

August 23, 2021

The Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou met in the Council Chambers and by video conference on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

- Dist. 1 Clr. Don Butler
- 2 Clr. Deborah Wadden
- 3 Clr. Darla MacKeil
- 4 Clr. Mary Elliott
- 5 Deputy Warden 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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

- Donn Fraser, Solicitor, Mac Mac & Mac
- Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer
- Karen Cornish, Deputy Municipal Treasurer
- Carolyn MacIntosh, Deputy Municipal Clerk (by Video Conference)
- Sueann Musick, Communications Officer (by Video Conference)
- Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Warden R. Parker called the meeting to order and invited Councilors to pray or reflect, as may be their preference, to help Council focus and properly do the work of the Municipality, and to remember our indigenous communities. He acknowledged that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

**2021/22 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET**

Clr. MacKeil presented the 2021/22 Generating Operating Budget as follows:



MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY  
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET  
APRIL 2021 – MARCH 2022

	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Budget	<b>2021-22 Budget</b>	Budget Difference
	(Including Area Rate)	(Excluding Area Rates)	(Excluding Area Rates)	%
<b>REVENUE</b>				
TAXES	\$ 20,266,864	\$ 16,602,349	<b>\$ 17,142,660</b>	3.3%
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	240,728	240,728	<b>257,525</b>	7.0%
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE	470,825	470,825	<b>340,801</b>	-27.6%

SALE OF SERVICES	201,500	201,500	<b>230,500</b>	14.4%
UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	428,768	428,768	<b>432,102</b>	0.8%
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	7,996	7,996	<b>27,029</b>	238.0%
OTHER TRANSERS	306,000	306,000	<b>306,000</b>	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,922,681</b>	<b>\$ 18,258,166</b>	<b>\$ 18,736,617</b>	2.6%

#### EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	\$ 3,405,645	\$ 3,405,645	<b>\$ 3,085,351</b>	-9.4%
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	7,123,280	4,618,709	<b>4,968,586</b>	7.6%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	652,090	427,180	<b>383,857</b>	-10.1%
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	2,927,969	1,992,935	<b>2,106,470</b>	5.7%
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES	120,000	120,000	<b>170,000</b>	41.7%
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SER.	439,096	439,096	<b>441,767</b>	0.6%
RECREATION SERVICES	632,729	632,729	<b>737,092</b>	16.5%
CULTURAL SERVICES	235,112	235,112	<b>238,112</b>	1.3%
EDUCATION	5,142,715	5,142,715	<b>5,247,382</b>	2.0%
SPECIAL ITEMS	750,000	750,000	<b>1,050,000</b>	40.0%
FINANCING & TRANSFERS	494,045	494,045	<b>308,000</b>	-37.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,922,681</b>	<b>\$ 18,258,166</b>	<b>\$ 18,736,617</b>	2.6%



### MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET APRIL 2021 – MARCH 2022

	Unaudited			Budget Difference
	2020-21 Year to Date (as at 03-31- 2021)	2020-21 BUDGET Approved	2021-22 BUDGET Proposed	
<b>REVENUE</b>				
<b>TAXES</b>				
Residential	11,074,391.28	11,079,807.00	11,349,220.00	
Commercial	3,349,268.03	3,184,569.00	3,182,835.00	

Resource	850,741.76	849,772.00	880,684.00	
Area Rates	3,662,161.18	3,664,515.00	0.00	
Business Property	995,689.60	988,201.00	929,921.00	
Deed Transfer Tax	834,614.31	500,000.00	800,000.00	
Sub-total	20,766,866.16	20,266,864.00	17,142,660.00	-15.4%
<b>GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES</b>				
Federal government	11,193.26	10,053.00	12,632.00	
Provincial government	250,336.15	230,675.00	244,893.00	
Sub-total	261,529.41	240,728.00	257,525.00	7.0%
<b>SALE OF SERVICES</b>				
Local Towns	562.87	1,500.00	1,000.00	-33.3%
Internet Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Recreation Services	397.25	0.00	4,500.00	#DIV/0!
NSP - Sale of Wind Power	235,964.62	200,000.00	225,000.00	12.5%
<b>OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE</b>				
Licenses and permits	61,702.93	62,500.00	62,500.00	
Return on Investment	248,868.76	325,000.00	255,000.00	
Recovery of Capital Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous	94,468.59	83,325.00	23,301.00	
Sub-total	405,040.28	470,825.00	340,801.00	-27.6%
<b>UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES</b>				
Provincial Government	431,644.00	428,768.00	432,102.00	0.8%
<b>CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES</b>				
Federal Government	0.00	0.00	19,033.00	
Provincial Government	25,478.03	7,996.00	7,996.00	
Sub-total	25,478.03	7,996.00	27,029.00	238.0%
<b>OTHER TRANSFERS</b>				
Valuation Allowances	0.00	0.00		
Transfer from Other Funds & Depts.	306,000.00	306,000.00	306,000.00	
Sub-total	306,000.00	306,000.00	306,000.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE</b>				
	22,433,482.62	21,922,681.00	18,736,617.00	-14.5%

**EXPENDITURES****GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

Legislative	393,309.70	427,256.00	408,236.00
General Administrative	1,273,497.00	1,310,799.00	1,322,991.00
Taxation	251,128.49	251,680.00	250,538.00
Assessment Services	507,340.40	507,341.00	500,464.00
Banking & Interest Expense	11,691.58	12,000.00	12,000.00
Reserve for Uncollectable Accounts	22,776.91	340,656.00	180,000.00
Elections	144,464.26	175,246.00	0.00
Communications	89,969.61	105,045.00	100,324.00
Council Grants	221,245.97	184,304.00	203,586.00
Intergovernmental relations	19,278.15	17,750.00	20,000.00
Liability insurance	67,568.00	67,568.00	81,212.00
Sundry	1,570.26	6,000.00	6,000.00

Sub-total	3,003,840.33	3,405,645.00	3,085,351.00	-9.4%
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**PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

Police Protection	3,394,244.00	3,393,345.00	3,559,502.00
Court Expenses	15,110.36	25,000.00	20,000.00
Corrections	306,549.00	308,043.00	304,208.00
By-Law Enforcement	83,270.20	80,010.00	83,559.00
Fire Protection	2,982,567.27	3,025,095.00	662,497.00
Emergency measures organization	42,122.61	59,692.00	86,235.00
Building Inspect. Dept. - Expense	211,887.59	210,095.00	235,585.00
Unightly Property & Dog Control	9,497.81	22,000.00	17,000.00

Sub-total	7,045,248.84	7,123,280.00	4,968,586.00	-30.2%
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**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Roads & Streets	231,113.43	285,680.00	277,357.00
Sidewalks	55,523.95	120,000.00	85,000.00
Street Lighting	225,925.70	246,410.00	21,500.00

Sub-total	512,563.08	652,090.00	383,857.00	-41.1%
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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Sewer Services	1,067,896.36	985,034.00	70,000.00
Garbage & Recycling Services	1,408,103.43	1,361,048.00	1,408,534.00
Public Works Department Expenses	529,385.87	578,887.00	624,936.00
Other Environmental Health	539.88	3,000.00	3,000.00

Sub-total	3,005,925.54	2,927,969.00	2,106,470.00	-28.1%
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**PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE**

Housing Authority Deficit			
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Sub-total	150,373.25	120,000.00	170,000.00	41.7%
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**ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT**

GIS Department Expenses	90,979.44	88,498.00	92,159.00
Municipal Planning	19,626.84	25,638.00	50,000.00
Regional Development	154,865.23	154,060.00	174,608.00
Wind Farm Expenses	107,495.52	170,900.00	125,000.00
Industrial Park Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00

