

In Attendance: Nancy MacDonald, Gretchen Macguire, Jane MacDonald, Gloria Fraser, Brenda MacLeod, Bonnie Rankin, Anna LeBlanc, AJ Law, Paula Law, Kirk Munro, Ed George, Linda Schweitzer, Anne Chaldecott, John Ross, Joyce Halasz, Skip Hamilton, Jenn Langille, Rob Boudreau, Aaron MacDonald, Lee Cheverie, Wayne Cheverie, John Collins and Brenda Collins

Nancy brings the meeting to order. She asks for the agenda to be accepted as presented. Bonnie moves to accept, Anna seconds, all in favour.

Gretchen suggests to have the minutes sent in PDF format via email to everyone on the Pictou Island phone/email contact list as another means of accessing this information.

1. Broadband:

Terry Dalton, project manager of i-Valley Intelligent Community Association contacted Nancy via Kevin Burley, GIS Technician for the Municipality of Pictou County, to discuss a location for the proposed installation of a broadband tower. Four Community owned properties located at civic #s 781 (Church), 783 (Community Centre), 785 (Fire Hall) and 819 (The Hall) Pictou Island Road were identified as areas that could possibly be viable locations for this project.

Mr. Dalton asked whether the Association or private property owners would be interested in leasing property for tower installation. Improved internet speed, yearly rent of \$2,000.00 for use of the land, required area dimensions (50' x 50'), internet for the Community Centre, and tower height of approximately 30' were items mentioned by Mr. Dalton in a telephone conversation with Nancy.

Discussion follows as to the logistics of the project. The tower needs to be erected on high ground and thus there may be a need to approach private property owners if the Community owned properties cannot accommodate this undertaking. Gretchen moves that we contact Mr. Dalton to inform him that PICA is interested in the idea and that he should come to the Island. Anna seconds. All in favour.

Brenda will email and write a letter to send to Terry Dalton asking him to come to the Island to do a site assessment of the Community properties before the end of the ferry season on November 30th. Nancy will contact Darla McKeil.

2. Municipal Grant:

Anne speaks to the \$800.00 grant available. The application deadline for the grant is end of this year.

Discussion ensues as to whether we want to apply for it now or let it roll over into next year.

John Collins proposes to use the funds to build an outhouse or a shelter for ferry passengers at the wharf. Anne raises the issue of environmental concerns and the responsibility of cleaning and maintaining the facility. Gretchen suggests this is a matter for Harbour Authority.

3. Ferry:

Nancy asks the ferry committee to report on what is happening with the ferry tender. Gretchen informs the meeting that rumour has it the contract will go to tender by the end of next week.

She asked the ferry manager with DOT for a meeting two weeks ago, but got no reply. She now suggests PICA write a letter to the Minister of Public works, Kim Masland, cc'ing Karla MacFarlane, expressing our concern at not being consulted about the new contract. Discussion begins about what we think should be included in the letter. Lots of talk, several votes and the basic results are as follows:

- The reservation system definitely should be a requirement, as it is in the present contract. However, we think it should be more specific in the next contract. It is a complicated issue and our discussion did not lead to any definite conclusions. We will hope that if/when we have a meeting with DOT, we can talk about this and come up with appropriate wording for the tender.

-Schedule additions- we will ask for : June, July, August, and September. - Monday -One round trip, leaving from PI [@ 8 AM](#), return time to be determined later.

May and June- Full Thursday runs- two round trips Leaving PI [@ 8 AM](#) , returning [@ 6 PM](#)

October- Full Thursday runs- two round trips leaving PI [@ 8 AM](#), returning [@ 4:45 PM](#)

Gretchen will get this letter sent off ASAP and keep PICA informed of the results.

New Business: No new business

Anna moves to adjourn, Brenda MacLeod seconds, all in favour

Next meeting is on October 9th at 4pm.