

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2019

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Guthro, Councillors Dorrington, Lewis; Fraser, Proudfoot and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Geralyn MacDonald, Director of Community Economic Development; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer/Planner, Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Stephen Banks from Eastlink.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

ASPHALT PATCHING TENDER

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the lowest bidder Webster Brothers be awarded the 2019 asphalt patching contract in the amount of \$216,200 plus HST.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EASTLINK CELL TOWER APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY

Council reviewed a draft letter to Logan McDaid of Eastlink stating that in considering the results of the community consultation, the New Glasgow Town Council currently is unable to provide a letter of concurrence for the cell tower proposal for Matheson Street.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter of non-concurrence be approved.

Motion carried.

CANADIAN RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION AND NOTICE SERVICE

Council reviewed a memo from the Development Officer/Planner regarding membership in the Canadian Radiocommunications Information and Notice Service which offers an opportunity for more precise comments and increased opportunities for the public to be involved and comment during radiocommunication facility installation, while utilizing professionals whose singular focus is Antenna System citing.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Town become a member of Canadian Radiocommunications Information and Notice Service.

Motion carried.

DEER PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Mayor Dicks stated that an Urban Deer Information Session will be held on May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Glasgow Square which will be hosted by the N. S. Department of Lands and Forest.

The CAO stated that records have been kept of all concerns received regarding the urban deer population and these people will be contacted directly and informed of the public information meeting. There will also be information by Public Health regarding ticks and lyme disease and West River Greenhouses will have information on deer resistant plants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIOLA'S PLACE SOCIETY

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO which had attachments including the agenda, financials and budget for 2019 from the recent AGM of Viola's Place Society that Mayor Dicks attended.

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

Motion carried.

MAYORS AND WARDEN MEETING

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO providing an update on the recent Mayors and Warden's Meeting held on May 13, 2019.

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

Motion carried.

PCSSA MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO providing an update on the recent PCSSA Meeting held on May 13, 2019.

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

Motion carried.

CITIZENS FOR A HEALTH PICTOU COUNTY

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO which included the funders report for the Health Pictou County initiative.

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

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

DEER ISSUE

Councillor Lewis stated that his concern is with the ticks that may be in the playgrounds at the three recreation centres in Town. The Northend and Westside Centres have fences around the playgrounds so the deer can't get in but the Ward 1 Centre does not have fencing. There will be children in the playgrounds during the summer months.

The CAO stated that the Department of Community Economic Development is obtaining a quote for fencing to be erected around the playground at the Ward 1 Community Centre which will be presented to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a recommendation to Council.

Deputy Mayor Guthro stated that he feels there should be some kind of a cull.

Councillor Proudfoot stated that he hopes Lands and Forest will be discussing sterilization of the deer at the information session.

The CAO stated that this process has been carried out in B.C. but has not produced the desired results.

Mayor Dicks stated that it was her understanding that Truro carried out a cull but it wasn't successful. She suggested that the CAO reach out to Truro and get some updated information on their urban deer issue.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING OFFICIAL

It was regularly moved and seconded that Travis Spears be appointed the Town's Building Official.

Motion carried.

VIOLA'S PLACE SOCIETY – TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that Viola's Place Society is requesting an allowance towards the property taxation for 189 Marsh Street. She recommended that the property be granted a 50% tax exemption up to \$1,000 under the Partial Tax Exemption Bylaw while operating as a not-for-profit agency providing food and shelter services to the homeless.

The CAO stated that she has spoken to Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) and they have appealed the assessment. They will be sending out an assessor to do a reassessment. She will present further information once PVSC have reassessed the property.

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

Motion carried.

LETTER UNESCO

Council reviewed a memo from the Canadian Commission for UNESCO stating that the Coalition is changing its name to the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities. This

name change comes with a complete overhaul of the brand strategy of the network and includes a new visual identity.

The CAO stated that there will be a tool kit which the Community Development Department will be working with.

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

Motion carried.