Sub-total	372,967.03	439,096.00	441,767.00	0.6%
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<b>RECREATION SERVICES</b>				
Recreation Wages & Expenses	162,086.07	156,073.00	153,434.00	
Student Expenses	0.00	0.00	70,393.00	
Grants	214,901.86	252,995.00	234,858.00	
Program expense	13,653.58	13,000.00	25,000.00	
Recreation Strategy	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Intermunicipal Contributions	204,209.26	210,661.00	253,407.00	
Sub-total	594,850.77	632,729.00	737,092.00	16.5%
<b>CULTURAL SERVICES</b>				
Regional Library	195,112.00	195,112.00	195,112.00	
Branch Library	42,921.33	40,000.00	43,000.00	
Heritage Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Community Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sub-total	238,033.33	235,112.00	238,112.00	1.3%
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
Mandatory Contribution				
Sub-total	5,142,720.00	5,142,715.00	5,247,382.00	2.0%
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>				
Municipal Services Grants	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	
Deed Transfer Tax	834,614.31	500,000.00	800,000.00	
Sub-total	1,084,614.31	750,000.00	1,050,000.00	40.0%
<b>FINANCING and TRANSFERS</b>				
Capital from Revenue	327,314.64	494,045.00	308,000.00	
Principal on Interfund Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Transfer to Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sub-total	327,314.64	494,045.00	308,000.00	-37.7%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>21,478,451.12</b>	<b>21,922,681.00</b>	<b>18,736,617.00</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>
	<b>Excess Revenue over Expenditure</b>	955,031.50	0.00	0.00

## **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Deputy Warden Murray that the 2021/22 General Operating Budget be approved as presented.

Clr. Wadden addressed Council and pointed out that she was accused of meddling in this whole issue of the equalization for fire departments. It wasn't me who "meddled" but I did support and continue to support the majority of fire departments who are not in favor of Council's plan for equalization, in particular, using their expected fire rates to come up with a solution that works for us. I am afraid our residents are much smarter than we are and they knew there was something wrong with what we were doing. The Warden was not happy with the number of concerns he had from my area but I say to him you are the Warden and residents have as much right to contact their Councillor and their Warden when they are unhappy with decisions we are making.

The majority of this Council had no problem obviously ignoring our own Fire Area Rate Policy and refused to wait before our solicitor could check the legalities of our decision. The Fire Chiefs made it perfectly clear to our Council they were not in favor of the Abercrombie Proposal but our Council ignored them.

The fire departments came together and eventually hired a lawyer to check the legalities of what we were doing. This Council learned we were in conflict with our MGA and processes were put in place to skirt around our wrong doing and come up with the current plan now being considered for final approval tonight.

The good news is that Council now realizes they have to go through our General Operating Fund to fund the equalization to other districts. We cannot area rate one area to spend the money in another area. The MGA does not allow that. However, what we are doing is taking the \$.055 or a fraction of that as it is a very complicated exercise from what fire departments were expecting for their area rates and subtracting this portion from their rates and putting our tax rate up \$.005 to make up for this change to our area rates for fire departments. For example, Little Harbour's rate was \$.10 for this year but Council is reducing this rate to \$.095. Each fire department is being treated the same. In the cases of the underfunded departments all their rates were being put up to \$.20 but with this scheme they are being reduced as well, some half a cent and others various amounts depending on the calculations put together by our CAO.

This whole process started with needing \$80,000. It then went to \$85,000 and now stands at \$91,730.23. This resolution was passed by Council with no knowledge of how much was actually required.

The second last equalization I saw for Little Harbour was \$10,500, now it is coming in at \$10,624. How can we possibly approve these ever changing numbers? We need to see exactly what is being raised and how those dollars are being paid out.

Take Hillside area for example. They pay just over \$60 per property to Trenton for fire protection. They were not included in this scheme originally but now because of our rate going to \$.8155 then they will see an increase in their tax bills. Don't get me wrong, they are county residents and should be part of this equalization funding but no where do I see where this money is being transferred to the equalization fund. If it is why did Little Harbour's payment increase. Could you explain to me where I can find what is happening to the Hillside money?

Secondly, how are we approving the area rates that are transferring between fire departments? Are we ignoring these issues or changing our policy?

This whole process has been so badly pursued by our Council in a rush to get it done for our budget. I am not the reason this budget has been held up. People, residents of our communities, realized what we were doing was wrong. Our fire departments were forced to hire a lawyer to try and resolve this issue. We have answered by skirting around, ignoring or changing our policies to make this solution compatible with our MGA. There has been no open dialogue with our residents to keep them abreast of what we are doing.

I was always proud of the fact that we were the government closest to the people. Our residents can call their Councillor and talk to them. We brag about an open and transparent process. Meetings were held behind closed doors with no notices and Councillors were told they were purposely kept out of meetings. This was all during Covid when many restrictions on meetings were in place.

