

January 20, 2025

The Property Services Committee for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building by videoconference and teleconference on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 7:00 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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer  
Sueann Musick, Director of Corporate Services  
Logan McDowell, Dir. of Public Works & Development  
Rhiannon McNair, Director of Business Operations, Broadband Initiative  
Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer  
Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

**ABSENT**

Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer  
Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services

**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. Turner and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried**

## **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

Clr. MacDonald requested a discussion regarding poor landline service in District 1. Clr. MacDonald said that because the landline service is not working, residents with lifelines cannot access it because of the poor landline service. Clr. MacDonald said that cell service in the area is non-existent. **Motion Carried**

## **MINUTES**

Clr. Palmer asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for December 16, 2024. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on December 16, 2024, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

## **REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Public Works and Development Report for the month of December 2024 was received as presented.

Clr. Wadden asked what happened with the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting and if any changes were being made to the planning strategy. Mr. McDowell said it was a very productive meeting, and Upland presented input from residents and gave some options and recommendations. The Planning Advisory Committee considered each option and provided recommendations on revisions to the land use planning documents. the next draft will be presented to Council.

Clr. Wadden asked if a public session would be held in the County's East and West. CAO Cullen said the plan is that the documents will be presented to Council for the first reading in February and then go to a public hearing and a second reading in March. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 3, 2025. Council can modify the document and make amendments to it, which is presented at the public hearing. The public hearing will be held at the Municipality office, and people must register to speak. The Planning Advisory Committee has accepted the documents and recommends them to Council for the first reading. CAO Cullen noted a copy of the "What We Heard" document and recommendations could be distributed.

### **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT**

The Development Officer Report for the month of December 2024 was received as presented.

Clr. Wadden requested an update on the Chance Harbour Subdivision. Mr. McDowell said the documents were received from the applicant that were needed as well

as the draft servicing agreement back and forth with the lawyer. The documents are close to being sent off to the applicant.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Emergency Services Report for the month of December 2024 was received as presented.

Clr. Boyles said when the AED was installed, Mr. Hale said someone would come around to ensure everything was properly put up. CAO Cullen will follow up with Mr. Hale regarding this.

### **FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT**

The Fire Inspector Report for the month of December 2024 was received as presented.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT**

The Building Inspector Report for the month of December 2024 was received as presented.

### **BYLAW OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Bylaw Officer's Report for the month of December 2024 was received as presented.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS OR ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

#### **DISTRICT 3 RESIDENT CONCERNS WITH SNOW REMOVAL ON PROVINCIAL ROADS**

Clr. MacKeil said many calls are received from residents concerning the salting and sanding of roads and that preventative measures are no longer being used. Clr. MacKeil said residents are frustrated and feel they are not being heard. Residents have requested these concerns be brought forward. Warden Parker agreed this is a safety issue and that residents should contact MLA offices and stress that this is a safety concern.

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. MacKeil that Council request a presentation from the Pictou County Area Manager of the Department of Public Works.

**Motion Carried**

### **REMOVAL OF ANIMALS KILLED ON ROADS**

Clr. Boyles said a resident brought up the concern that a deer had been killed on the road. The resident called the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation, who instructed her to contact the county. Clr. Boyles requested that staff find the proper contact for this situation.

### **LAND LINES**

Clr. MacDonald was contacted by a citizen who has a senior citizen residing in their home. The resident's lifeline won't work because the landline phone will not work. The resident is uncertain what to do and has contacted Bell, who will not fix the problem. The resident is not sure where to go or what to do to have this corrected. Clr. Wadden said that residents in District 2 who had similar issues in the past contacted CRDC, and they did get some action taken.

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Warden Parker and seconded by Clr. Wadden to extend the meeting past the three-hour mark to complete the agenda items. **Motion Carried**

CAO Cullen will send the contact information for the CRTC to Councillors to share with residents regarding these concerns.

### **DEFERRED BUSINESS**

There was no deferred business.

### **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION**

There were no motions of reconsideration.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No community announcements were given.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

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