

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad, Councillors Dorrington, Borden, Fraser, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Rachel Mitchell, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant. Present using the Microsoft Teams Platform were: Councillor Peters; Corey Smith, Director Corporate Services; and Lindsay Seidel-Wassenaar, P. Eng. Canadian Circular Cities and Regions Initiative Advisor and Joanne Gauci Senior Policy Advisor, Collaboration Initiatives, External Relations Metro Vancouver and National Zero Waste Council for a portion of the meeting.

Mayor Dicks stated that as we gather this evening, we pause to remember that in this province we live and work on lands that are by law the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples - predominantly the land of the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Council meetings held on October 18, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION CIRCULAR CITIES REGIONS INITIATIVE

Lindsay Seidel-Wassenaar and Joanne Gauci presented a Powerpoint presentation on the Circular Cities Regions initiative.

Mayor Dicks thanked Lindsay and Joanne for their presentation.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

DOWNTOWN SPEAKERS

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development stating that during a Business Advisory Committee meeting a proposal was presented to install speakers throughout downtown New Glasgow to enhance the atmosphere. The project was subsequently brought up at a Community Development meeting and it was agreed that the project be recommended to Council. He recommended that Council support the next steps for downtown business consultation so a formal recommendation can be made to Council for future consideration in the upcoming fiscal budget discussions for 2022-2023.

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

Motion carried.

CITIES RACE TO ZERO AND THE CITIES RACE TO RESILIENCE

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager stating that as part of the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties being held in Glasgow, Scotland from October 31 to November 12, 2021, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, Local Governments for Sustainability , Resilient Citizens Network, United Cities and Local Governments, the Worldwide Fund for Nature and the World Resources Institute have joined to mobilize a coalition of cities and towns to commit to prioritizing resilient and inclusive climate action. Cities Race to Zero and Cities Race to Resilience brings together all those who share our vision for a better future. She recommended that the Town of New Glasgow join the Cities Race to Zero and the Cities Race to Resilience and commit to the selected climate actions.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE FLOODING AND REPAIR WORK

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer which provided an update on the flooding events that occurred on September 9 during a heavy rainstorm. He provided a summary of the work completed to date and the work still considered outstanding that will be completed over the next few months.

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO which provided an update on the Mayors and Warden's meeting held on October 13.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – REMO MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding a meeting of the Pictou County Regional Emergency Management Organization Operational Committee held on October 14.

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

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Deputy Mayor El-Haddad presented a proclamation proclaiming November as Diabetes Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed November as Diabetes Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST STREET NAME CHANGE – MARCUS ROAD

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer regarding a request from Reese Izzard to Mayor Dicks requesting that Marcus Road be renamed Izzard Road as they are the only residents on that road and the owners of a black business on this road

for the last 50 years. The Town Engineer stating that the request is not in keeping with the Street Naming Policy as it does not meet the “purpose” and the procedures outlined in the policy intended to guide staff state that personal names of individuals should be avoided during their lifetime. He recommended that the request be denied as the new suggested name is a personal name.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Marcus Road be renamed Izzard Lane.

Motion carried.