

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:20 p.m. using the Microsoft Teams platform. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Lewis, Councillors Dorrington; Guthro, Fraser, Proudfoot, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Coordinator and Frank DeMont, Solicitor.

AGENDA

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

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

MICRO-SURFACING TENDER 2020

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the lowest bidder, Dexter Construction, be awarded the 2020 Micro-Surfacing Contract at a cost of \$102,390 plus HST.

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

CAPITAL PAVING TENDER 2020

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the lowest bidder, S. W. Weeks Construction Ltd., be awarded the contract for capital paving for 2020 at a cost of \$509,375.00 plus HST if the contractor does the preparation work and \$456,000 plus HST if the Town does the preparation work.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID-19 UPDATE and REINTRODUCTION OF SERVICES UPDATE

The CAO provided a Covid-19 update and reintroduction of services update to Council. The Provincial State of Emergency has been extended another 2 weeks so essentially effective noon on Sunday, June 14th to noon on Sunday, June 28th.

PC Solid Waste is back to regular weekday and Saturday hours of service.

From a planning perspective with REMO, there are no municipal resources needed or identified for any units at this time.

Communications are continuing messaging related to the pandemic and producing a Safe Grad video/ message.

The removal of the Ship Hector was very successful and live streamed through facebook.

No municipal operational concerns presently with any municipal units.

Following the not-for-profit discussion at the last REMO meeting, the Director of Community Development and CAO participated in a virtual meeting with Kids First Executive Director and a couple of the program staff with Ellen Fanning, the Executive

Director of the United Way. The Director of Community Development wrote the 'time sensitive' funding application to the United Way to enable a partnership with the Town of Kids First to provide safe use of the playground at the Ward 1 Community Centre and we found out today that we have been approved for \$5,000. The formal program and operational plan must be approved by the Province as playgrounds have been closed by the provincial order.

The Towns of New Glasgow and Stellarton have established a recreation partnership for the summer that involves scavenger hunts on the Samson and Albion Trails, tennis programs and other virtual programming opportunities.

The REMO weekly meetings have been changed to Thursdays and the debrief with the Mayors and Warden has been changed to Mondays to accommodate the Mayor of Trenton.

Some Town Hall staff started to return to the office on June 9th and the majority returned today with hours for the public being offered from 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday.

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

Motion carried.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending that Council approve the revised Terms of Reference regarding Committee membership for the Inclusive Communities Committee.

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

Deputy Mayor Lewis asked how members will be obtained for this Committee.

The CAO stated that the normal process will be carried out by placing an advertisement in the newspaper.

Motion carried.

CHRIS LEWIS BOAT TOURS RECOMMENDATION

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending that Council grant permission for Chris Lewis to pilot New Glasgow Family Boat Tours from the Marina through a formal agreement.

Councillor Fraser asked if there is anything in this proposal that would put the Town at risk.

The Solicitor stated that the contract will be prepared so that there is no risk to the Town.

Councillor Proudfoot asked if Mr. Lewis will be charged docking fees to keep his boat at the Marina.

It was noted that Mr. Lewis plans to take his boat out of the water each day and take it to his home however he would be charged docking fees as the tours will be operating out of the marina.

It was regular moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved,

Motion carried.

ELECTRONIC VOTING RECOMMENDATION

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that the Returning Officer for the upcoming municipal election is recommending that all five municipal units in Pictou County do fully electronic voting to ensure the safety of our voters and elections workers during this time of pandemic.

The CAO noted that there will be a voting station set up on election day for those who wish to attend to vote electronically.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – DEMOLITION RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR 279 HIGH STREET AND 172 FRASER STREET

The CAO informed Council that the Unsightly Premises Administrator is recommending that the owners of 279 High Street and 172 Fraser Street be issued Orders to Appear to Consider an Order to Demolish.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.