

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad, Councillors Borden, Dorrington, Fraser, Peters, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services was present using the Microsoft Teams platform.

AGENDA

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

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

RECOMMENDATION WATER WRITE OFF 627 TRENTON RD.

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services stating that in November 2021 Steve Smith purchased the property at 627 Trenton Road. In June 2021 he received a water bill in the amount of \$2,495.23. Upon review of the account, it appears the meter was removed in our system in 2013 and the assumption was that the property was vacant. When the account was made active again in July 2021 the meter read returned heavy consumption which indicates that water was consumed at the property without being billed. This occurred because the meter was removed from their

account in our system so there was no way for the system to apply consumption to that meter. Going forward meters will not be removed from accounts when service is shut off and notes on the accounts will be more detailed. He recommended the reduction of estimated consumption costs up to November 2020 when the property was purchased. The reduction totals \$2,127.81 (Utility \$1,065.14 & Pollution \$1,062.68).

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT – EARLY START PROJECT

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager recommending that Council approve the Energy Savings Early Start Projects to complete upgrades at the Town Hall, the North End Rec and Munroe Avenue Reservoir which will be managed and completed by Johnson Controls Canada L.P. at a cost of \$123,357 plus HST which would be rolled into the total project cost.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE JESIAH MACDONALD

Council reviewed correspondence from Jesiah MacDonald regarding the Pictou County Housing Coalition and his concerns with the housing crisis.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a reply be sent to Jesiah acknowledging his letter.

Motion carried.

MEMO REVISED NOISE BYLAW

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Draft Noise Bylaw which is reflective of the input from the New Glasgow Regional Police and their calls for service related to noise complaints. Next steps are final review by legal, followed by first and second reading.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be received.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCWCBAI MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the PCWCBAI meeting held on September 13, 2021.

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

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

SPEEDING CONCERNS

Councillor Peters stated that Judge Del Atwood who lives on Almont Avenue requested a meeting with her to discuss his concerns with speeding on Almont Avenue. He provided some suggestions on how the speeding could be dealt with.

It was noted that the current budget includes 2 electronic speed signs. Some other places noted where these signs could be used were Vale Road, Munroe Avenue.

Councillor Borden stated that the crosswalk on Vale Road has to be repainted.

INTERSECTION MOUNTAIN RD./NORMA ST.

Councillor Peters asked about the status of reconfiguring the intersection of Mountain Road, Norma Street and Fraser Street which is dangerous for children crossing. She also asked about a crossing guard for this location.

The Town Engineer stated that this project was included in the proposed capital budget for 2021-2022 but was not approved by Council.

The CAO stated that she will check with the Police regarding a crossing guard for this location.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMO TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY SEPTEMBER 30

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30. The union and non-union employees of the Town will be entitled to this holiday and are encouraged to take the day to reflect and honour our residential school survivors, their families, and communities. There are many initiatives that could be mobilized through the Town's Community Development Committee and UNESCO Inclusive Communities Committee.

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

Motion carried.

NSFM INTERIM RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the NSFM Interim Resolutions Report. She requested if Council has any input to let her know by September 24.

Mayor Dicks stated that the deer issue should be Provincial responsibility.

The CAO stated that she will include this in the written submission to NSFM re; the resolutions.

NSFM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

The CAO stated that registration is open for the NSFM Fall Conference which will be held virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.