892 Little Hbr. Rd., Little Harbour	The whole of the lands & bldgs. at Little Harbour of the owner	0430116-56-30
09089195	Sinclair's Island Fishermen's Society	Lands & Buildings at Chance Harbour and Sinclair's Island	The whole of the lands & buildings at Chance Harbour and Sinclair's Island of the owner	
00759015	Royal Canadian Naval Association – Adm. Murray Bch.	Lands & Buildings at Pictou Landing	The whole of the lands & buildings at Pictou Landing of the owner	
02567555	Pictou Co. Volunteer Ground Search & Rescue	Lands & Buildings at 8333 Pictou Landing Road, Little Harbour	The whole of the lands & buildings at Little Harbour of the owner	
01577166	Little Harbour Fire Department	Lands & Buildings at 8328 Pictou Landing Road, Little Harbour	The whole of the lands & buildings at Little Harbour of the owner	
03757269 08832404 04496167 03388328	Pictou Island Community Association	Lands & Buildings at 781, 785 & 1380 Pictou Island Road & 53 Wharf Road, Pictou Island	The whole of the lands & buildings at Pictou Island of the owner	
03757242	Pictou Island Hall	Lands & Buildings at 819 Pictou Island Road, Pictou Island	The whole of the lands & buildings at Pictou Island of the owner	
03388336 09858776	Harbour Authority of Pictou Island	Lands & Buildings at 53 Wharf Road & Pictou Island Road, Pictou Island	The whole of lands & buildings at Pictou Island of the owner	

09095659 09095667 10507472	Little Entrance Fisherman's Wharf Society	Lands & Buildings at 125 Simpson Rd., Braeshore & Simpson Rd., Caribou	The whole of lands & buildings at Braeshore & Caribou of the owner	
04681886	Trustees Caribou River Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 5725 No. 6 Highway, Caribou River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Caribou River of the owner	
04681738	Trustees Bayview Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at Bayview Road, Bayview	The whole of the lands & buildings at Bayview of the owner	
05518784	Riverview Home Corporation	Lands & Buildings at 4933 River John Road, Three Brooks	The whole of the lands & buildings at Three Brooks of the owner	
04683714	Trustees Melville- Seafoam Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 3629 No. 6 Highway, Seafoam	The whole of the lands & buildings at Seafoam of the owner	0917351-56-03

04684435	Toney River Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 4854 No. 6 Highway, Toney River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Toney River of the owner	
03970833	River John & Area Recreation & Development Assoc.	Lands & Buildings at 2582 River John Station Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
03819388	Presbyterian Church Manse of Canada	Lands & Buildings at 15 River John Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
04715462	United Church Manse of Canada	Lands & Buildings at 20 River Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
03970892	River John Voluntary Fire Department (1996)	Lands & Buildings at Mountain Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
02716011	Friends of the River John Library Society	Lands & Buildings at 2725 River John Station Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	

01403192	Elmfled Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 446 Millsville Road, Elmfield	The whole of the lands & buildings at Elmfield of the owner	
04873394	West Branch Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 31 West Branch Road, West Branch	The whole of the lands & buildings at West Branch of the owner	
04682475	Trustees Meadowville Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 2015 Black River Road, Meadowville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Meadowville of the owner	
03819795	Presbyterian Church of Canada Manse	Lands & Buildings at 1159 Campbell Hill Road, Scotsburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Scotsburn of the owner	
05972329	Trustees of the Durham Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 721 No. 376 Highway, Durham	The whole of the lands & buildings at Durham of the owner	
01345486	Durham Hall	Lands & Buildings at 984 No. 376 Highway, Durham	The whole of the lands & buildings at Durham of the owner	

02632837	Lyon's Brook Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 2399 No. 376 Highway, Lyon's Brook	The whole of the lands & buildings at Lyon's Brook of the owner	
04684494	Trustees Union Centre Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 1 Salter Rd., Union Centre	The whole of the lands & buildings at Union Centre of the owner	0501189-56-03
05856469	Station Road Recreation Centre	Lands & Buildings at 49 Sylvester Rd., Sylvester	The whole of the lands & buildings at Sylvester of the owner	
03228711	Middle River Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 72 E Fraser Cross Road, Rocklin	The whole of the lands & buildings at Rocklin of the owner	0542365-56-03
05239508	Trustees Salem Athleticce	Lands & Buildings at 109 Salem Loop, Salem	The whole of the lands & buildings at Salem of the owner	0874461-56-03
01345443	Durham Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 4475 West River East Side Road, Durham	The whole of the lands & buildings at Durham of the owner	09904490-59-03

