

September 16, 2024

The Financial 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, September 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

- 1 Clr. Don Butler
- 2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
- 3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
- 4 Clr. Mary Elliott
- 5 Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
- 6 Warden Robert Parker
- 7 Clr. David 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

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. MacKeil, Chair of the Financial Services Committee, called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the ancestral territorial lands of the Mikmaq people.

Clr. MacKeil acknowledged the passing of Jack Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson was on the farm his whole life and was an active Pictou North Colchester Exhibition member for over 60 years. Clr. MacKeil said that thoughts are with Mr. Ferguson's family as well as the family of the young gentleman from River John who passed away in a car accident.

AGENDA

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

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Warden Parker to add an item to the agenda regarding adding a new member to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. **Motion Carried**

MINUTES

Clr. MacKeil asked if there were any errors, omissions, or corrections in the minutes for August 19, 2024. The members of the Committee entered no errors, omissions, or corrections. The Chair proclaimed the minutes of the meeting on August 19, 2024, as the official record of the meeting. **Motion Carried**

Clr. Wadden said the minutes requested that the Internet Marketing and Sales Report be distributed. Since this report has not yet been received, Clr. Wadden asked the administration to send it out.

Warden Parker corrected the Warden's Report to state that the sign unveiling at Meghan's Place was attended on the same date one year after Meghan's passing, not on the same date as Ms. Bragg's passing, as stated in the Warden's Report.

REPORTS

COMMUNICATION REPORT

The Communication Report for the month of August 2024 was received as presented.

Cls. Dewar, Boyles and MacKeil are having issues with email communications.

RECREATION REPORT

The Recreation Report for the month of August 2024 was received as presented.

Clr. Wadden said that the Bikes for Kids program has distributed 126 bikes across Pictou County, and this program is great for the county. Clr. Wadden gave a special thanks to Cindy, Clare, and the staff for doing a great job.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden's Report for the month of August 2024 was received as presented.

TAXES RECEIVABLE REPORT

The Taxes Receivable Report for the month of August 2024 was received for information purposes.

Clr. Boyles asked for an update on the upcoming tax sale. CAO Cullen said that some title searches are back, and the 60-day notices can be sent out for those.

DEED TRANSFER TAX

The Deed Transfer Tax for the month of August was received as presented.

OUTSIDE BOARDS REVIEW

The Outside Council Committees Report was received as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAID – AUGUST 2024

MOTION

It was moved by Wadden and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the Accounts Paid Report for the month of August 2024 be received as presented. **Motion Carried**

BUSINESS ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

UPDATE TO TAX EXEMPTION POLICY UPDATE:

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Wadden and seconded by Clr. Palmer to remove the property with PID: 65023996, 1684 Tower Road, Blue Mountain from the Tax Exemption list. **Motion Carried**

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEW MEMBER

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Butler to approve Nancy Cheung as a new member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. **Motion Carried**

Clr. Butler said Ms. Cheung is an active community member and would be an excellent addition to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

There were no motions of reconsideration.

MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Palmer was seconded by Deputy Warden Murray to go to In-Camera session. **Motion Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the meeting, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

MUNICIPAL CLERK