

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Guthro; Councillor Lewis; Councillor Fraser; Councillor Dorrington and Councillor Proudfoot. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Sarah MacIntosh-Wiseman, CEO Pictou County REN and Willow and Skye VanLith, their mother and Bria Campbell. Absent from the meeting were: Councillor MacDonald and GERALYN MacDonald, Director of Community Economic Development.

Mayor Dicks mentioned some events that took place over the past few weeks: she attended the Urban Deer public information session hosted by the Town at the Glasgow Square where representatives from the Department of Lands and Forestry and Mayor Bill Mills from the Town of Truro provided information. This event was well attended and a recommendation to Council about actions to be taken will be considered. She and the CAO attended a breakfast hosted by the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce with guest speaker the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration; she, Councillor Lewis, Councillor MacDonald and the CAO attended the FCM conference in Quebec City; she visited Laser Light Crystal, a new business in the downtown area and presented them with a certificate; she noted that there is an article

in the Nova Scotia Municipal Voice Magazine that includes an article highlighting the Town's involvement in the Mentoring Plus Program.

Deputy Mayor Guthro stated that he attended a flag raising at the Community College.

Councillor Fraser stated that he attended the Walk-a-Doc Event and the Gutsy Walk.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MINUTES

Councillor Fraser requested that the Committee of the Whole minutes of the meeting held on May 21, 2019 be amended on page 6, 2nd paragraph– replace “Advisory Committee” with “Department”.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on May 21, 2019 be approved as amended.

Motion carried

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

CLIMATE CHANGE PETITION – WILLOW & SKYE VANLITH & BRIA CAMPBELL

Willow and Skye VanLith and Bria Campbell, from A. G. Baillie School, requested Town Council to sign a petition for climate change.

The Town Engineer explained to the students the ways the Town of New Glasgow works towards climate change.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council support and sign the petition.

Motion carried.

REN UPDATE

Sarah MacIntosh-Wiseman, CEO of Pictou County REN, made a powerpoint presentation to Council on the initiatives and REN progress to date. She reviewed the new hires, local business stories, budget and strategic planning timing.

Councillor Proudfoot asked if there were any benchmarks the REN feels it has to meet.

Ms. MacIntosh-Wiseman stated that the Strategic Plan, once created, will provide benchmarks, the Liaison Oversight Committee will create its own benchmarks and the Province will provide benchmarks.

Councillor Dorrington referred to the proposed program at the Glen Haven Manor where 4 positions will be created with preference to the Pictou Landing First Nations and local African Nova Scotian community to take an introduction to long term care at the Manor. She asked what measures will be put in place to address the issue of diversity in the internal environment for these positions.

Mr. MacIntosh-Wiseman stated that this is something that has to be done if it is going to work. They are flagging the employers that they will be working with that this is an issue and not waiting for it become a problem. It is important to make sure that the right kind of programming is in place so it is successful for the employer and the individual as well.

Mayor Dicks thanked Sarah for her presentation.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

CAPITAL PAVING STREETS

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending the streets to be paved for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. He noted that Dalcrombie Drive needs a new concrete curb which will cost \$170,000 however, this street is not the highest priority for curb replacement. A decision must be made on whether to pave Dalcrombie Drive without curbing or postpone paving until the street is fully curbed. He suggested that this street paving be postponed. He expects to have a curb rating list for the July Council meeting for Council's approval. He stated that the paving could continue on High Street instead of stopping at Cottage Street which could replace Dalcrombie Drive on the priority list this year.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved as presented with Dalcrombie Drive paving deferred until after the new curb is installed and the continuation of the paving High Street taking its place.

Motion carried.

MOUNTAIN ROAD RESERVOIR COVER & LINER

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the lowest bidder, Evoqua Water Technology, be awarded the contract for the replacement of the Mountain Road Reservoir Cover and Liner at a cost of \$774,300. Council also reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services stating that the tender price is above the amount Council approved in the Water Utility Capital Budget for 2019-2020. The Town is maximizing the available Federal and Provincial funding with the overage funded through the depreciation reserve.

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

Councillor Lewis asked how the process of installing the new reservoir cover will affect the water customers that receive their water from the reservoir.

The Town Engineer stated that the water will go directly from Forbes Lake to the user while the work is being carried out on the reservoir.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REN UPDATE

Council reviewed an update on the Pictou County REN.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

NSFM LETTER – 12 MONTHS NOTICE

Council reviewed a letter from the Honourable Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs, providing 12 months notice of any provincial legislation, regulation or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities.

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

Motion carried.