

September 15, 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, September 15, 2025, at 7:49 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
Rhannon McNair, Director of Business Operations, Broadband Initiative

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
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
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

No emergency resolutions were brought forward.

MINUTES

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for August 18, 2025. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on August 18, 2025, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the In-Camera minutes for August 18, 2025. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the In-Camera meeting on August 18, 2025, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

REPORTS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Warden Parker questioned whether the RFP had been put out for the Blue Acres Sidewalk Lighting. Mr. McDowell is presently finalizing the verbiage in the RFP, and it is expected to be out this week. The request pertains to the overall lighting, street lighting, and crosswalk lighting.

Warden Parker requested an update on the Greenhill Estates Subdivision. Mr. McDowell noted that no further updates have been received. The applicant is seeking to revise the subdivision application to eliminate the requirement for a servicing agreement and road.

Warden Parker stated that the county will continue to pay a substantial share for ERECC until the flowmeters are installed and requested an update on the progress. Mr. McDowell noted that good progress is being made. The first four meters are being focused on and, hopefully, all seven meters will be up and running this fall.

Clr. Baillie stated that in the July report, there were a number of tenders to be issued, and now it appears that some competing priorities have arisen and questioned what these competing priorities were that were not present in July. Mr. McDowell is revising the report to provide more realistic expectations regarding the priorities and has noted that staffing levels have improved since that time. Mr. McDowell said there is an effort to get things advanced as quickly as possible.

Mr. McDowell updated the committee members that the Coalburn/MacLellan's Brook Water Project has been approved.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT

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

BUILDING OFFICIALS REPORT

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

BYLAW OFFICER REPORT

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

Clr. Baillie stated that the report was challenging to read due to the small print and noted that no dangerous and sightly properties are documented in the report.

Warden Parker noted that there is considerable concern regarding a property in Salt Springs and that something should be done soon. The Warden stated that the church property was sold three years ago and now has a lot of old junk vehicles. The cemetery is also located in that yard and now has an old school bus on the lot, filled with various items. Warden Parker spoke to the property owner, who stated that the bus would be moved, but no action has been taken. Clr. Parker agreed that several residents are very upset about the church property, and it has become a significant issue in District 7.

BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

DEFERRED BUSINESS

SANITARY SEWER LATERAL CHARGES

Mr. McDowell noted that the sanitary sewer lateral changes are still being worked on. Mr. McDowell received some information from other municipalities, and this will be summarized and presented for the next meeting.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community announcements were given.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK