

The Pictou County Shared Services Authority met by videoconference on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Jim Ryan, Chair, Town of Pictou
Warden Robert Parker, Municipality of the County of Pictou
Mayor Nancy Dicks, Town of New Glasgow
Mayor Danny MacGillivray, Town of Stellarton
Mayor Shannon MacInnis, Town of Trenton
Mayor Lennie White, Town of Westville

IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Cullen, CAO, Municipality of the County of Pictou
Lisa MacDonald, CAO, Town of New Glasgow
Dan Troke, CAO, Town of Pictou
Susan Higdon, Municipal Clerk, Town of Stellarton
Wayne Teasdale, Town of Trenton
Linda Brown, Town of Westville
Jane Johnson, Recording Secretary

PCSSA STAFF

Earle Cameron, Chief Operating Officer
Deborah Searle, Regional Coordinator
John Rawding, Finance Manager
Anthony Sheehan, Operating Manager, ERECC

AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor MacGillivray and seconded by Mayor MacInnis that the agenda be approved as circulated.
Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mayor Dicks and seconded by Mayor White that the minutes of May 11, 2020 be approved as circulated.
Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Certificate of Variance

Mayor Ryan reported that the Certificate of Variance was valid until June 30, 2020 and informed the Board that a letter was in the meeting package requesting an extension until July 15, 2020 when recycling will resume at that time. Blue Bags are continuing to go to Guysborough until July 15th and at that time they will go to the facility in Kempton.

DIVISION MANAGER'S REPORT – SOLID WASTE

The Chief Operating Officer presented the report for Pictou County Solid Waste dated July 3, 2020 to Board members.

Mr. Cameron highlighted on a major failure at the compost facility on the main paddle shaft that turns their compost. He informed the Board that their green cart inventory has been exhausted for quite some time so Ms. Searle and he made a trip to the Valley and looked at excess carts at Valley Waste. They took some back and sent them out to replace carts that could be repaired but they still have 200 carts that need to be repaired or replaced. There are other issues where the contractor has been dumping the green bins and the axles have been broken. We are sending a convoy of trucks and trailers to Valley Waste to pick up some compost carts. We also have the small 80 litre carts available if residents do not like the bigger carts.

Mayor Ryan asked when we will get that shipment and Mr. Cameron replied not until August.

Warden R. Parker commented that the bins can get treated very rough but it would be good if they could control that bounce.

Mr. Cameron advised that GFL addressed the striker that was just throwing the bin anywhere but the carts were first distributed in 1999 so they cannot last forever.

Mayor Ryan referred to the former Priestville Landfill Site and asked for an update.

Mr. Cameron reported that they were concerned about the leachate far reaching. Mr. Cameron asked if the Board would be interested in the CD Flow Model presentation but he will keep the Board informed in the meantime. They are looking at doing some monitoring on the Sherbrooke Road going into to New Glasgow.

Mayor Ryan suggested waiting until after the fall elections but this does not mean that leachate is there but the Landfill is still monitoring.

MOTION

It was moved by Warden R. Parker and seconded by Mayor MacInnis that the Pictou County Solid Waste Report be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

DIVISION MANAGER'S REPORT – ERECC

The Operating Manager presented the report of the East River Environmental Control Center dated July 6, 2020. Mr. Sheehan informed the Board that NS Environment made a site visit on Friday and everything went well.

MOTION

It was moved by Mayor Dicks and seconded by Mayor White that the East River Environmental Control Center Report be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

DIVISION MANAGERS QUARTERLY REPORT – MAR.31/20

Mr. Rawding presented the quarterly report ending March 31, 2020.

MOTION

It was moved by Mayor MacGillivray and seconded by Mayor Dicks that the quarterly report ending March 31, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT – SOLID WASTE

The Finance Manager presented the Financial Report for Pictou County Solid Waste for the month ending May 31, 2020. He noted that in the first 2 months of the year revenue was close to being on budget and expenses were under budget. There was a reduction in many activities due to COVID-19 and 2 staff were off on un-paid leave that affected those costs.

MOTION

It was moved by Mayor MacInnis and seconded by Mayor MacGillivray that the finance report for Solid Waste to May 31, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT – ERECC

The Finance Manager presented the Financial Report for ERECC for the month ending May 31, 2020.

MOTION

It was moved by Mayor Dicks and seconded by Mayor White that the finance report for ERECC's to May 31, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ryan asked if there was any new information on the syringes found in Pictou Landing and Ms. Searle replied that there was only 1 needle found since they were first found at Lighthouse Beach. There was some discussion that the sharps found on the beach may be from a boat but there have not been any reports in several weeks.

Warden R. Parker asked the type of needle found and Ms. Searle replied that they were mostly diabetic needles.

Mayor Dicks referred to the Solid Waste Report and thanked the Landfill Site on getting the proper information out to the public. She asked if there was any opportunity for recycling and garbage carts to be added to the recycling plan for PLFN.

Mr. Cameron replied it would be a substantial investment for PCSW and it may make it cumbersome to the recycling program.

Mayor Dicks referred to the Extended Producer Responsibility and asked if there was an update and Mayor Ryan reported that they are still waiting for movement but it is basically stalled.

Mayor White commented that everyone is paying for that program but it does not exist in our province so we do not have the benefit of it.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Pictou County Shared Services Authority and the AGM will be held on September 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Ryan asked if the Board should elect a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman at that time or wait until after the election in October.

Mr. Cameron recommended that a motion be passed at the September meeting extending the term of the Chair and Vice-Chair until after the election in October.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Mayor MacGillivray and seconded Mayor White that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. (9:44 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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