

Meeting Date: September 23rd, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Prepared by: Anna LeBlanc (Secretary Amy Harding absent with regrets)

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In Attendance

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Anna LeBlanc, President
Anne Chaldecott, Treasurer

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Rob Boudreau
Ed George
AJ Law
Paula Law
Myrna LeBlanc
Sheila Tobin
Geoff White
Sarah White

COMMUNITY ATTENDEES

Cathy Gibbon

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jenn Langille
Skip Hamilton
Nancy MacDonald

Call to Order, Approvals

President Anna LeBlanc calls meeting to order

Two amendments in regard to August's AGM Minutes have been received

- Susan Whitcomb's name incorrectly noted as Susan MacCallum-Whitcomb
- Craig Clarke would like it noted that the Cemetery Committee has permission from his company to install the gate as the road is a right-of-way through his company's property, the Cemetery Committee is working with Craig on the matter

Motion for AGM meeting minutes to be approved with inclusion of above changes:

- Motion: Anne Chaldecott Seconded: Cathy Gibbon
- Vote: all in favour, motion carried

September Meeting Secretary

Anna brings up that both Amy and Bonnie are absent with regrets for the September meeting. Myrna LeBlanc has volunteered to be acting Secretary and Anna will support with additional notes. There is no objection from those attending.

Agenda Item #1 Garbage/Recycling Runs:

It was requested at the July meeting that Garbage runs be brought up at the next regular meeting after the AGM. It is reported that the Recycling building at the Wharf is currently three quarters full and will be emptied out at the end of cottage season before the winter. The August Junk Run was successful but doesn't currently seem like a third one would be needed. Anna brings up that Councillor Darla MacKeil brought up at the Rate Payer's Meeting (Held in August) that she would be more than happy to work with the Island to help secure more garbage/recycling runs if needed.

Agenda Item #2 Church Updates

There is an ask to provide an update on the repair plans for the Church. Nancy explains the current status of the Church, the primary concerns are the steeple and the siding. The Committee was given a quote for the steeple but financial concerns prevented the project from moving forward at the present time. Much discussion ensues with community members proposing various options from considering a new steeple design to selling and liquidating the Church and its assets. Nancy brings up that Covid put plans on hold and behind schedule. PICA funding is also discussed, at one point there was a motion a previous PICA meeting to donate \$5000 but unsure of the exact date of this at the time. It is also noted no PICA funds will be used on the Church without discussing and voting at a meeting first. There is also discussion about how the repair plans should proceed. The Committee plans on looking at different repair options and potential grant money. Ed makes a motion that the Church have a complete project plan with financials prepared for the May 2024 PICA meeting to be discussed in more detail then.

- Motion: Ed George Seconded: AJ Law
- Vote: all in favour, motion carried

Agenda Item #3 Ferry

Jenn raises the question of what next year's ferry schedule will look like, will it be the same as this year or a return to departing from Pictou Island? She also asks about make up runs and the requirements around them. AJ (Only member of Ferry Committee present) brings up that the Committee has asked about make up runs but has not received feedback as of the September meeting. In light of one of the make up runs in September, Ed suggests asking for a midday run in June and September one day a week. With the Fall season approaching, make up runs are more likely to occur, Jenn moves to ask the ferry committee to find out when make up runs must be made so we can work with the Ferry operators to make informed decisions. Discussion ensues and Nancy amends the motion to include that the Ferry Committee also find out if make runs are required when the wind is 20 knots or 25 knots. AJ makes an

additional amendment to have the Ferry Committee send a letter of alignment to Ryan and Nicole (Ferry Operators) once the motioned information is received.

Motion: Ferry Committee to obtain documentation on when a make run must occur.

Amendment #1: Ferry Committee to also determine if ferry services are suspended when sustained winds (or gusts) reach 20 knots or 25 knots.

Amendment #2: Ferry Committee will send letter of alignment to Ryan and Nicole and cc John.

- Motion: Jenn Langille Amendment #1: Nancy MacDonald Amendment #2: AJ Law
Seconded: Nancy MacDonald
- Vote: all in favour, motion carried

Agenda Item #4 MOPC WiFi and Grant Update

MOPC's WiFi project is expected to be ready for the Island by mid-October. Anna is keeping in contact with project manager, Ian Bosse, and encourages anyone looking to be a part of this initiative to reach out to the Municipality. We also have Municipality grant money available as per Darla at the Rate Payer's meeting. It was decided at the Rate Payer's meeting this would be used to construct a new outhouse at the Community Centre and additional funds could go towards Church repairs.

Agenda Item #5 Board of Directors Updates

There has been some comments received on what makes someone eligible to vote at PICA meetings. The Board of Directors will be meeting over the Winter to review and renew the bylaws established in 2016. Anna encourages PICA members to send in their recommendations and ideas via email (to either Anna or Amy) for the BoD to review. The Bylaws will be shared ahead of the May 2024 meeting for community input. Anna also brings up plans to send out a questionnaire on behalf of PICA to gain more community insight.

Ed moves to adjourn the meeting

- Motion: Ed George Seconded: Nancy MacDonald
- Vote: all in favour, motion carried