What we are proposing is wrong. This Council needs to stop this process and really agree to work with our fire departments. Hold off on the coordinators' position and this proposed equalization funding and show these volunteers we respect their opinions and want to work on a solution we can all live with.

We have succeeded in driving a wedge between these fire departments that never existed before. There is animosity between departments. These are the same firefighters who will drop anything they are doing to help on a mutual aid call. I am sure this camaraderie will continue for fighting fires but it is devastating to see this happening between fire departments. Secondly, the distrust fire departments now have for this Council. We are going to have to work very hard to show these departments we do respect them and their opinions. Putting a coordinator in charge of them and their departments is not a way to build their trust. We will have an employee of this municipality costing close to \$100,000 a year, ordering volunteers around, especially after the actions of our Council. We are opening our door to paid firefighters and this municipality taking over fire protection. This Council believes \$2.1 M is more than enough to look after fire protection well, that budget will be shattered if we continue down this road.

Please I ask this Council to admit we are not being open and transparent with this whole issue and this really needs more consultation and discussion to make this work. Show our valuable volunteers we do want to work with them and step up and do the right thing.

Clr. Wadden asked where the money from Hillside is going and the CAO replied the funding goes into the equalization grant. The CAO reported there is \$91,000 required and the amount of equalization is made up of the general rate.

Clr. Wadden asked about Council's policy and if it will be changed.

The CAO replied that it does not address the historical sharing.

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Wadden)

### **RESOLUTION – 2021/22 TAX RATES**

Clr. MacKeil presented a resolution to Council as follows:



### **RESOLUTION - TAX RATES 2021-22**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council that the estimated expenditures of the Municipality of the County of Pictou for the fiscal period April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 is approved in the amount of \$18,736,617 and after making the allowance for estimated revenue in the amount of \$3,291,731 the amount of \$15,444,886 is required from general taxation of the assessed valuation of \$1,670,662,117.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Rate for the fiscal period April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 be set at \$0.8155 per \$100 of assessment for residential and resource property and at \$1.8255 per \$100 of assessment for commercial property;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rates and taxes for the current period may be collected by Warrant of Distress without further notice if not paid on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021, with all costs and expenses of levy and on all proceedings incidental thereto: and further, if the said taxes are not paid before the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021 an additional penalty charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

**DATED** at Pictou, N. S. this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

(Sgd.) Darla MacKeil  
Mary Elliott

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. MacKeil and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Clr. Wadden reported that she cannot support the tax rate for this year because of what Council has done to the fire departments.

Motion carried. (Nay Vote: Clr. Wadden)

### **RESOLUTION – 2021/22 FIRE RATES**

Clr. Butler presented a resolution to Council as follows:

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council authorize the rating and collection of the following fire rates on properties assessed in the fire coverage areas throughout the Municipality for the fiscal period 2021/22:

#	FIRE DEPARTMENT	RATE PER \$100 ASSESSMENT	RATE PER ACRE	FLAT RATE
1	Abercrombie	\$0.100	\$0.01	\$
2	Alma	0.098	0.01	
3	Barney's River	0.184	0.01	
4	Blue Mountain	0.195	0.01	
5	Caribou	0.086	0.01	
6	East River St. Mary's	0.195	0.01	
7	East River Valley	0.195	0.01	
8	Eureka	0.133	0.01	
9	Linacy	0.162	0.01	
10	Little Harbour	0.095	0.01	
11	Merigomish	0.174	0.01	
12	Pictou Landing	0.195	0.01	
13	Plymouth	0.190	0.01	
14	River John	0.095	0.01	
15	Scotsburn	0.124	0.01	
16	Thorburn	0.133	0.01	
17	Trenton		0.01	60.45
18	West River	0.114	0.01	

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

(Sgd.) Don Butler  
Chester Dewar

### MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Dewar that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Clr. Palmer reported that he disagrees with this process by going against our fire departments because they are volunteers and not for profit organizations. It was his opinion that we should be funding them from the general tax rate.

Clr. Turner reported in the initial Abercrombie Proposal there was a 3-year freeze on the rates and asked if we should consider lifting the freeze next year.

Clr. Boyles pointed out that the Committee tried to help 5 departments that needed funding and it makes him mad this is happening this evening.

Clr. Thompson asked the rate for Barneys River and the CAO replied \$0.184 and Plymouth is \$0.190 because in order to raise the money that is what the rate works out to.

Clr. Thompson reported that Plymouth is historically a department that had a \$0.20 rate and the assessment is just starting to kick in now. The department is relying on assessment growth to make future purchases.



Clr. Wadden reported that she has not supported taking money from fire departments as this does not make sense. She asked what happened to the fire rate area policy and she disagrees with the way this is being done. She doesn't see anything in a policy about a fire rate freeze and none of this makes sense.

The CAO indicated that was the original motion of Council and Council has the authority to set the rates as they so choose in any given year. Council can re-evaluate those rates against next year if that is what it wishes to do.

Motion carried. (Nay Votes: Clrs. Wadden, Palmer & Thompson)

### **RESOLUTION – NSBI AREA RATE**

Clr. Palmer presented a resolution to Council as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou, that Council authorize the rating and collection of area rates for the New Scotland Business Park for the fiscal period 2021/22 as follows:

Residential Rate: Not to exceed \$1.89/\$100 Assessment (\$1,0745)

Commercial Rate: Not to exceed \$2.90/\$100 Assessment (\$1,0745)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rates and taxes as set out above shall be due and paid to the Treasurer on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021. If such rates and taxes are not paid by the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021 an additional charge will be payable in accordance with the Municipality's Interest Rate Policy.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

(Sgd.) Randy Palmer  
Andy Thompson

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Palmer and seconded by Clr. Thompson that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION – EXTENDED DUE DATE**

Clr. D. Parker presented a resolution to Council as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that the due date of October 15<sup>th</sup> for payment of area rates respecting street lights, hydrant fire protection and sewer maintenance fees be extended to November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

(Sgd.) David Parker  
Mary Elliott

**MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. D. Parker and seconded by Clr. Elliott that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – BUDGET GRANTS**

Deputy Warden Murray presented a resolution to Council as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS numerous applications for funding were received and considered by the Municipality during the preparation of the 2021/22 General Operating Budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the payment of the following grants:

#	APPLICANT	PURPOSE	FUNDING DECISION
	<b>COMMUNITY GRANTS</b>		
1	Aberdeen Palliative Care Society	End of Life Care Support	8,000.00
2	CARMA Pictou County Chapter	Operating Expenses	3,000.00
3	CHAD Transit	Operating Expenses	59,500.00
4	DEANS	Operating Expenses	19,898.28
5	Northumberland Fish. Museum & Heritage Assoc.	Gutters	1,700.00
6	NS SPCA	Construction of New Facility	5,000.00
7	Pictou Agricultural Society	Site Maintenance	15,000.00
8	Pictou County Cases for Smiles	Children's Hospital Pillowcases	1,000.00
9	Pictou County Chamber of Commerce	Lg. Business Award Sponsor.	1,200.00
10	Pictou County Christmas Fund	Telethon Donation	1,000.00
11	Pictou County Cruise Committee	Fees & Strategic Planning Exp.	3,000.00
12	Pictou Co. Mental Illness Family Support Assoc.	Bright Smiles Dental Project	2,000.00
13	Pic. Co. Roots for Youth	House Renos & Oil Tank	2,500.00
14	Pictou Co. Sports Heritage Hall of Fame	Operating Expenses	1,000.00
15	Pictou Co. Vol. Ground Search & Rescue	Operating Expenses	4,587.00
16	Read by the Sea Literary Festival	Virtual Event Expenses	1,000.00
17	River John Festival Days	Event Expenses	2,500.00
18	School Breakfast Programs	Operating Expenses	7,500.00
			<b>\$139,385.28</b>
	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS</b>		
19	District One Development Society	Community Coordinator	5,000.00
20	District 13 Recreation & Planning Comm.	Community Coordinator	2,700.00
21	River John Community Action Society	Community Coordinator	10,000.00
			<b>\$ 17,700.00</b>

<b>RECREATION/CULTURE GRANTS</b>			
22	Autism Pictou County	Swim Program Expenses	3,000.00
23	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pictou County	School Mentoring Program Exp.	1,250.00
24	deCoste Entertainment Society	Operating Expenses	15,000.00
25	Dist. 13 Rec. & Planning Commission	Operating Expenses	25,000.00
26	Hector Arena Commission	Hector Arena Op. Expenses	15,000.00
27	Little Harbour Pickleball Club	Court Construction	20,000.00 X 2 yrs
28	LORDA	Operating Expenses	10,000.00
29	Pictou County 4-H Leader's Council	Heat Pump & COVID Supplies	5,000.00
30	Pictou County Historical Society	Operating Expenses	500.00
31	Pictou County Snowriders Snowmobile Club	Trail Groomer/Tractor	12,500.00 X 2 yrs
32	Real Canadian Recreation	Roof & Deck	12,500.00 X 2 yrs
33	Riverview Home Volunteer Assoc.	Recreation Programming	8,000.00
			<b>\$127,750.00</b>
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$284,835.28</b>

DATED at Pictou, NS this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

(Sgd.) Wayne Murray  
Chester Dewar

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Murray and seconded by Clr. Dewar that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Clr. Wadden reported whatever has been done for the Pickleball Club has been overshadowed by what Council did to the fire departments.

Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL GRANTS**

Clr. Turner presented a resolution to Council as follows:

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council approve the payment of the following Municipal Grants:

#### Municipal Services:

D01	District 1	\$	40.00	Merigomish Hall St. Lights
	Thorburn & Dist. War Vet Ass.		500.00	Operating Expenses
	Lismore Cemetery		500.00	Operating Expenses
	Telford Cemetery		300.00	Operating Expenses
	Sutherland's Riv. Pioneer Cem.		500.00	Operating Expenses
	Merigomish Cemetery		2,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Kenzierville Cemetery Co.		1,500.00	Operating Expenses
	Pictou Co. Keltic Assoc.		1,500.00	Publication Expenses
	MARSA		2,000.00	Entry Door

	Dist. One Dev. Society	800.00	Meals on Wheels Pgm. Expenses
	Dist. One Dev. Society	1,700.00	Newsletter Expenses
	Dist. One Dev. Society	500.00	Printer Purchase
	Lismore Community Ctr.	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Kenzieville & Dist. Comm. Ctr.	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
	French Riv. Cem. Society	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Sutherland's Riv./Dist. Com. Ass.	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
D02	Little Harbour Community Ctr.	20,000.00	Alarm Inspection/Appliances/ Sound System/Roof Repairs
D03	District 3	40.00	Bayview Hall St. Lights
	Bay View Community Hall	950.00	Operating Expenses
	Caribou Dist. Fire Dept.	4,025.00	Equipment Purchases
	Caribou River Upper Cemetery	2,552.50	Operating Exp. & Stone Cleaning
	Central Caribou Cemetery	3,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Haliburton Cemetery	4,000.00	Road Upgrades
	Seaboard Cemetery	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
	St. James Anglic. Mill Dam Cem.	1,500.00	Stone Repairs
	Waterside Cemetery Co.	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Caribou Island Cemetery	250.00	Operating Expenses
D04	District 4	80.00	West Bch. Hall & United Ch. Lts.
	River John & Dist. Lions Club	5,000.00	Interior Renovations
	Campbell Point Cemetery	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Helping Hands Lodge	2,000.00	Kitchen Renos. & Stove
	River John & Area Recreation	3,000.00	Mower, Wages & Ball Park Exp.
	Burns Memorial Presby. Church	4,500.00	Furnace
	Salem United Church Cem.	1,200.00	Operating Expenses
	St. John's Anglic. Ladies Guild	2,000.00	Partial Roof Replacement
	River John Legion Bch 108	800.00	Memorial Garden Maintenance
D05	District 5	80.00	Meadowville & Elmfield Hall St. Lts.
	Bethel Presbyterian Church	8,000.00	Flooring/Fire Escape/Ext. Wall Repair
	Lyon's Brook Hall Society	8,000.00	Roof Replacement
	Scotsburn Recreation Club	4,000.00	Operating Expenses
D07	District 7	420.00	Saltsprings Car Pool Pkg. Lot St. Lts.
D08	Abercrombie Cemetery Co.	6,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Abercrombie Comm. Ctr.	5,500.00	Heat Pump & Operating Exp.
	Abercrombie Fire Dept.	5,000.00	Fire Hoses
	Alma Cemetery	948.75	Operating Expenses
	Mt. William Cemetery	2,500.00	Operating Expenses
D09	Hillside Cemetery	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Hillside Community Society	9,000.00	Hall Improvements
	Linacy Fire Department	9,000.00	Turnout Gear/Pressure
			Washer/Hose Connections
	Priestville Walkerville Res. Co.	2,000.00	Cemetery Operating Expenses
D10	Thorburn & Dist. War Vet Ass.	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
	MacPherson's Mills Comm. Hall	2,650.00	Operating Expenses
	D13 Rec. & Planning Comm.	2,600.00	Summer Rec/Ballfield/Miscel. Rink Exp.
	Union Presbyterian Church	2,250.00	Entrance Door to Church Hall
	Thorburn Cemetery Assoc.	1,800.00	Operating Expenses

