

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday March 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Borden, Fraser, Peters, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Rachel Mitchell, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant, and Frank DeMont, Solicitor.

Mayor Dicks stated that as we gather this evening, we pause to remember that in this province we live and work on lands that are by law the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples - predominantly the land of the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Mayor Dicks noted that she and Deputy Mayor Dorrington visited Wilfred Marshall at Shiretown Nursing Home, originally from New Glasgow, who celebrated his 107th birthday. She also acknowledged our thoughts and prayers for the people of Ukraine.

AGENDA

It was regularly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Council meeting held on March 1, 2022, be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Finance Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Engineering and Public Works Report be accepted as amended.

Councillor Borden stated that he requested that the street sweeper be sent up to Brother St. Extension to remove the gravel on the road and was told the sweeper wasn't in operation at this time, however the report indicates that the sweeper was active.

The Town Engineer stated that this is an error in the report, the street sweeper is not active yet.

Motion carried.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Climate Change and Sustainability Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Solid Waste Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Police Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Community Development Report be accepted as presented.

Mayor Dicks urged members of Council to provide the Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator with their bios and make an appointment to have their picture taken. This information is needed for the new website.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Business Development Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT AND FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Fire and Fire Inspection Reports be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

BUILDING REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Building Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

There was no report.

PROCLAMATIONS

UNESCO WORLD POETRY DAY

Councillor Peters presented a proclamation proclaiming March 21 as UNESCO World Poetry Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 21 as UNESCO World Poetry Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Councillor El-Haddad presented a proclamation proclaiming March 21, 2022 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 21, 2022 the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the Town of New Glasgow.

PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY

Councillor MacDonald presented a proclamation proclaiming March 26, 2022 as Purple Day for Epilepsy in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 26, 2022 Purple Day for Epilepsy in the Town of New Glasgow.

Motion carried.

EARTH HOUR

Deputy Mayor Dorrington presented a proclamation proclaiming the hours between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 26 as Earth Hour in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed the hours between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 26 Earth Hour in the Town of New Glasgow.

Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

2nd READING FIRES & BURNING OF MATERIALS BYLAW

Councillor Fraser presented for second reading the proposed Fires and Burning of Materials Bylaw for the Town of New Glasgow.

The object of the Fires and Burning of Materials Bylaw is to modernize the language and simplify the process for administering the penalties by the New Glasgow Regional Police and/or Bylaw Enforcement Officer by incorporating the Summary Offence Ticket (SOT) designation into the bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed Bylaw be approved and adopted by Council in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – VIDEOCONFERENCING POLICY

Councillor Borden gave notice that Council intends to pass a motion to adopt a Council Videoconferencing Policy at the meeting to be held on April 5, 2022.

FIRST READING PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW AMENDMENT

Councillor Peters presented for first reading an amendment to the Partial Tax Exemption Bylaw. The object of the amendment is to provide the Nova Scotia Cooperative Council with 100% tax exemption for property at 917 East River Road.

It was regularly moved and second that the proposed amendment proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTS

It was regularly moved and seconded that the accounts be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.