

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

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad; Councillor Dorrington; Councillor Borden; Council Fraser; Councillor Peters and Councillor MacDonald. Also present were Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Stephen Chisholm, NGRP Chief; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator, and Frank DeMont Solicitor. Present using the Microsoft Teams platform were: Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services and Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development.

Mayor Dicks noted that she was recently asked to sign a proclamation that proclaimed November 7, 2020 as Taoist Tai Chi Arts 50th Anniversary Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MINUTES

Councillor Peters stated that there was a typo on the 4th line of Page 1 of the November 16, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes– El-Haddad was spelled wrong.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on November 16, 2020 be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

REQUEST FOR TAX REDUCTION 258 FORBES ST.

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services stating that a letter was received from John Martin on behalf of the JBI Group requesting a tax adjustment as the property at 258 Forbes Street was destroyed by fire in May 2020 after PVSC had completed the annual assessment value for 2020. He recommended that Council approve a reduction in the property taxes for 258 Forbes Street based on the value of the land (\$13,440) as the house is no longer on the property.

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

Motion carried.

Councillor Borden stated that the hole where the house was located is still not filled in and should be because it could be a safety concern.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REQUEST JOHN TOMLIK RE; TAX REQUEST

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services regarding the request from John Tomlik for an extension to July 1, 2021 to pay the taxes on four properties that are in a tax sale position. He recommended that Council follow the MGA and the Town's Tax Collection Policy and deny Mr. Tomlik's request to delay payment until July 1, 2021.

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCSSA MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Pictou County Shared Services Authority Board meeting held on November 23.

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

Motion carried.

MAYORS AND WARDEN MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Mayors and Warden meeting held on November 23.

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

Motion carried.

PCWCBAI BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Pictou County Wellness Centre meeting held on November 30.

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

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Councillor Fraser read a proclamation proclaiming December 3 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities in New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed December 3 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities in New Glasgow.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Councillor Peters read a proclamation proclaiming December 10 as International Human Rights Day in New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed December 10 as International Human Rights Day in New Glasgow.

NEW BUSINESS

EMAIL CANADA PHARMACARE ACT

Council reviewed an email from Peter Julian, MP New Westminster-Burnaby, Jenny Dwan, MP Vancouver East and Don Davies, MP Vancouver Kingsway requesting the Town of New Glasgow to support and endorse Bill C-213, the Canada Pharmacare Act, which will extend prescription drug coverage to every single Canadian while saving billions of dollars every year.

It was regularly moved and seconded to endorse Bill C-213 and sign the e-petition.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.