	Thorburn & Dist. Fire Dept.	2,600.00	Sign/Flag Pole/Landscaping
	IOOF Moore Lodge	2,600.00	Sink Hole Repairs
	MacLennan's Mtn. Cemetery	3,400.00	Stone Repairs
D11	Springville Cemetery	400.00	Operating Expenses
	Blue Mtn. Fire Dept.	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
	East River Valley Recreation	4,000.00	Mtnce. & Upkeep of Grounds
	Garden of Eden Comm. Hall	2,000.00	Operating Expenses
	MacDonald Rebekah Lodge	950.00	Operating Expenses
	Churchville Hall	1,500.00	Operating Expenses
	Glencoe Hall Comm. Assoc.	950.00	Operating Expenses
	Plymouth Comm. & Rec Ass	2,500.00	Accessible Ramp Shelter
	Sunny Brae Cemetery Co.	400.00	Operating Expenses
D12	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church	500.00	Lawn Care @ Hopewell War Mem.
	East Riv. Val. Comm. Dev. Ass.	3,000.00	Newsletter Exp & Riverton Hall Upkeep
	East River Valley Recreation	1,000.00	Ballfield Improvements
	Friends of Iona Park Assoc.	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Hopewell 4-H Club	1,250.00	Project Exp. & Eureka War Mem Exp
	Lorne Community Hall	3,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Lorne Cemetery	1,000.00	Operating Expenses
	Riverton Cemetery	1,000.00	Operating Expenses

#### Recreation

	River John, Plymouth, Lismore & Thorburn	\$ 3,000.00	To assist with Summer Recreation Program Expenses (4 @ \$750)
	Pictou County Ultimate	350.00	Start-Up Grant – Frisbee Pgm.
	East River Valley Recreation	1,000.00	Capital Grant – Fill & Topsoil @ Ballfield
	Sutherland's Riv. & Dist. Community Assoc.	4,737.00	Extension of deadline to use funds for accessibility upgrades to Jan. 31/22

DATED at Pictou, NS this 23rd day of August, 2021.

(Sgd.) Larry Turner  
Peter Boyles

#### **MOTION**

It was moved by Clr. Turner and seconded by Clr. Boyles that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Clr. Wadden informed Council that money was given to fire departments, and we are taking it away with the reductions to area rates.

Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION – INTERIM FIRE INSPECTOR**

Clr. Boyles presented a resolution to Council as follows:

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESLVED by the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou that Council appoint Manny Withrow as Fire Inspector for the Municipality on an interim basis until such time as a full-time in-house position has been staffed.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that all previous appointments as Municipal Fire Inspector for the Municipality are hereby rescinded.

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

(Sgd.) Peter Boyles  
Larry Turner

## MOTION

It was moved by Clr. Boyles and seconded by Clr. Turner that the preceding resolution be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

Clr. Wadden asked what Clr. Boyles meant about going through Little Harbour and Clr. Boyles replied Clr. Wadden had so much concern about Hillside he questioned why it was such a concern to Little Harbour.

## CLOSED SESSION

Council met in closed session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations.

## OPEN SESSION

Council resumed in open session at 8:20 p.m.

## ADJOURN

It was moved by Clr. Butler and seconded by Clr. Boyles that the meeting adjourn.  
Motion carried.( 8:20 p.m.)

Robert Parker  
Warden

Brian Cullen  
Municipal Clerk