

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 6:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad, Councillors Dorrington, Fraser, and Peters. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Councillor MacDonald and Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services were present using the Microsoft Teams platform. Councillor Borden and Rachel Mitchell, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager were absent from the meeting.

**AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

**MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

**RECOMMENDATION AUDITOR MANAGEMENT LETTER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services indicating the areas of concern noted in the Auditor's management letter. He recommended the following to address the areas of concern:

**Investment in New Scotland Business Development Inc.**

- The investment in NSBDI to be reviewed on a continuous basis and the Town has requested to have the outstanding receivables paid as soon as

possible for the infrastructure work. The Town's March 31, 2022, financial statements to reflect any impairment to the investment.

#### Value of Property and Equipment

- o The Town's tangible capital asset schedules will continue to be reviewed for impairment by Management and acquire appraisals for any assets requiring adjustments in value when necessary. The Town's March 31, 2022, financial statements to reflect any impairment to the investment.

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

Motion carried.

#### **RECOMMENDATION TENDER AWARD SALT HAULING**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the low bidder, Pictou County Bulk Carriers Inc., be awarded the tender for the hauling of bulk road salt at a cost of \$14.10 (4 cent/tonne surcharge).

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

Motion carried.

#### **RECOMMENDATION CAPITAL SIDEWALKS CAMERON AVE./TERRACE ST.**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that both community responses be considered with the technical criteria review process, for proposed sidewalks on Cameron Ave./Terrace St., when staff develop the 2022-2023 Capital Sidewalk plan.

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

Motion carried.

Councillor Dorrington requested that Atlantic Drive be considered for next fiscal as a pedestrian connection is needed to the Aberdeen Mall area.

### **MEMO MEETING DOWNTOWN BAR AND RESTAURANT OWNERS**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development stating that the owner of The Spot brought forward a concern to Deputy Mayor El-Haddad that Downtown restaurant and pub owners feel that Glasgow Square is competing with them. He and Deputy Mayor Haddad met with several of the owners to hear their concerns which are noted in the memo.

It was recommended that the Business Advisory Committee have further discussion about the concerns raised.

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

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PCSSA MEETING UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the PCSSA meeting held on October 4, 2021.

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 October 4, 2021.

Councillor Peters asked about the status of PCREN.

The CAO stated that she will provide further information to Council on this matter following the next meeting of Mayors and Warden as they are meeting with the REN LOC.

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

Motion carried.

## **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

### **UPDATE CROSSWALK RRFB LIGHTS INSTALLATION –**

#### **ABERCROMBIE/DALCROMBIE**

Councillor MacDonald noted that the crosswalk light has been installed and thanked the Public Works Department.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST –DIALYSIS UNITS**

Council reviewed a draft letter from the Mayors and Warden of Pictou County to the Minister of Health and Wellness requesting additional dialysis services.

Mayor Dicks stated that Mayor Ryan would like the reference to the Aberdeen Hospital removed from the letter.

It was regularly moved and seconded that New Glasgow Town Council sign the letter of support for additional dialysis units in Pictou County.

Motion carried.

### **PICTOU COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC. – CASCADE SYSTEM**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding a request from the Pictou County Firefighters Association regarding the upgrade/replacement of the SCBA Air Cascade System that is housed within the New Glasgow Department. The project to

upgrade and replace can be done in stages with a total cost around \$80,000.00. The Towns of Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton and Westville have all confirmed that they have their own system and do not see a need to cost share on a new Cascade system and it was confirmed by the Municipality of the County of Pictou that several of the rural departments throughout the County do not have a need for a new system.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this request be referred to 2022-2023 budget discussions.

Motion carried.