

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:25 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Lewis, Councillors Dorrington; Guthro, Fraser and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Economic Development; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services and Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator. Absent from the meeting were: Councillor Proudfoot and Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

CLIMATE PROJECT UPDATE

The Climate Change Co-ordinator provided a powerpoint presentation update on the Climate Change Project she is working on. She spoke about the Community Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory and the Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory that have been completed in Town buildings.

Mayor Dicks thanked the Climate Change Co-ordinator for her presentation.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

MFC SPRING DEBENTURE ISSUE – GENERAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council authorize the borrowing not to exceed \$1,500,000 over terms not to exceed 20 years for general capital expenditures at an interest rate not to exceed 5.5%.

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

Motion carried.

MFC SPRING DEBENTURE ISSUE – WATER UTILITY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council authorize the borrowing not to exceed \$400,000 over terms not to exceed 20 years for Water Utility capital expenditures at an interest rate not to exceed 5.5%.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PICTOU COUNTY TRANSIT FIXED ROUTE MAP

Council reviewed the draft Pictou County Transit Fixed Route Map which indicated the flagging areas and stops along the route. The CAO stated that CHAD is currently doing test time runs on this route.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending appointment of the following: Community Development Advisory Committee Ward 1 representative – Katie Hunt; Community Development Advisory Committee Ward 3 representative - Leanne Burrows and Planning Advisory Committee – Ward 1 representative – Andrew Whitty.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PICTOU COUNTY SPORTS HERITAGE HALL OF FAME

Council reviewed a letter from the Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame requesting financial assistance.

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

Motion carried.

ROTARY CLUB OF NEW GLASGOW

Council reviewed a letter from the Rotary Club of New Glasgow requesting the Town's assistance in the construction of the outdoor rec room they are constructing in the Rotary Park.

The CAO advised that the Town Engineer is currently costing out the assistance they are requesting which will be presented during budget discussions.

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

Motion carried.

NEW GLASGOW ART AT NIGHT

Council reviewed a letter from New Glasgow's Art at Night requesting financial assistance.

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

Motion carried.

PICTOU COUNTY RIBFEST 2020 SPONSORSHIP

Council reviewed a letter from Pictou County Ribfest requesting financial assistance.

The CAO stated that the Town provided in kind service for the first Ribfest held last summer. Community Development is currently preparing a snapshot of in kind provided to events of this nature to determine the dollar amounts.

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

Motion carried.

LORDA

Council reviewed a letter from LORDA requesting financial assistance.

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

Motion carried.

JOHNNY MILES

Council reviewed a letter from the Johnny Miles Events requesting that the Town provide the same in-kind service for the events as in past years.

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

Motion carried.

WOMEN-ALIKE ABREAST RIVER DRAGON BOAT TEAM

Council reviewed a letter from Women-Alike Abreast River Dragon Boat requesting that Council waive or reduce the docking fees for their boat at the Glasgow Square dock.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.