03235076	Millbrook Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 1731 Millbrook Rd., Millbrook	The whole of the lands & buildings at Millbrook of the owner	0484444-56-03
04828046	Watervale Snowmobile Recreation Club	Lands & Buildings at 118 Cove Road, Watervale	The whole of the lands & buildings at Watervale of the owner	
10628385	West River Fire Department	Lands & Buildings at Gates Road, Central West River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Central West River of the owner	
04681614 04682637	Abercrombie Community Centre	Lands & Buildings at 1571 & 1589 Granton Abercrombie Road, Abercrombie	The whole of the lands & buildings at Abercrombie of the owner	0488767-56-03
04881028	Westville Road Youth Association	Lands & Buildings at Westville Road	The whole of the lands & buildings at Westville Rd. of the owner	0561944 56-03
05190762	NS Society for the Prevention of Cruelty -- Pictou Co. Branch	Lands & Buildings at 3504 Granton Abercrombie Road, Granton	The whole of the lands & buildings at Granton of the owner	0488379-54-03
01532979 02560267 02560259	Linacy Community Association	Lands & Buildings at 6735, No. 4 Highway, Linacy	The whole of the lands & buildings at Linacy of the owner	
03400298	Hillside Community Society	Lands & Buildings at Chance Harbour Road, Hillside	The whole of the lands & buildings at Hillside of the owner	

08833974	Their Light Shall Always Shine Memorial Park Society	Lands & Buildings at Walkerville Road, Priestville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Priestville of the owner	
04564022	Trustees Priestville Community Improvement Project	Lands & Buildings at Walkerville Road, Priestville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Priestville of the owner	
00762504	Churchville Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 1054 Irish Mtn. Rd. Churchville	The whole of the lands & bldgs. at Churchville of the owner	0483057-59-03
03776948	Plymouth Community & Recreation Association	Lands & Buildings at 2340 River Road, Plymouth	The whole of the lands & buildings at Plymouth of the owner	0514638-56-03

03972046	Riverton Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 5678 Stellarton Trafalgar Road, Riverton	The whole of the lands & buildings at Riverton of the owner	0534316-56-03
08835284	Town of New Glasgow	Lands & Buildings at 3720 East River East Side Road, Churchville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Churchville of the owner	
02602792	Lorne Community Club	Lands & Buildings at 847 Lorne Station Road, Lorne	The whole of the lands & buildings at Lorne of the owner	0540807-56-03
02069504 02069482	Hopewell Recreation Association	Lands & Buildings at Elgin Road & Stellarton Trafalgar Road, Hopewell	The whole of the lands & buildings at Hopewell of the owner	
08272557	Eureka Community & Recreation Club	Lands & Buildings at Ash Street, Eureka	The whole of the lands & buildings at Eureka of the owner	
01237896 01238027 01322435 01322443	District 13 Recreation & Planning Commission	Lands & Buildings at 31 New Row, Arena Road & Marsh Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	0405134-56-03
02968347	MacPherson's Mills Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 49 Grist Mill Loop, MacPherson's Mills	The whole of the lands & buildings at MacPherson's Mills of the owner	0521385-52-03
04601076	Freedom Bible Church	Lands & Buildings at 1121 Thorburn Road, Sutherland's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Sutherland's River of the owner	89126978 RR0001
03400395	Trustees Sutherland's River & District Association	Lands & Buildings at 1458 Thorburn Road, Sutherland's River	The whole of the lands & buildings at Sutherland's River of the owner	
04562968	Presbyterian Church of Canada	Lands & Buildings at 757 Marsh Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	

01890646	Trustees of Union Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 745 Marsh Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	
04074777	Thorburn & District War Veteran's Association	Lands & Buildings at Thorburn Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	

