PROCLAMATION RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK September 25 to October 1, 2023

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS Part XX of the Municipal Government Act gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality of the County of Pictou; and

<u>WHEREAS</u> access to information ensures citizens of Nova Scotia have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process; and

<u>WHEREAS</u> a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulation, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliation of divergent views; and

WHEREAS Municipality of the County of Pictou joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging international Right to Know Week;

<u>THEREFORE</u>, <u>BE IT RESOLVED</u> that I, Robert Parker Warden, Municipality of the County of Pictou, do hereby proclaim September 25 to October 1, 2023 to be Right to Know Week in the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

DATED at Pictou, Nova Scotia this the 5th day of September 2023.

Robert Parker, Warden