

November 6, 2024

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the deCoste Performing Arts Centre in Pictou on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CAO Cullen 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. CAO Cullen asked that all veterans who made sacrifices be remembered in honour of Remembrance Day.

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CAO Cullen acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people.

REPORT OF RETURNING OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer read the report of the Returning Officer as follows:



REPORT OF RETURNING OFFICER MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU RE: ELECTION RESULTS – OCTOBER 19, 2024

As a result of the Municipal Council election held on October 19, 2024, I am pleased to report the following:

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

DISTRICT 1:	Joe MacDonald	543	Elected
	Daniel Muir	191	
DISTRICT 2:	Deborah Wadden		Acclaimed
DISTRICT 3:	Robbie MacInnis	241	Elected
	Darla MacKeil	396	
DISTRICT 4:	Ronnie Baillie	363	Elected
	Mary Woolridge-Elliott	237	

DISTRICT 5:	Wayne Murray		Acclaimed
DISTRICT 6:	Robert Parker		Acclaimed
DISTRICT 7:	Christina Cameron	283	Elected
	Donald Parker	494	
DISTRICT 8:	Peter Baird	239	Elected
	Francis Saunders	66	
	Larry Turner	317	
DISTRICT 9:	Peter Boyles	362	Elected
	Monica Thomsen	252	
DISTRICT 10:	Donna MacGregor	181	Elected
	J. Randy Palmer	456	
DISTRICT 11:	Gregg MacDonald	395	Elected
	Andy Thompson	464	
DISTRICT 12:	Chester F. Dewar		Acclaimed

There were 18,461 eligible voters in the 12 Districts of the Municipality of the County of Pictou. In the eight (8) districts that had elections there were 12,200 eligible voters and 5,493 ballots cast. The average voter turnout was 45.0 percent. There were 23 spoiled or declined to vote.

I wish to congratulate each of you on your election and wish you all a successful term.

JOSEPHINE MACDONALD
RETURNING OFFICER

COUNCILLORS VOTE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CODE OF CONDUCT

CAO Brian Cullen, The Honourable Bryna Hatt and Staff Sergeant Curtis MacKinnon administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to all members of Council.

PRESENT

Dist:

- 1 Clr. Joe MacDonald
- 2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
- 3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
- 4 Clr. Ronald Baillie

5 Clr. Wayne Murray
6 Clr. 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 (videoconference)
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services (videoconference)
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Operations, Broadband Initiative
Scott Hewey, Broadband Network Manager
The Honourable Bryna Hatt,
Staff Sergeant Curtis MacKinnon, RCMP Pictou Detachment

ELECTION OF THE WARDEN

Clrs. Robert Parker and Andy Thompson were nominated for the office of the Warden, and both nominees accepted the nomination and speeches were given.

CAO Cullen said ballots would be distributed to each member of Council and that in the event of a tie vote, the MGA dictates how the tie is to be broken. In that instance, both names would be placed into a box, and the CAO would draw a name.

Following a tabulation of the votes, CAO Cullen declared that Clr. Robert Parker was elected to the office of Warden of the Municipality. The Honourable Bryna Hatt administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office for the Warden to Clr. Robert Parker.

Warden R. Parker assumed the chair and thanked colleagues for their support. The Warden will do his very best to move this county forward over the next four years.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. W. Murray and seconded by Clr. L. Turner to destroy the ballots. **Motion Carried**

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY WARDEN

Warden Parker invited nominations for the office of Deputy Warden. Clr. Wayne Murray was nominated and accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, the CAO declared Clr. Murray will be the Deputy Warden for the Municipality. The Honourable Judge Bryna Hatt administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Clr. Murray.

The Honourable Bryna Hatt administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office for the Deputy Warden to Clr. Wayne Murray.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Warden Parker asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for the October 7, 2024 Council Meeting. The minutes of the October 7, 2024, Council Meeting were reviewed by the Municipal Council. Warden Parker proclaimed the minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2024, as the official record of the meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Warden R. Parker selected Deputy Warden Murray, Clr. Darla MacKeil and Clr. Chester Dewar to sit on the Nominating Committee.

RECESS

Council recessed at 7:58 p.m. for a meeting of the Nominating Committee.

