

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Guthro; Councillor Lewis; Councillor Fraser; Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Proudfoot. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Geralyn MacDonald, Director of Community Economic Development; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Kevin Scott, his wife Jane, family members and former NGRP members and friends. Absent from the meeting was: Bonnie Coulter, Director of Corporate Services.

Mayor Dicks mentioned some events that took place over the past few weeks: She attended the first Annual General Meeting of Viola's Place and has the information received at the meeting if anyone wishes to have a look at it; she attended the Autism Awareness Month Flag Raising ceremony at Glasgow Square on Sunday; she attended the Celebrating Women event at Glasgow Square on Saturday; she attended the regimental funeral service for Skyler Blackie – the young fire fighter from Truro who lost his life while training in his role; she attended the announcement by MP Sean Fraser regarding the one-time gas tax funds being provided to municipal units in addition to existing gas tax allocations – the Town of New Glasgow is receiving \$815,000; she attended the REN Liaison Oversight Committee Meeting where the new CEO Sarah MacIntosh-Wiseman provided a list of priorities for REN; she attended the Provincial

Volunteer Awards in Halifax where New Glasgow resident Greg Burrows was the New Glasgow Provincial Volunteer.

## **AGENDA**

Mayor Dicks added Proclamation Volunteer Week to the agenda.

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

Motion carried.

## **MINUTES**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on March 18, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried

## **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **PRESENTATION SGT. KEVIN SCOTT - RETIREMENT**

Mayor Dicks presented retired Sgt. Kevin Scott with a certificate in recognition of his 33 years of dedicated service to the New Glasgow Regional Police. She also presented him with a shadow box which reflected his years of service and accomplishments with the New Glasgow Regional Police and his wallet badge.

## **MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

### **SCOTIABANK VISA AGREEMENT**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council approve the Visa Business Card Agreement with Scotia Bank to a maximum of \$100,000.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved.

Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **COUNCILLOR COMPLAINT**

Mayor Dicks requested Councillor Proudfoot to address a complaint.

Councillor Proudfoot read the following statement: It has been brought to my attention that in the course of me bringing forth a concern from some residents regarding skating usage at the local rink, I upset Ms. Nicole Walsh. I am truly sorry that my letter and words upset her and I want to apologize for that. And while I will continue to bring forth concerns from citizens and speak passionately about them, I will in the future, find better ways to address those concerns. I want to thank my Council colleagues for their guidance and advise and apologize for any distractions this may have caused.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the apology be accepted.

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PCWCBAI UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo prepared by the CAO which provided an update on the Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Inc. meeting held on March 25, 2019.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be placed on file.

Motion carried.

### **FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT PILOT**

Council reviewed a memo prepared by the CAO which provided an update on the Public Transportation Pilot.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be placed on file.

Councillor Proudfoot asked what the timeline was for the pilot to begin.

The CAO stated that she had spoken with representatives of N.S. Communities, Culture and Heritage who had suggested that it could be a challenge to start the pilot during the summer months and suggested it begin in September or the last week in August. They could probably assist financially if the project was split between fiscal 2019/2020 and fiscal 2020/2021.

Motion carried.

### **REN UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo prepared by the CAO which provided an update on Pictou County REN. The municipal units involved in the REN will be asked for their priorities from the perspective of the region. She indicated three possible priorities to be submitted on behalf of New Glasgow. Mayor Dicks stated that if there are anymore suggestions for priorities to let her know.

It was regularly moved and seconded to place the report on file.

Motion carried.

### **RIVERVIEW HOME CORPORATION**

Council reviewed a memo prepared by the CAO which provided an update of the meeting held at Riverview Home on March 21.

It was regularly moved and seconded to place the report on file.

Motion carried.

Councillor Proudfoot noted that the recent Provincial budget did not have any allocation of funding for the transition.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CHAD TRANSIT**

Council reviewed a letter from CHAD requesting financial assistance for 2019-2020. The CAO recommended that this request be referred to 2019-2020 budget discussion.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this request be referred to 2019-2020 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

### **NNEC FUNDING REQUEST**

Council reviewed a letter from the North Nova Education Centre requesting funding to assist with covering the cost of the Pictou County Wellness Centre for the graduation ceremony in June. The CAO stated that over the past years the Town has denied the funding request as the Town contributed to the capital campaign to enhance NNEC facility when being built. In fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 the Town has a recorded payable for the Wellness Centre operations in the amount of \$366,000 so it is a challenge to contribute to rental costs requests from parties. The CAO recommended that this request be referred to 2019-2020 budget discussion.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this request be referred to 2019-2020 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

### **FERAL CAT SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM**

Council reviewed a request from Mike McGrath for funding for the feral cat spay/neuter program.

The CAO recommended that this request be referred to 2019-2020 budget discussion.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this request be referred to 2019-2020 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

### **INDOOR SOCCER COMPLEX**

Council reviewed a letter from the Indoor Soccer Complex requesting financial assistance.

She noted that the Town of New Glasgow policy is that capital funding may be considered for facilities not owned by the Town of New Glasgow; however, operating funding is not a consideration. Town staff does not recommend any change in the current policy related to capital and operating funding for non-owned facilities and do not recommend operational funding for the indoor soccer complex as we have our own municipal assets to maintain.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this request be referred to 2019-2020 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.