

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad; Councillor Dorrington; Councillor Borden; Councillor Fraser and Councillor MacDonald. Also present were Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator; Veronica Deno, Active Living Coordinator; Sarah Santos, Community Engagement Co-ordinator and Frank DeMont Solicitor. Present using the Microsoft Teams platform were: Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; John Hack and Ira Banks from Sierra Planning and Management and Christopher Bouey and Gabrielle Ranger from Architecture 49. Absent from the meeting was Councillor Peters.

Mayor Dicks mentioned some of the events that have taken place over the last few weeks: The Kinsmen/Kinettes Club performed Acts of Kindness throughout the community such as paying for the parking meters in the downtown area for Friday and provided free coffee to patrons of the Tim Horton's drive-thru. She asked Deputy Mayor El-Haddad to pass along Council's thanks to the Kinsmen/Kinettes Club. The Coldest Night of the Year fundraising event was a great success. Pictou County as a whole raised \$62,485 with the Town's team placing 5th with \$2,898.00. Team New Glasgow was also in the top 10 in the municipal challenge across the country. She noted that

she completed the FCM Climate Change Leadership Course. New Glasgow has been asked to prepare a case study profile for our community for the FCM. She spoke at the Mental Wellness Roundtable last week and requested the CAO to provide the powerpoint presentation she used to Council and staff.

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 meetings held on February 16, 2021 be approved as presented

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION FIELDHOUSE STUDY

John Hack and Ira Banks, from Sierra Planning and Management and Christopher Bouey and Gabrielle Ranger from Architecture 49 provided a powerpoint presentation on the Fieldhouse Feasibility Study they prepared for the Town.

After questions from members of Council, Mayor Dicks thanked John, Ira, Christopher, Gabrielle for their presentation and Veronica and Thiv for their work on this project on behalf of the Town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCWCBAI BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Pictou County Wellness Centre meeting held on February 22, 2021.

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

Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding applications received for the vacant Committee of Council positions. She recommended that either David Davis or Scott McKenzie be appointed as the Ward 3 representative on the Police Commission.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Scott McKenzie be appointed as the citizen representative on the Police Commission and Mr. Davis be asked to be the Ward 3 representative on the Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the following appointments be approved and the positions that remain vacant be readvertised:

Planning Advisory Committee – Ward 2 Representative – Ryan Sharpe

Business Advisory Committee – Mary Stewart and Janelle Clyde

Active Living Committee – Janelle Clyde

Community Climate Change Committee – Ward 2 Jim Ripoll and Ward 3 Ana Luiza Rios Caldas-MacEachern

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Councillor Dorrington presented a proclamation proclaiming March 8 as International Women's Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 8 as International Women's Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER TOWN OF STELLARTON - SPCA

Council reviewed a letter from the Mayor MacGillivray, Town of Stellarton, stating that they are donating a piece of land in the Albion Business Park to the SPCA for the construction of a new shelter. They requested that New Glasgow Council consider supporting this important project as they service New Glasgow as well.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2021-2022 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

MEMO AND LETTER LORDA FUNDING REQUEST

Council received a memo and reviewed a letter from LORDA requesting financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2021-2022 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

MEMO AND LETTER CARMA FUNDING REQUEST

Council received a memo and reviewed a letter from CARMA requesting financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2021-2022 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

MEMO AND LETTER CHAD TRANSIT FUNDING REQUEST

Council received a memo and reviewed a letter from CHAD Transit requesting financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2021-2022 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

MEMO AND LETTER PC SPORTS HERITAGE HALL OF FAME FUNDING REQUEST

Council received a memo and reviewed a letter from the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame requesting financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2021-2022 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

LETTER CREATIVE PICTOU COUNTY FUNDING REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from Creative Pictou County requesting financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2021-2022 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

LETTER N. S. FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT FUND FUNDING REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from the N. S. Firefighters Benevolent Fund requesting financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2021-2022 budget discussions.

Motion carried.

LETTER PVSC FUNDING REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from PVSC regarding the Town's funding contribution for 2021-2022.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be referred to 2021-2022 budget discussions.

Motion carried.