

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. using the Microsoft Teams Platform. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad, Councillors Dorrington; Borden, Fraser, Peters, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator; Matthew Russell, and Frank DeMont, Solicitor.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

RECOMMENDATION 2021 CAPITAL PAVING, MICRO SURFACING AND CURBING

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending that the list of streets for surface rehabilitation and concrete curbing.

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION DISTRICT ENERGY SYSTEMS FEASIBILITY STUDY

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager recommending that Council pursue the opportunities to secure the necessary funding to complete the feasibility analysis work for a District Energy System.

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICTOU COUNTY WELLNESS CENTRE BUILDING AUTHORITY INC. UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the PCWCBAI meeting held on May 31.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Council reviewed an email from the co-chairs of the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission and their recommendation report. The CAO requested Council to let her know by Friday if they have any feedback on the recommendations contained in the report.

Councillor Peters stated that she is a member of the Housing Coalition of Pictou County and did not see their submission included in the report.

The CAO asked Councillor Peters to send their submission to her and she would include it in the Town's submission.

Councillor Borden asked if the projected invoice from the Eastern Mainland Housing Authority was received.

The CAO stated that she contacted Eastern Mainland Housing Authority and asked for a detailed operating expense report for the properties within New Glasgow portfolio which she received and the Town received the invoice for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2021, totaling \$220,000.

Councillor Borden asked how often they audit households to validate the income threshold and number of occupants in the home?

The CAO stated that she will investigate this through EMHA.

LETTER MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Council reviewed a letter from the Minister of Environment regarding the 60 day public consultation opportunity that will run until July 26 in two discussion papers: 1. Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth and 2. Sustainable Development Goals Act.

The CAO requested Council to provide any feedback or input to the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager by June 30 who will in turn put the report together for presentation at the July 19 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.