

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 5:40 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; Veronica Deno, Active Living Co-ordinator; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Geralyn MacDonald, Director of Community Economic Development.

Mayor Dicks noted some of the events she attended during the past month: she attended the “Indigenous Peoples Day” Flag Raising event at the gazebo; MP Sean Fraser announced two Federal Government Grants for the Town, the Climate Change Co-ordinator and the Benchfit equipment for all three trails; she and Councillor Dorrington visited the new restaurant, East Avenue for their official opening; she attended the opening of the Carmichael Stewart House Museum; the AGM for HCRS; the NNEC Graduation where she spoke on behalf of the three Mayors; a service at the Riverside Cemetery organized by the Legion and Bill Graham who is restoring the headstones in the cemetery; the CHAD AGM; a meet and greet hosted by the new owners, coach and management of the Pictou County Weeks Crushers; the Pictou Lobster Carnival Opening; the African Nova Scotia and Allies Barbeque and Wellness event at Africentric Park; the Heartland Tour at the Pictou County Wellness Centre

where the New Glasgow Regional Police received the Big Heart award; the second year for the Pride Flag Raising event in Pictou; she visited with a bus tour for Seniors from Fall River who visited New Glasgow recently; the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics; the event to mark the first pouring of steel in Trenton; the Mayor's Tea in Trenton for Funfest; as a member of the Ad Hoc Municipal Committee for Understanding the Mental Health Issues in Pictou County she attended a Community Health Board meeting and met the new Clinical Manager for Mental Health in Pictou County.

Councillor Fraser stated that he attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebration for Ken and Gayle Langille.

Deputy Mayor Guthro stated that he attended the Law Enforcement Torch Run barbeque at the Police Station on July 10th.

Ken Langille reminded Council that the official opening of the Festival of the Tartans will be held on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Riverfront Gazebo.

## **AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

## **MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

### **MICRO-SURFACING 2019**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the lowest bidder, Dexter Construction, be awarded the 2019 Micro-Surfacing Contract for 2019 in the amount of \$93,950.00 plus HST. This recommendation was approved by Council via email on July 3 because Dexter Construction advised that they were in the

area to complete work but would be leaving Town immediately for a month and a half.  
This motion will ratify the vote by email.

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

### **CAPITAL PAVING 2019**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the lowest bidder, S. W. Weeks Construction Ltd, be awarded the Capital Paving contract for 2019 in the amount of \$435,863.80 plus HST.

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

### **SALVATION ARMY REQUEST**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer stating that the Salvation Army, located at 134 James Street, has requested to use/acquire Town owned space in the area of the Salvation Army building. The request centered around two issues: the need to make the building accessible from a mobility perspective and the requirement to improve the loading zone in front of the building near the corner of Dalhousie Street and James Street. Staff have investigated the issues and feel that the requests can be accommodated with proper design and construction work with both the Town and the Salvation Army providing resources to improve the area.

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

## **CAPITAL BUDGET CHANGE – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services stating that Council approved the purchase of a new pumper truck in the 2019-2020 capital budget. The cost to date for the pumper truck has exceeded the budgeted amount. The Fire Chief had advised that he planned to purchase new hoses should the new pumper truck come in under budget. Chief Dort is now requesting that capital funds be reallocated from turn-out gear to new hoses. The turn-out gear can be deferred to the next fiscal. The Director of Corporate Services recommended that the hoses be purchased out of the equipment reserve to be refunded through any proceeds from the sale of the used pumper truck being replaced and the turn-out gear be delayed until the 2020-2021 budget or financed through MFC which was originally intended.

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

Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **BYLAW REVIEW – DRAFT PARKING CONTROL BYLAW**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that there are a number of bylaws that are currently under review which have a penalty component. In order to simplify the process for administering the penalties by the New Glasgow Regional Police and/or Bylaw Enforcement Officer, it is recommended that the respective bylaws be amended to incorporate the Summary Offence Ticket (SOT) designation. The first bylaw deemed to be a priority is the Bylaw Respecting Parking Meters for the regulation of parking of vehicles.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Parking Control Bylaw proceed to first reading.

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PCWCBAI UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO providing an update on the PCWCBAI Meetings held on April 23, May 27 and June 27.

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

Motion carried.

### **MAYORS AND WARDEN UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO providing an update on the Mayors' and Warden's Meeting held on July 8.

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

Motion carried.

### **PCSSA AGM UPDATE**

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

### **NSHA UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO providing an update on the NSHA AGM held on July 10.

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

Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF UNSIGHTLY PREMISES ADMINISTRATOR**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Ken MacDonald be appointed Unsightly Premises Administrator until the Bylaw Enforcement Officer is replaced.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dicks noted that this was approved by Council on July 8 by email and this motion will ratify the email vote.

#### **AMENDMENT TO TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding an amendment to the Travel Expense Policy which reflect the recommended changes from the Joint Municipal Accountability and Transparency Committee as they reviewed the Ombudsman's Report and Forensic Audit of past municipalities that ran into trouble. The recommended changes from this Committee were incorporated into the Municipal Government Act.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the amended Travel Expense Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried