

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Lewis, Councillors Dorrington; Guthro, Fraser, Proudfoot and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Jeffrey Turnbull, Planning/Development Officer; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator; Officers and cadets from the 219 New Glasgow Legion Royal Canadian Army Cadets

**AGENDA**

Mayor Dicks added Letter MacGillivray Properties to the agenda.

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

Motion carried.

**MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

**FIELDHOUSE STUDY**

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Co-ordinator stating that in the spring of 2018 the Pictou County Recreation and Athletics Society approached the Town about the need and opportunity for an indoor facility. She recommended that Council approve funding a Fieldhouse Feasibility Study with the short-term goal of the study to determine the financial and operational feasibility of building a fieldhouse in New Glasgow and to develop a building design that can be used for capital funding

applications. The total cost of the study would be \$57,212.50 with \$25,333 of this funding confirmed. They are requesting that the Town provide the additional \$31,879.50 of funding required in order to proceed with the study.

Deputy Mayor Lewis asked the Director of Corporate Services if there was funding available for this additional \$31,879.50.

The Director of Corporate Services stated that the operating reserve could cover this cost.

Councillor Proudfoot asked why the study was so expensive.

Mayor Dicks stated that several proposals were received under the request for proposal process and reviewed for this study and this is the cost for the best proposal received.

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

The motion passed by a vote of six in favour and one nay vote cast by Councillor Proudfoot.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **UPDATE COUNCIL & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE 2020**

Council reviewed an updated Council and Committee of the Whole meeting schedule for 2020. The CAO stated that the date for the second Council Meeting in October was removed as the municipal election will be held on October 17.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the updated Council Meeting Schedule for 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL 2020 – COUNCIL & CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO with the following recommendations:

Councillor Proudfoot requested the change from the Jubilee to Riverview Home Corporation and Councillor Dorrington requested the change from Riverview Home Corporation to the Jubilee. She recommended that these requests be approved.

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

Motion carried.

She recommended that Courtney Malcolm and Margie Beck be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

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

Motion carried.

She recommended that Mike Corkum be appointed to the Audit Committee.

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

Motion carried.

She noted that there were no submissions received for the PAC Ward 1 or Community Development Advisory Committee Ward 1 & 3 so these positions will be advertised again.

## **BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Council reviewed a memo from the Business Development Officer recommending that Peter Douthwright, General/Project Manager, MacGillivray Properties Limited, be appointed to the Business Advisory Committee.

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

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **LIBRARY DINING AMONG THE STACKS**

Councillor Fraser stated that the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library will be holding another Dining Among the Stacks fundraising event on March 8 and encouraged members of Council and staff to attend.

### **MAYORS AND WARDEN UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the Mayors and Warden's meeting held on January 13, 2020.

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

Councillor Proudfoot asked why the new transit system doesn't include a stop at North Nova Education Centre.

The CAO stated that the route will accommodate NNEC with a stop at Summer Street. The CAO stated that it is a timing issue and there is some walkability element as the entire route is designed around sidewalks. To accommodate Summer Street Industries and NNEC it will stop on Summer Street. She noted that NNEC along with other stakeholders was involved in the discussions regarding the route.

Motion carried.

### **PCSSA UPDATE**

Council reviewed a report prepared by the CAO regarding the PCSSA meeting held on January 13.

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

Motion carried.

## **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Signs on Utility Poles – Councillor Guthro provided pictures of areas throughout Town where the utility poles are plastered with signs. He stated that these signs cause distracted driving – are not attractive – and he recently witnessed someone half-way up a utility pole on a busy street posting a sign which is very unsafe.

Council reviewed a memo prepared by the Development Officer/Planner regarding signs. He indicated that there is a section in the Land-Use Bylaw that deals with prohibited signs that refers to signs that may impede traffic safety. This section could be used as a short-term plan to deal with this matter. The Town could reach out to the people who installed these signs and ask that they be removed. He will prepare a draft Sign Bylaw that could be used for the long term and provide it to Council for its consideration at a future meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MUNICIPALITY OF BARRINGTON**

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of Barrington requesting Council's support of their application to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to be able to provide a personal development credit to students who join a volunteer fire department and complete the required training.

It was regularly moved and seconded to provide a letter of support.

Motion carried.

## **MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & HOUSING – 12 MONTHS NOTICE**

Council reviewed a copy of a letter from Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities providing official notice of anticipated changes to the Police Regulations made under the Police Act.

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

Motion carried.

## **PICTOU COUNTY VOLUNTEER GROUND SEARCH & RESCUE**

Council reviewed a letter from Pictou County Ground Search and Rescue requesting financial support.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2020-2021 budget discussion.

Motion carried.

## **MARITIME MODEL RAILWAY FEDERATION**

Council reviewed a letter from the Maritime Federation of Model Railroaders requesting financial support for their 2021 Convention being held in Pictou County.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2021-2022 budget discussion.

Motion carried.

## **REQUEST TO TRAVEL – FCM 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The CAO stated that Deputy Mayor Lewis; Councillor Dorrington and Councillor MacDonald are requesting permission to attend the FCM Conference in Toronto in 2020.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Deputy Mayor Lewis; Councillor Dorrington and Councillor MacDonald be granted permission to attend the FCM Conference in Toronto in 2020.

. Motion carried.

### **REQUEST MACGILLIVRAY PROPERTIES LIMITED**

Council reviewed a letter from Peter Douthwright, General Project Manager of MacGillivray Properties Ltd., who along with the downtown businesses Shenanigans Pub and East Avenue Dining, are requesting that the Town grant the permanent or semi-permanent closure of Viola's Way which will allow them to implement patios. Along with the construction of patios, MPL and MacGillivray Law Offices will be looking to invest in exterior facade lighting on the Roseland Building and the Imperial building, constructing a performers stage on the Roseland side of the street and placing murals of the winners of Viola Desmond Heritage Contest on the south facing wall of the Roseland building.

The CAO recommended that Council make the decision if this is something it would like to explore and if so it be referred to the Town Engineer for a recommendation back to Council.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this request be explored and referred to the Town Engineer for investigation and recommendation to Council.

Councillor Guthro stated that he has a couple of concerns: this proposal would eliminate 3 parking spots and a loading zone, snow removal could be an issue, liability, his preference would be to sell them the whole thing and take it off our hands, however, enhancements to these properties could provide more tax revenue to the Town.

The Town Engineer started that he would take Councillor Guthro's comments into consideration when preparing the recommendation for Council's consideration.

Councillor Fraser mentioned that Viola's Way should still have the intended impact on our community.

The CAO stated that it was her understanding that the street would be used as a pedestrian way as opposed to a vehicle way.

Mayor Dicks stated that this is a timely matter and Council should make a decision prior to the patio season.

Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.