

Meeting Date: September 27th, 2025

Meeting Minutes

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In Attendance

Executive Committee

Anna LeBlanc, President
Bonnie Rankin, VP
Ed George, Treasurer

General Membership

Tiana Fusco
Dave Harding
Joyce Halasz
Skip Hamilton
Kellie Korotash
Phillip Landry
Kay Langille
Jevan Law
Paula Law

Myrna LeBlanc
Sarah MacDonald
Gretchen Maguire
Dana Morin
Darrell Rankin
Sheila Rankin
Linda Schweitzer
Brenda Spence-MacLeod
Duck Thompson

Board of Directors

Anne Chaldecott
Jenn Langille
Andrew LeBlanc
Nancy MacDonald

Call to Order, Approvals

President Anna LeBlanc calls meeting to order

- **Motion:** Gretchen Maguire **Seconded:** Brenda Spence-MacLeod
Vote: all in favour, motion carried

PICA Thank Yous!

In addition to discussing 'island business,' PICA meetings are an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who have made particularly noteworthy contributions to the community in the preceding month.



September Thank-Yous

- While preparing the minutes, we realized we didn't do thank you's for September!
- So... if you're reading this, thank you! For taking the time to review what's going on and your continued involvement and support! You all rock! 😊

Agenda Item: Continuing Business - Updates

Grant Funding & Funded Projects:

- Municipal services grant (\$4,900): hope is to use toward Community Centre upgrades (window replacement): application has been submitted. The windows have been ordered. As we received the installation quote by Rob and he has coordinated ordering the windows, it is asked if he would also be the one installing them.
- **Motion:** Rob Boudreau Construction to install the Community Center windows.
- **Made by:** Nancy MacDonald **Seconded:** Gretchen Maguire
Vote: all in favour, motion carried
- Anna has been given full access to our GCOS account to apply for the Youth Accessibility Grant for the accessibility ramp at the Community Center. On track to complete ahead of deadline.

Insurance

- Colin Whitcomb has kindly offered to work through the insurance updates and has been working with Anna to understand our parameters. Anna listed out our buildings and there approximate re-build value. It is decided we will put priority on rebuilding the Community Center and Recycling Building in the case of destruction but would like to know what the cost to would be if everything was to be rebuilt. It is also decided that regardless of rebuilding or not, we need liability insurance on all buildings.
- **Motion:** Share all information and preferences with Colin and have him get quotes from insurance broker
- **Made by:** Ed George **Seconded:** Gretchen Maguire
Vote: all in favour, motion carried

Agenda Item: Shoulder Season Outhouse Maintenance

- While we have our summer student look after cleaning and stocking outhouses in the summer, there should be someone consistently checking them during the May-June and September-November timeframe. Anna offers to check when she's here. Dr Brenda and Anne also offer to keep an eye on the outhouses.
- Dr. Brenda also offers to purchase some linoleum flooring for the Community Center outhouse to help preserve the wooden floor, this is greatly appreciated
- It is asked if there is additional solar lighting for the outhouse, there is. There is also discussion around the need for solar lighting around other community buildings.
- Action Item: When you're out and about, pay attention to areas you think may need more lighting and what type of light (Solar pathway, motion sensor, etc) would be best!

Agenda Item: Ferry Committee

- Committee consists of Gretchen Maguire, AJ Law, Peter Lauch and Ed George
- They would like input on what exactly their mandate is, what are their responsibilities?
- The ferry contract will be up for tender next Fall (2026), ahead of this, Gretchen reports the committee plans to send out a survey to understand Island concerns and make recommendations to the Province.
- Ed asks if there would be any objection to asking Kirby if it would be possible to have the ferry leave Pictou Island at quarter-to for the remainder of the season, essentially a “load and go” situation like what is currently seen on Sundays in September. It is decided that we will ask Kirby if he is okay with this. Linda will send out an email if the time change goes through and also a reminder on the location change in Caribou (departing from floating dock location for remainder of season)
 - NOTE: Time change was accommodated by Kirby and communicated via email and on the website.

Agenda Item: PICA Meeting Time

- PICA meetings have taken place at 11am for the last few years, previously they took place at 4pm
- Anna suggests possible meeting times could be 10am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm or a different time if people would prefer. There is discussion around what time would be best considering property or household chores, hosting company and accommodating folks arriving on the Saturday morning ferry in the summer.
- **Motion:** Keep meeting time as it currently is at 11am
- **Made by:** Dave Harding **Seconded:** Anne Chaldecott
- **Vote:** Motion carried by majority vote

Heritage Society Report

- Brenda reports:
 - Held AGM in early September, good turnout and as per Anna and Myrna, “exceptional chowder and rolls!” were had. They have installed additional lighting in the heritage buildings. They also have an outhouse at the Lighthouse now. Refundable collection was a great success and a huge thank you to all those that helped get the last load off. They are also working on website info and will make sure to work with Amy on getting info into the new website when it’s time.

Harbour Authority Report

- Jenn reports:

- Boom is ready to be installed, we have been provided with funding as well to complete the project. Jenn also confirms there are no swimming signs and life rings at the wharf after a concern was raised previously.

Fire Department Report

- Jenn reports:
 - After a busy period, a reminder: **IN THE EVENT OF ANY EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL 911 FIRST**
 - Burn ban still underway, please do not burn!
 - Vests have been ordered to help first responders and bystanders easily identify those who are responding. Please be respectful of those wearing vests and responding.
 - PEI will be donating a stretcher for our ambulance
 - Preliminary work for new Fire Department underway, aiming to have concrete and base in place ahead of next spring. Donations are very welcome and a reminder they are tax deductible!

Agenda Item: New Business

- Linda reports there was some confusion on the last propane order on who to respond to and when. It is decided that going forward Linda will put who to respond to and their contact info in bold at the top of the email.
- Jenn reports that the welcoming committee has met and consists of herself, Rob, Cameron, Hannah, Sam and Lisa. They are planning to put together a binder and a welcome bin for new Islanders.
- Nancy reports that the Church and Cemetery Committee have received notice from all existing plots in Church Graveyard and is now in the process of determining size and price.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Dave Harding

Seconded: Andrew LeBlanc

Vote: all in favour, motion carried