

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

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 5:50 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; Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer-Planner; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator; Police Chief Chisholm; Geralyn MacDonald, Mentoring Plus; Frank DeMont, Solicitor.

AGENDA

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

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

TAX FINANCING PROGRAM EXTENSION

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that the Tax Financing Policy be extended to July 31 and further advertised to the public to ensure residents and businesses are aware.

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

CORPORATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGET

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change Co-ordinator recommending that Council set a target to reduce corporate GHG emissions by 30% below 2018 levels by 2030.

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

Motion carried.

RFP FOR ENERGY SAVING PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change Co-ordinator recommending that the Town of New Glasgow initiate a Request for Proposals to procure energy savings and facility upgrades for Town owned buildings through an Energy Savings Performance Contract.

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCWCBAI UPDATE

Council reviewed a report prepared by the CAO which provided an update on the Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Inc. meeting held on June 1.

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

Motion carried.

PCSSA UPDATE

Council reviewed a report prepared by the CAO which provided an update on the Pictou County Shared Services Authority meeting held on July 13.

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

Motion carried.

MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE UPDATE

Council reviewed a report prepared by the CAO which provided an update on the Mayors and Warden meetings held on May 11 and July 13.

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

Motion carried.

MENTORING PLUS PROJECT UPDATE

Council reviewed a report prepared by GERALYN MacDONALD, New Glasgow-DAL Mentoring Plus Co-ordinator/Assistant Director on the progress to date for Mentoring Plus Project.

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

Motion carried.

PARL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council reviewed the year end financial statements for the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & HERITAGE – HERITAGE PROPERTY ACT

Council reviewed a letter from the Executive Director of Culture and Heritage Development stating that the Government is preparing to proclaim amendments to the Heritage Property Act. He is seeking feedback from municipalities on two amendments that may better support registered municipal heritage properties and areas being

considered for a municipal heritage conservation district or cultural landscapes under the Act.

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

Motion carried.

EMAIL REQUEST – BLM MURAL

Council reviewed an email from Jay Borden on behalf of Supporting #BLM Movement requesting permission to paint “Black Lives Matter” in bold yellow letters going up Provost Street from MacLean Street past Viola’s Way to the end at the top of the street. They will be covering the cost of the paint using the Rising Youth grant which will be procured for this purpose with the help of Pictou County Roots for Youth. They would like to contract a professional to do the painting so if the Town can support this project they can contribute the funding to allow for the painting to be completed by the Town assuming their application for the \$1,500 grant is approved.

The Director of Community Development stated that he has asked Constable MacDonald for his input on this with respect to traffic implications and Constable MacDonald did not see any concerns.

Councillor Proudfoot asked if it is fluorescent paint.

The Town Engineer stated that it would be the same yellow paint used to paint traffic lines on the streets.

Deputy Mayor Lewis stated that if this goes ahead the road would have to be painted during hours when the businesses are not open as they have been impacted by Covid already.

The Director of Community Development noted that the message would be temporary as the paint would eventually wear off.

Councillor Dorrington asked who covered the cost of the Rainbow (Pride) crosswalk at Glasgow Square and that this should be consistent.

The CAO stated that she would have to look into this.

Councillor Guthro asked if the message would fade out or be covered over.

Councillor Dorrington asked how they collected their community input and how many people are aware of this proposal.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be approved provided the CAO, Director of Community Development and Town Engineer can ensure it is done appropriately and safely.

Councillor Guthro suggested that more input is needed from the community.

Mayor Dicks stated that this request is focused on youth and the grant has to meet certain criteria.

Councillor Fraser stated that we need to hear from Public Works on this request.

Councillor MacDonald asked if this location was chosen because it is in the vicinity of Viola's Way.

The Director of Community Development stated that this location was chosen because it would be a prominent location and Viola's Way.

The Town Engineer stated that the message is great but some things to be aware of are: the paint won't wear off easily, it will have to be covered over or repainted; it is a large amount of paint and could be slippery; it can't encroach on a crosswalk or

parking spaces; the lettering has to be consistent and spaced properly and traffic control would have to be carried out during the painting.

The CAO noted that two citizens messages were received while this meeting is taking place, one through email and one through the town's facebook messenger indicating that the request to Town was met with great resistance which was not correct as Council has not yet made a decision on this matter and this is the first time that Council has had the opportunity to consider the request.

Solicitor DeMont stated that the timeliness is important and suggested that the CAO, Town Engineer and Director of Community Development ensure it is done in a safe and appropriate manner.

Mayor Dicks stated that the project will depend on if the grant is approved to cover the costs.

Motion carried.

DEDICATION SAMMY STEWART

Mayor Dicks stated that she received a request from the late Sammy Stewart's family for the Town to place a plaque on the outside wall of the Town Office where Sammy used to sit and sing commemorating Sammy.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.