08270783	Trustees Dist. 17 & Area Recreation Association	Lands & Buildings at Simpson Road, French River	The whole of the lands & buildings at French River of the owner	
04684206	Springville Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 2560 East River East Side Road, Springville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Springville of the owner	0086850-37-03
04564405	MacLellan's Brook & Area Community Association	Lands & Buildings at 2271 Brookville Rd., MacLellan's Brook	The whole of the lands & buildings at MacLellan's Brook of the owner	0510297-59-03
01639218	Garden of Eden Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 28 Garden of Eden Church Loop, Garden of Eden	The whole of the lands & buildings at Garden of Eden of the owner	0514653-56-03
04682459	Trustees MacLellan's Brook Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at Brookville Road, MacLellan's Brook	The whole of the lands & buildings at MacLellan's Brook of the owner	0621466-56-03
00888214	East River St. Mary's Community Hall Association	Land & Buildings at 822 Sherbrooke Road, East River St. Mary's	The whole of the lands & buildings at East River St. Mary's of the owner	0730358-56-03
04681789	Trustees Bridgeville Community	Lands & Buildings at 21 Elgin Road, Bridgeville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Bridgeville of the owner	
04018427	Rocky Mountain Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 1935 Sherbrooke Road, Rocky Mountain	The whole of the lands & buildings at Rocky Mountain of the owner	
04682971	Trustees Glencoe Community Hall	Lands & Buildings at 957 East River East Side Road, Glencoe	The whole of the lands & buildings at Glencoe of the owner	
04684966	Trustees Knox Presbyterian Church	Lands & Buildings at 1684 Tower Road & Sherbrooke Road, Blue Mountain	The whole of the lands & buildings at Blue Mountain of the owner	
03757226	Pictou County Snowmobile Club	Lands & Buildings at 944 Brookville Road, Brookville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Brookville of the owner	
02636638	Sunny Brae War Memorial Society	Lands & Buildings at 2382 East River West Side Road, Sunny Brae	The whole of the lands & buildings at	

			Sunny Brae of the owner	
01308734	East River Valley Recreation	Lands & Buildings at 2770 East River East Side Road, Springville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Springville of the owner	
10610524	Pictou County Snowmobile Club	Lands & Buildings at Brookville Road, Brookville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Brookville of the owner	
03292304	Moore Lodge IOOF	Lands & Buildings at Thorburn Road, Thorburn	The whole of the lands & buildings at Thorburn of the owner	
04683064	Trustees of Rebekah Lodge No. 108	Lands & Buildings at 2411 East River West Side Road, Sunny Brae	The whole of the lands & buildings at Sunny Brae of the owner	
04683013	Trustees IOOF Hall	Lands & Buildings at 2488 East River East Side Road, Springville	The whole of the lands & buildings at Springville of the owner	
02443775	River John Lions Club	Lands & Buildings at 2724 West Branch Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
02146533	IOOF Hall	Lands & Buildings at 2747 River John Station Road, River John	The whole of the lands & buildings at River John of the owner	
02131455 10593751	Scotsburn Recreation Club	Lands and Buildings at 4136 and 4116 Scotsburn Road.	The whole of the lands and buildings at Scotsburn of the owner.	
02050579	River John 4-H Club	Lands and Buildings at 309 Hedgeville Road, Hedgeville.	The whole of the lands and buildings at Hedgeville of the owner.	

SCHEDULE B

AAN	OWNER	PROPERTY	EXTENT OF APPLICATION	CHARITABLE #

SCHEDULE C

AAN	OWNER	PROPERTY	EXTENT OF APPLICATION	CHARITABLE #
02155869	Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Incorporated	Lands & Buildings at 2756 Westville Road, Westville Road	The whole of the lands & buildings at Westville Road of the owner	

DATED at Pictou, NS this 5TH day of May, 2025.

(Sgd.)

LIBRARY FUNDING INCREASE

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Wadden to approve the following library funding increase:

Motion Carried
Clr. Randy Palmer
Clr. Deborah Wadden
Nay Vote: Clr. Peter Boyles



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library Board is requesting a grant increase from all municipal units in Pictou and Antigonish Counties.

WHEREAS the board is requesting an overall increase of \$25,000.00 to the municipal grant, which represents \$8,386.00 for the Municipality of the County of Pictou. The amount is based on population as per the last funding formula.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve a grant increase of \$8,386.00 to the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library with the condition that the other seven municipalities which also provide grants to the library board, contribute the requested amount.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of May 2025.

