

August 18, 2025

The Property Services Committee for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

5 Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
Logan McDowell, Director of Public Works & Development
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Business Operations, Broadband Initiative
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer

IN ATTENDANCE

Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services
Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Clr. Randy Palmer, Chair of the Property Services Committee called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people.

AGENDA

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Turner that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried**

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

There were no emergency resolutions brought forward.

MINUTES

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for July 21, 2025. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on July 21, 2025, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Thank you from the Festival of the Tartans for sponsorship of their upcoming event.
- b. Thank you from Dominic Boyd for sponsoring the Music and Memories Café.

PRESENTATION – CHRIS SAMPSON

Mr. Sampson did not show up for the presentation to Council.

REPORTS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT

The Public Works and Development Report for the month of July 2025 was received as presented.

Warden Parker stated that in the July 21, 2025, minutes, a motion was made for a request for proposals for the lighting for the Blue Acres Sidewalk. In the July 2025 Public Works and Development report, there is a reference to staff preparing the lighting and safety design tender. The Warden noted that this should stay an RFP and not be put to tender until approved by Council.

Clr. Dewar stated that when driving by at night, it was surprising how bright it was along that area in the evening. Clr. Dewar suggested an assessment before spending a lot of money. Clr. Palmer noted that there are areas along that road that do require lighting. Clr. Thompson agrees that it should make sure it is an RFP and noted that CBCL highlighted deficiencies in illumination in that area and does not feel that an additional study is required.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Emergency Services Report for the month of July 2025 was received as presented.

FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT

The Fire Inspector Report for the month of July 2025 was received as presented.

BUILDING OFFICIALS REPORT

The Building Inspector's Report for the month of July 2025 was received as presented.

BYLAW OFFICER REPORT

The Bylaw Officer Report for the month of July 2025 was received as presented.

Clr. Wadden questioned what happens to the file after receiving a failing mark on a report for dog control. Mr. Hale noted that the system is now designed to operate only on a passing or failing basis, which is not ideal for bylaws. Mr. Hale is working with the contractor, EPX, to create more subsections to these reports.

BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

J-CLASS ROADS

MOTION

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Dewar to submit Greenwood Street, Thorburn and Old Row, Thorburn, to the province for consideration under the cost share agreement on J-class Roads for consideration of paving or repaving.

Motion Carried

DEFERRED BUSINESS

SANITARY SEWER LATERAL CHARGES

Mr. McDowell was not in attendance for the meeting, and this discussion will be moved forward to the next Property Services Meeting agenda.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. MacDonald and seconded by Clr. Baillie to suspend the Property Services meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Motion Carried

IN-CAMERA

MOTION

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. MacKeil to go to In-Camera session. **Motion Carried**

MOTION

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Turner to return to regular session. **Motion Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK