

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Borden, Fraser, Peters, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Rachel Mitchell, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant and Frank DeMont, Solicitor.

Mayor Dicks noted some of the events she attended over the past few weeks: DEANS celebration at the Decoste Entertainment Centre with Councillor El-Haddad, Councillor Fraser, and CAO MacDonald; the Town's official Tree Lighting at Glasgow Square; Ward 1 Tree Lighting; Community Development's Committees Engagement Party at Glasgow Square; Pictou County Transit Launch at Summer Street; and the Town of Pictou-DeCoste Centre Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. She also noted that local historian Philip MacKenzie gave a book to the Town he recently put together about the families in his area of Town and she noted that Public Works has repurposed the stars that were previously on the poles in downtown New Glasgow for installation in Carmichael Park.

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 November 15, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

## **MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

### **FIRE CAPITAL RECOMMENDATION**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services recommending to Council that the temporary crowd control railing coming from the Fire Station to the sidewalk be replaced with a permanent custom-built railing and the installation of four key fob door locks for building security along with four auto door closures on the bay doors in the Fire Station.

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

Motion carried.

### **TOWN HALL ELECTRICAL UPGRADE RECOMMENDATION**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Information Technology recommending to advance the installation of new electrical panels and electrical wiring

at the Town Office to supply uninterrupted generator power to overhead lighting and staff workspaces including the public front payment counter.

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

Motion carried.

### **BEE CITY ACCEPTANCE**

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager stating that the Town's application to Bee Cities Canada has been accepted. As a certified Bee City, the Town is committed to protecting local pollinators and ensuring our environment is pollinator friendly.

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

Motion carried.

### **OUR COMMUNITY IS NOT AN ASHTRAY RECOMMENDATION**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending Council approve the request from Peter Junger for the Town of New Glasgow to support his initiative "Our Community is Not an Ashtray" to bring awareness to the negative impact of cigarette litter and promote the beautification of the Town.

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

Motion carried.

### **BAR AND RESTAURANT OWNER MEETING UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development regarding a follow up meeting with Downtown Pub and Restaurant owners scheduled for October 25. An email invite was sent to the restaurant and bar owners a week prior

to the meeting. The only person who attended the meeting was a representative from Wranglers and no further contact has been received from any pub/restaurant owners.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION POLICY UPDATE**

Deputy Mayor Dorrington stated that she just wants to keep an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy development for the Town moving forward. The CAO and Mayor have participated in several workshops regarding this topic.

Mayor Dicks stated that this matter will be dealt with early in the new year.

### **INTERSECTION ALBERT AND MARSH ST. SAFETY**

Deputy Mayor Dorrington stated that she has received calls from citizens regarding the intersection of Albert Street and Marsh Street which is close to the New Glasgow Academy and is used by senior citizens. They are concerned with crossing the crosswalk at this location because of high traffic volume and cars speeding in this area.

The Town Engineer stated that the Traffic Authority looked at this intersection.

The CAO stated that a traffic count is being carried out today.

She also noted the intersection of Vale Road, Marsh Street and Merigomish Road which is a dangerous intersection also and has been on the books for a few years to address a remedy; however, the project has never been approved in the capital budget.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **MEMO PCSSA UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the PCSSA meeting held on November 29, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Dorrington noted that she has received calls from citizens regarding the leaf pick-up. The leaves were picked up before they were completely off the trees. She suggested that maybe 2 leaf pick-ups should be scheduled for each area.

The CAO stated that the new contract for the solid waste collection will be discussed by the PCSSA in the new year and an extended leaf pick-up period can be raised for consideration for the RFP of a new collection contract.

### **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 November 29.

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

Motion carried.

### **PICTOU COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding a meeting of the Pictou County Transit Authority Board held on November 17.

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

Motion carried.

## **CIRCULAR ECONOMY CONFERENCE REPORT**

Council reviewed a report prepared by the CAO regarding the Circular Economy Conference she and the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager attended on November 5.

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

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending that the vacancies for outside committee members be advertised as presented.

Mayor Dicks noted that there are some names on the list that are no longer on the Committees.

The CAO stated that she will provide an updated memo after she receives the information on who is no longer on the Committees.

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

Motion carried.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

Councillor Borden presented a proclamation proclaiming December 10 as International Human Rights Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed December 10 as International Human Rights Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Councillor MacDonald presented a proclamation proclaiming December 3 as International Day Persons with Disabilities in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed December 3 as International Day Persons with Disabilities in the Town of New Glasgow.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES FOR 2022**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the proposed Council and Committee of the Whole meeting schedule for 2022.

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

Motion carried.