Sgn _____

DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Turner to approve the destruction of the following documents:

Motion Carried
Clr. Darla MacKeil
Clr. Larry Turner



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted a by-law which provides for the destruction of any documents or records after they are no longer required for municipal purposes.

WHEREAS the by-law has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

WHEREAS administrative staff has undertaken a process of reviewing obsolete files with a view to seeking the necessary approval to destroy those which are no longer required, in accordance with the Destruction of Documents By-Law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council authorize the destruction of the documents described in the attached affidavit of the Municipal Clerk which indicates that he has personally examined each document or record and confirms that there is nothing of value therein.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 5th day of May 2025

(Sgd.)

AFFIDAVIT OF CLERK

IN THE MATTER OF THE DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU.

I, Brian Cullen of New Glasgow, in the County of Pictou, Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, do make oath and say:

1. That I am Municipal Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Pictou.
2. That I have personally examined each of the documents or records listed immediately below pursuant to a by-law permitting the destruction of documents and records which are no longer required.

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3. That the aforesaid list does not contain any document or record exempt from destruction pursuant to Section 3 of the by-law governing the destruction of documents.
4. That to the best of my knowledge there is nothing of value contained therein.
5. That the said documents and records are no longer required by the said Municipal Council.

BRIAN CULLEN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

SWORN before me at Pictou, in the
County of Pictou and Province of Nova

Scotia this day of , 2025.

**COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME
COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA**

APPOINTMENT TO STELLARTON WATERSHED

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Thompson and seconded by Clr. Turner to approve the following appointment to the Stellarton Watershed Committee:

Motion Carried
Clr. Andy Thompson
Clr. Larry Turner



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou appoint Councillor Chester Dewar to represent the Municipality as an elected official on the Town of Stellarton's Watershed Committee.

DATED at Pictou, N.S. this 5th day of May 2025.

Sgn _____

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Wadden to go to an In-Camera session.

Motion Carried

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Palmer to return to regular session.

Motion Carried

INTERNET BORROWING

MOTION

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. MacKeil to approve the following Temporary Borrowing Resolution Renewal for the MOPC Network.

Motion Carried
Deputy Warden Murray
Clr. Darla MacKeil

RESOLUTION

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION RENEWAL**

Amount: \$ 31,542,110

Renewal Projects: Schedule "A" Attached

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose as authorized by statute;

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act and are so authorized to expend funds for a capital purpose as identified in their capital budget;

WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 1st day of May 2023, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated the 6th day of July 2023, did borrow from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Thirty-One Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$31,542,110) for the purposes set out above and for a period not exceeding twelve months; and

WHEREAS Council has deemed it expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the authorized period of borrowing in the amount not exceeding Thirty-One Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$31,542,110) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twenty-Four (24) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou; held on the 5th Day of May 2025.

Given under the hand of the Clerk and under the seal of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, this the 25th day of May 2025.

Brian Cullen
Municipal Clerk/CAO

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION RENEWAL**

Amount \$31,542,110

Renewal Projects: Schedule "A" Attached

SCHEDULE "A"

		\$
Heading: Rural Internet Phase 1 Project		
Item	ISED/Develop Nova Scotia Fibre to the Home (RBC Credit Agreement)	31,542,110
Item		
Item		
Item		
Heading Sub Total		\$31,542,110
Heading: Rapid Deployment Network (Expected Completion June 2023)		
Item		
Item		
Item		
Item		
Heading Sub Total		0
Heading: Rural Internet Phase 2 Project (Expected Completion December 2025)		
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Heading Sub Total		
Heading:		
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Item		
Heading Sub Total		
TOTAL REQUEST CONTAINED WITHIN THIS RESOLUTION		\$31,542,110

CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

There was no deferred business.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcements were given.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

WARDEN

MUNICIPAL CLERK

May 5, 2025

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Dist:

- 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
- 10 Clr. Randy Palmer
- 11 Clr. Andy Thompson
- 12 Clr. Chester Dewar

IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Cullen, CAO Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Paul Dec, Upland Planning + Design

ABSENT

9 Clr. Peter Boyles
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Rhianon McNair, Director of Operations, Broadband Initiative

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden Parker called the meeting to order and invited Councillors to pray or reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the Municipality and to remember our Indigenous communities. He acknowledges that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people and would like to thank the Mikmaq people today for their ancestors sharing these precious lands with all our ancestors, whether they arrived here 400 years ago or four years ago. May we all live in peace and harmony together.

