

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Lewis; Councillor Dorrington; Councillor Guthro; Councillor Fraser and Councillor MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Frank DeMont Solicitor; Pat MacDonnell, Gordon Young and Kathy Saulnier from the Heartland Tour and Dawn Peters, Ward 2 candidate for the upcoming municipal election. Present using the Microsoft Teams platform were: Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Steve Chisholm, Police Chief; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Coordinator and Sarah Santos, Community Engagement Co-ordinator. Absent from the meeting was Councillor Proudfoot.

Mayor Dicks stated that a “Stomp Out Racism” Rally will be held in the Glasgow Square Parking Lot on September 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. which is being hosted by Teen Now Talk. A similar rally was held in Halifax with great success.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on August 17, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION HEARTLAND TOUR

Pat MacDonnell, representing the Heartland Tour, presented Mayor Dicks with the “Big Heart” Award in recognition of her ongoing support for active lifestyles and the Heartland Tour.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO as a follow-up to the Committee of the Whole meeting tabled motion proposed by Councillor Proudfoot regarding the establishment of a volunteer group to study the Council structure and have a designated diversity council seat. She noted that the process to study the Council’s structure is formally known as the Municipal Boundary Review, a legislated process that is required to be completed once every 8 years. The next scheduled municipal boundary review must be filed with the NSUARB by the end of 2022. An important piece of data for the process to be undertaken is the population data which will be received in 2021 after the census is completed. When the new census data is released Council can determine at that time what process, as outlined in the user guide, it wants to undertake for the Municipal Boundary Review. She noted that an email from Councillor Proudfoot was

circulated to the Council members regarding the boundary review and he indicated the review was sent to the Province when it is in fact sent to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board which is an independent body.

Mayor Dicks noted that a municipal boundary review also includes the number of councillors and how they are distributed.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER WAYNE DESMOND JR. – RENAMING MARTIN DRIVE

Council reviewed a letter from Wayne Desmond Junior, writing on behalf of the Reddick family, requesting that Martin Drive be renamed Reddick Lane as the Reddick family has resided on this roadway for many generations and currently owns all of the property except for one plot which was formerly owned for years by his family until 2018. A copy of the Public Properties Commemorative Naming Policy was also provided to Council.

Councillor Dorrington asked if the community in that area has been canvassed regarding this request.

Mayor Dicks stated that she is not sure. She did note that the policy states that the person must have died for their name to be considered being used in commemoration.

Councillor Dorrington stated that there is only one house with a front door on Martin Drive that is owned by the Reddick's.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this matter be referred to staff for investigation, including a discussion with Mr. Desmond regarding the Town's Public Property Commemorative Naming policy and a recommendation back to Council.

Motion carried.

IN CAMERA RECOMMENDATIONS

ACADIA STREET SCHOOL SALE

The CAO stated that it is the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting to Council that the former Acadia Street School property (PID 00970236) be sold to JohnBo Investments Inc. for \$10,000 which will be redeveloped into an assisted living residential complex.

IN CAMERA

The meeting resumed in camera with the Town Engineer present.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.