

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 5:35 p.m. at Glasgow Square. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad, Councillors Borden, Fraser, Peters, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting were Councillor Dorrington and Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development

AGENDA

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

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

RECOMMENDATION WILLOW AVE. WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending that the lowest bidder, Tupper's Trucking, be awarded the contract for the watermain renewal on Willow Avenue at a cost of \$485,067.76 plus HST.

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

Councillor MacDonald asked if there was concern with the discrepancy in the bids received. The Town Engineer stated that he contacted Tupper's Trucking regarding

the drastic difference between his bid and the others and he was good with his original tender.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION BUILDING INSPECTOR – 115 MACLEAN ST.

Council reviewed a memo from the Building Inspector recommending that Council authorize legal proceedings to be brought to the N. S. Supreme Court to rectify the violation of the N. S. Building Code Act and Regulations and the Town of New Glasgow Building Bylaw by the owner of Bridgeview Square Ltd. – Bruce Allan Treby recognized agent 33365 N. S. Limited.

Mayor Dicks asked about the businesses located in this building and what will happen if the owner does not comply with the Fire and Building Orders.

The CAO stated that the Provincial Fire Marshal could shut the building down if compliance to the Code is not undertaken by the property owner.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending that Brittany Currie be appointed to the Accessibility Committee.

Councillor MacDonald declared a conflict of interest.

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

Motion carried.

The CAO recommended that Councillor MacDonald be appointed as the Westside representative on the Police Commission due to the resignation of Mayor Dicks.

Councillor MacDonald declared a conflict of interest.

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

Motion carried.

The CAO recommended that an advertisement be placed for the following vacant positions: PAC – Ward 1 rep, Community Climate Change Ward 1 rep and Youth rep.

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCWCBAI MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the PCWCBAI meeting held on July 19.

Deputy Mayor El-Haddad asked if it is expected the projected deficit will increase due to Covid impacts on the rental revenue.

The CAO stated that we will understand the impacts better after the next Board meeting in September.

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

Motion carried.

PCSSA AGM & MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the PCSSA Annual General Meeting and regular board meeting held on July 26.

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

Motion carried.

MAYORS AND WARDEN MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the Mayors and Warden meeting held on July 26.

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

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

OLD EASTERN WOODWORKERS LOT

Councillor Borden stated that there is a homeless population staying in the property known as the old Eastern Woodworkers lot and used needles have also been found at this location. He stated that he lives in this area and hasn't seen a police presence at this location. He would like to see a foot patrol in this area.

The CAO stated that there has been a lot of work done on this matter. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer is doing frequent inspections of this property. The property is owned privately. The owner has been asked by NGRP to provide written consent for law enforcement to go on the property and they have also requested that the owner erect some signage indicating it is private property. She indicated that she would circulate the information she received from the Police Chief regarding this matter to members of Council as it had only been circulated to the Ward 1 Council members and the Mayor.

Councillor MacDonald will bring this matter to the next Police Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NS DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – NSFM MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP

FRAMEWORK

Council reviewed the Department of Municipal Affairs and N. S. Federation of Municipalities Partnership Framework.

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

Motion carried.

LETTER JESIAH MACDONALD

Council reviewed a letter from Jesiah MacDonald regarding the housing crisis we are currently experiencing.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be received and a reply sent to Jesiah regarding the recently established Pictou County Housing Coalition.

Motion carried.