LAND USE BYLAW AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY PUBLIC HEARING

Warden Parker noted that if a Councillor is not in attendance for the public hearing, then they are unable to vote on the second reading.

The Warden called on Mr. Spencer Morgan, registered speaker, to address Council.

Mr. Spencer Morgan wished to object to the elimination of the shoreline zone, feeling it is a lost opportunity that will be difficult to reclaim. Mr. Morgan stated that municipal coastal protection will not protect the many inland lakes, rivers, brooks and springs from unwanted development. Mr. Morgan noted that the roadside freshwater springs are highly valuable community assets and deserve protection. Mr. Morgan said these guidelines should indicate to new residents and business owners the community's preferences, such as protecting the inland shorelines from non-recommended commercial development.

Mr. Morgan noted that with shoreline zoning, the water used for drinking, fishing, or living nearby would be recognized as valuable and protected from a long list of new commercial developments that would otherwise be allowed if zoned as rural general. Mr. Morgan said there would be 38 specific businesses allowed on shoreline properties, some of which would be less suitable than others.

Mr. Morgan voiced objections and stated feeling betrayed that not enough is being done to protect neighbourhoods and environments at the federal, provincial or municipal levels. Mr. Morgan said this is essential planning for the future, and Pictou County is being shaped by what Council chooses today.

He stated that there is a 15-meter buffer for the protection of inland watercourses and a 30-meter buffer for coastal shorelines. If it can be proved through a specific vertical elevation above the watercourse, there are some exemptions, and that buffer can be reduced. Warden Parker thanked Mr. Morgan for bringing these critical issues to the forefront.

Warden Parker asked if other residents from the county wished to address Council with any concerns. Mr. Albert Marshall addressed Council with concerns regarding the setbacks for farmland and feels these properties should be exempt. Mr. Dec stated that the setbacks for agriculture are only related to development, and those already in existence are grandfathered in.

Mr. Marshall expressed concerns about churches and cemeteries and questioned why there was no rule in place that prohibited a junkyard from being built next to rivers. Mr. Dec stated that there are no specific requirements regarding the distance from a cemetery for institutional use. The intent of the LUB was the first attempt to introduce land use planning. Warden Parker asked if there is the ability going forward to add something. Mr. Dec said there is, and that is something that could be considered for inclusion in the

plan in the future. Clr. Palmer noted that junkyards are regulated through the Nova Scotia Department of Environment. Clr. Parker said that calls were made to the Department of Environment, and the site was visited twice. Clr. Parker said it must be over a certain size to be considered a junk yard.

Clr. Wadden said that it was felt that communication was not well displayed for the whole process. Clr. Wadden said that residents depend on Council for information, and better ways of communicating are needed. Warden Parker noted that a lot of effort was made by staff, but things can always be done better. Mr. MacInnis stated that the process was advertised in local newspapers, through radio ads, on the MOPC website, on social media pages, and via the MOPC Alert. CAO Cullen stated that there are statutory requirements that must be met, and all these requirements were fulfilled during the process. The CAO noted that all ten bordering municipalities were also notified. Clr. Wadden said that as Councillors, it is also important to communicate information with residents. Clr. Palmer noted that the advertisements also appeared in the municipal newsletter on several occasions. Clr. Palmer feels it was advertised well on social media.

Warden Parker stated that a letter was also submitted by Dr. Dorianne Rheaume, who claimed that coastal protection zones are not adequately protected. Ms. Rheaume noted that, due to the province's refusal to implement regulations, it should be done through municipalities. Warden Parker said that Council will address coastal protection concerns separately.

The Town of New Glasgow submitted a letter requesting that additional and stricter restrictions be placed around the primary watershed of Forbes Lake. The Warden stated that this issue was discussed with Upland, and it is believed that adequate protection is provided for the Forbes Lake Watershed, the Town of Pictou's wells, and the Towns of Trenton and Stellarton. The Warden stated that many of the issues brought forward had been addressed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

WARDEN

MUNICIPAL CLERK