RESUME

Council resumed the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of Council is pleased to submit the following recommendations for the 2024/25 Council term:

Joe MacDonald District 1

Riverton Guest Home (VVV)
Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena
Climate Change Advisory Committee
Accessibility Committee
Anti-Littering Committee

Deborah Wadden District 2

Municipal Alcohol Project
Pictou Landing Harbour Authority
Sinclair Island Fishermen's Association

Pictou Antigonish Regional Library
Municipal Audit Committee

Darla MacKeil District 3

Hector Arena Commission
Northumberland Fisheries Museum
Community Grant Review
Municipal Audit Committee
Police Advisory Board
Anti-Littering Committee

Ronald Baillie District 4
REN Liaison Oversight Committee
Friends of the RJ Library
Ship Hector Society
Planning Advisory Committee
Police Advisory Board

Wayne Murray District 5
Pictou North Colchester Exhibition
West Pictou School Advisory Committee
Community Grant Review
Heritage Advisory Committee
Municipal Audit Committee
Planning Advisory Committee

Robert Parker District 6
Pictou County Wellness Centre
Shared Services
Municipal Audit Committee
Community Grant Review
REMO
Ex-Officio

Donald Parker District 7
Hector Arena Commission
Riverview Home Corporation
NRHS School Advisory Committee
Pictou Co. Genealogy and Heritage Society
Climate Change Advisory Committee
Anti Littering Committee

Larry Turner District 8
New Scotland Business Park
Riverton Guest Home Corp (VVV)

Climate Change Advisory Committee
Planning Advisory Committee
MOPC Accessibility Committee

Peter Boyles District 9
144 Airflight Engineering
Cruise Ship Committee
Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame
Heritage Advisory Committee
Climate Change Advisory
Heritage Advisory Committee
Source Water Protection – Trenton

Randy Palmer District 10
New Scotland Business Park
Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena
Heritage Advisory Committee
Planning Advisory
Police Advisory

Andy Thomspon District 11
New Scotland Business Park
Riverton Guest Home Corp (VVV)
Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena
Heritage Advisory Committee
Source Water Protection New Glasgow
DEANS
Age-Friendly Communities Committee

Chester Dewar District 12
Pictou North Colchester Exhibition
Community Grant Review
Heritage Advisory Committee
Municipal Audit Committee

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee. **Motion Carried**

APPOINTMENT NON-ELECTED CITIZENS TO ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS

Clr. Turner presented the following resolution to Council:

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of the County of Pictou appoint Antonia Phillips, Joy Polley and Sarah Fraser to its Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending in March 2026.

Dated at Pictou, NS, on this 6th day of November 2024.

(Sgd)

**Motion Carried
Clr. Larry Turner
Clr. Donald Parker**

APPOINTMENT OF NON-ELECTED CITIZEN TO HECTOR ARENA COMMISSION

Clr. MacKeil presented the following resolution to Council:

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou appoint Blake Ferguson to the Hector Arena Commission as its non-elected member for a term ending in March 2026.

Dated at Pictou, NS, on this 6th day of November 2024.

(Sgd)

**Motion Carried
Clr. Darla MacKeil
Clr. Ronald Baillie**

RECREATION SPONSORSHIP GRANT

Clr. Dewar presented the following resolution to Council:

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve a Recreation Sponsorship Grant for \$1000.00 to the Pictou Academy Education Foundation’s Aspire Series.

Dated at Pictou, NS, on this 6th day of November 2024.

(Sgd)

Motion Carried
Clr. Chester Dewar
Clr. Andy Thompson

RECREATION START-UP GRANT APPROVAL

Clr. MacDonald presented the following resolution to Council:

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve a Recreation Start-Up Grant for \$350.00 to the Old School Cooperatives Merchants Ltd.

Dated at Pictou, NS, on this 6th day of November 2024.

(Sgd)

Motion Carried
Clr. Joe MacDonald
Clr. Deborah Wadden

RECREATION OPERATING GRANT

Clr. Palmer presented the following resolution to Council:

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve a Recreation Operating Grant for \$1500.00 to the U.C. Friends in Thorburn.

Dated at Pictou, NS, on this 6th day of November 2024.

(Sgd)

Motion Carried
Clr. Randy Palmer
Clr. Andy Thompson

DISTRICT MSG

It was moved by Clr. Parker and seconded by Clr. Turner to approve the following
Municipal Service Grant for District 7: **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Pictou approve a Municipal Service Grant for:

District 7 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church \$5000.00 Installation of Heat Pump

Dated at Pictou, NS, on this 6th day of November 2024.

(Sgd)

**Motion Carried
Clr. Donald Parker
Clr. Larry Turner**

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

WARDEN

MUNICIPAL CLERK