

PICTOU ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Meeting Date: October 21st, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Minutes taken by: Bonnie Rankin, Vice-President

Prepared by: Amy Harding, Secretary

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In Attendance

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Anna LeBlanc, President (*virtual*)
Bonnie Rankin, Vice-President
(*virtual*)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

AJ Law
Paula Law
Gretchen Maguire
Troy Rankin

COMMUNITY ATTENDEES

Brent Bennett
Heather Chaldecott
Geoff White

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ashlyn Baird
Anne Chaldecott
Skip Hamilton
Jennifer Langille
Linda Schweitzer

Call to Order, Approvals

President Anna LeBlanc calls meeting to order

- Call for motion to approve minutes from September meeting
- Motion for September meeting minutes to be approved:
Motion: Gretchen Maguire **Seconded:** Skip Hamilton
Vote: all in favor, motion carried

Agenda Item: Pictou County Internet Project

- Anna has reached out; no word yet on timing but seems likely it will be Spring '24
- Anna will follow up

Agenda Item: Communication with Pictou Island Charters

- Peter has forwarded a letter regarding wind and cancelling the ferry. Wind speeds of sustained 25kts mandates cancellation. Ferry Committee is drafting a letter to the operator with questions such as clarification of wind cancellation policy, will share as info is available.
- Jenn enquired about a FOIPOP request for all correspondence between the Operator and Department of Public Works.
 - A fee estimate of \$450 (~ish) was provided (920 pages of material, Jan '21 to present). Jen requested waiver of fees, denied. We could narrow scope request to see if this reduces cost.

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- Discussion: is this needed? General agreement that at least a copy of contract is required to allow informed discussion of services. It is believed that Bill has a copy; if not, Ferry Committee will obtain one.
- Motion: To confirm with Bill that we have a copy of the contract, with which to frame letter to be sent to John Majchrowicz of Public Works.
 Motion: Gretchen Maguire **Seconded:** Skip Hamilton
 Vote: all in favor, motion carried
- An ad hoc meeting will be held, tentative date November 18th, to discuss framing of letter

Agenda Item: Winter Closing Activities

- Mower and whipper-snipper (Gretchen volunteered Chris)
- Paint Storage (Anna)
- Church prep (Anna volunteered Nancy)
- Water shut off (Fire Department)
- Return water-based extinguishers to FD if not staying the winter
- Heritage Society Building window coverings (Joyce)

Agenda Item: Grants Discussion

- Jenn reports Harbour Authority met with Small Craft Harbours about grant opportunities. Harbour Authority is more likely to receive additional grant money if there is an additional different grant awarded; they have their own funding; or if they receive donations in kind.
- Jenn has identified one funding opportunity but there are some stipulations; she will work with Anna/Bonnie to ensure the Harbour Authority and Church Committee are not conflicting when looking for grant opportunities.
- Discussion to hold off on municipal grant request (materials for new outhouse) until Spring given the time of year.

New Business

- 2024 PICA meetings will generally fall on 3rd Saturday each month, beginning May 18th
- No feedback received to date on governance documents. Board of Directors will meet over the winter to review, will look at sending a questionnaire for feedback.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Linda Schweitzer

Seconded: Jennifer Langille

Vote: all in favor, motion carried