

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:50 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; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Geralyn MacDonald, Director of Community Economic Development; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

SCOTIABANK EQUIPMENT LINE OF CREDIT

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services stating that Council approved the use of the line of credit with Scotiabank to replace the 1995 pumper truck for the Fire Department in the capital budget for 2019-2020. In order to finance using this line of credit the limit needs to be increased to \$2,000,000.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the equipment line of credit with Scotiabank be increased to \$2,000,000.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT PILOT PARTICIPATION DECISION

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that the Towns of New Glasgow and Stellarton have built an operational pilot plan for a three-year period for Public Transportation. The municipal funding allocation would be required in Year 2 and 3 of the initiative as the first year is intended to be financed by the Province of Nova Scotia. The municipal funding formula is based on 50% population and 50% kilometers serviced in each community.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Town of New Glasgow commit to the Fixed Route Transit Pilot.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCSSA UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO providing an update on the PCSSA Meeting held on September 16, 2019.

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 from the Mayors and Warden Committee meeting held on September 16, 2019.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

HURRICANE DORIAN UPDATE

The CAO acknowledged all Town departments for their preparations and planning for Hurricane Dorian during the week prior to the hurricane. She noted that there were only two calls received on the emergency line which were for fallen trees. She also noted that the Town had a special municipal pick up for fallen trees and branches and thanked Pictou County Solid Waste for waiving the tipping fees.

Councillor Proudfoot noted that he felt it was the worst power outage ever and suggested that this should be addressed with the N. S. Government as it will only get worse. He felt Nova Scotia Power equipment may be getting old or trees are not being trimmed to prevent the power outages during major storms.

Councillor Proudfoot stated that the generator at the Autumn Crest Seniors Home on Abercrombie Road has not been working for the past 14 months; apparently they are waiting for a part. He asked if there was an emergency line for residents to call the Housing Authority on weekends.

The CAO stated that she will look into this and report back to Council.

Motion carried.

NSFM 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & INTERIM RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the annual NSFM conference being held from November 5-8 in Halifax. She provided a copy of the Interim Resolutions Report.

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

Motion carried.

COUNCIL AND COW DATE CHANGES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2019

Council reviewed a list of changes in the Council meeting dates which are necessary due to upcoming municipal conferences.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the new dates be approved.