

May 21, 2024

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, May 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

- 1 Clr. Don Butler
- 2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
- 3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
- 5 Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
- 6 Warden Robert Parker
- 7 Clr. David Parker
- 8 Clr. Larry Turner
- 9 Clr. Peter Boyles
- 11 Clr. Andy Thompson
- 12 Clr. Chester Dewar

**ABSENT**

- 4 Clr. Mary Elliott
- 10 Clr. Randy Palmer

**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
- Evan Hale, Director of Emergency Services
- Adam MacInnis, Communications Officer
- Shellie Pettipas, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Clr. Boyles, Vice-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. Dewar and seconded by Clr. Parker that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried**

## **EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

There were no emergency resolutions brought forward.

## **MINUTES**

Clr. Boyles asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for April 15, 2024. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on April 15, 2024, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

Deputy Warden Murray said that Page 4 in the first paragraph should read: time frame for having the “pumping station” back up and running, not “tower.”

## **REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

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

Warden Parker said that Council must decide if coastal erosion will be addressed. Warden Parker asked Mr. McDowell if that would be done through the land use planning bylaws or if that would be addressed separately.

Mr. McDowell said that land use planning could be worked on, or the municipality could develop its own coastal protection policy. Mr. McDowell said there will now be two positions at the NSFM to assist with coastal protection.

Mr. McDowell said that the Community Climate Capacity Program has been approved through Clean Foundation. For the next three years, Clean Foundation will provide access to a person who can help develop these policies, whether through land use planning or separate documents.

Warden Parker asked if any response had been received from the other municipalities bordering the Northern Shore. Mr. McDowell said the only response received was from Cumberland County.

Clr. Thompson asked when the documents would be ready for tender for the Blue Acres sidewalk project. Mr. McDowell said the target is June with the approval of the Capital Budget. Warden Parker requested to get it in writing that there are no plans for a roundabout in that area, and if they were to go ahead with this, they should state in the letter that they would be responsible for replacing the sidewalks. Mr. McDowell stated that an email from Keith MacDonald, Nova Scotia Department of Public Works stated that a traffic impact study is being conducted in that intersection and that there are no current plans for any intersection upgrades or construction of a roundabout in that area. Warden

Parker asked for written confirmation that if they put a roundabout in there in a few years, they would be responsible for the sidewalk. Mr. McDowell stated that it would be requested in writing.

### **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT**

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

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

Clr. Boyles asked Mr. Hale about the problem of the Linacy Fire Department getting water from the jail and if there would be a meeting regarding this issue. Mr. Hale knows they were denied access to that hydrant during a fire. Legal advice was sought and a meeting is being set up with the jail and the affected fire departments. He said it sounded to be a miscommunication, and hopefully, it will be resolved following the meeting. The Fire Marshall's office is also involved and will be in attendance of that meeting.

Clr. Boyles asked about a deteriorating bridge on Thompson Road in Walkerville. Clr. Boyles was approached, and the firemen were concerned that the pumper truck would be too heavy for this bridge. Clr. Boyles asked if there was anything that Council could do to investigate this. Clr. Boyles did put a report about this bridge to the Department of Transportation. Mr. McDowell said that if it is a provincial road, then it would have to be handled by the province. Mr. McDowell offered to attend that meeting if it is required.

### **FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT**

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

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT**

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

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

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

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

### **STREETLIGHT APPROVALS**

It was moved by Clr. Dewar and seconded by Clr. MacKeil to approve the installation of streetlights at the intersection of Elgin Road and Cameron Road and at 5651 Stellarton Trafalgar Road in District 12. **Motion Carried**

### **WATER EXTENSION ON STELLARTON TRAFALGAR ROAD**

Clr. Dewar has been made aware of problems with the water from homes in and around the Riverton area. The water contains a high amount of arsenic. Clr. Dewar would like to see something put on the capital budget to extend the water a little further past the affected homes in Riverton.

Clr. David Parker asked for an estimate before this matter is brought forward at budget. Mr. McDowell said that this extension to the mobile home park would be a high estimate of about \$750,000 and would service approximately 31 properties along with 31 units at the mobile home park, serving approximately 200 people. This would come from the Stellarton source of water.

Clr. Thompson asked if Stellarton had an adequate water supply. In the past, they have rationed water in the summer. Mr. McDowell said it is not certain where the consumption levels are now, but if the Town of Stellarton imposed a water conservation order, the Municipality would likewise be required to follow those orders. The project would have to be evaluated.

### **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION**

Warden Parker said that Clr. Dewar had asked about phone service because people lose their home phone service when the power goes out. Warden Parker brought that question forward at the NSFM in Baddeck, and there was information about a booster that can be installed in homes to allow the home phone to last longer. Warden Parker will try to find out details about this. Clr. Dewar expressed appreciation for the Warden looking further into this issue.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Warden Parker said the tree planting was a great success. The 144 Construction Engineering Flight helped all day. Thanks to Adam MacInnis for coming and bringing his four children to help. The Warden said about 3,000 trees were planted that day.

Clr. David Parker said an open house to learn more about the Carbon Run Project is tentatively scheduled for June 22 or 23rd at the West River Fire.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

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