

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. using the Microsoft Teams platform. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad; Councillor Dorrington; Councillor Borden; Councillor Peters; 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; Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager; Mathew Russell, Public Policy & Governance Summer Intern; Sarah Santos, Community Engagement Co-ordinator and Frank DeMont Solicitor

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Dicks noted the recent death of former Premier Donald Cameron for whom the flags are flying half mast; Go Green Get Clean was a great success with a lot of garbage picked up; she participated in a meeting hosted by the Town's Active Living Co-ordinator Veronica Deno regarding Municipal Outdoor Play. She noted that Veronica did a great job on this presentation.

MINUTES

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Council minutes of the meetings held on April 6 and 19, 2021 and the Audit Committee minutes of April 20, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE 531 PLEASANT ST.

The CAO stated that the property owner Karen Whitney reached out to her to advise that she has carefully reviewed her inspector's report and due to the unavailability of contractors to perform the work, she has decided to demolish the house and rebuild in the future. According to Karen, the property should have been demolished before she purchased it as there are foundation issues which is the cause of the other issues. Thompson Brothers told her that they would not be able to do the roof work until next year. Karen has contacted Verhagen's to complete the demolition, she is just waiting for the demolition contract and she will notify me with the date that the work will be carried out.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a 30-Day order to Demolish be served on the owner of 531 Pleasant Street.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCWCBAI BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Inc. meeting held on April 26, 2021.

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

Councillor Peters suggested that Graham MacNeil, the new COO, be asked to come to a Council meeting to address the finances of the Wellness Centre.

The CAO stated that the Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Inc. is a municipal corporation. The Board approves the budget for the Centre of which Mayor Dicks is a board member. The Mayor can bring questions from Council members to the Board. The CAO stated that PC Wellness Centre budget is based on the proximity funding formula in the section 60 agreement, and she could explain to Councillor Peters how the funding formula works.

Councillor Peters will set up a meeting with the CAO.

Motion carried.

PARL

Council reviewed the media release from Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian, Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library stating that the libraries are closed for the next two weeks due to Covid however all library services will be available online, by phone, email and through outdoor pick-up or borrow by mail service.

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

Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

DATA BACKUP SOFTWARE CAPACITY INCREASE AND RENEWAL

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that an email poll was done with Council for the purchase of a storage capacity increase and renewal of software support, maintenance updates before April 30, 2021 for a period of 5 years for the

Town's on premise and off-site file, database and application back up system titled "Rapid Recovery" with the pre-tax amount of \$32,448.83. She requested that the motion be formalized.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the purchase of a storage capacity increase and renewal of software support, maintenance updates before April 30, 2021 for a period of 5 years for the Town's on premise and off-site file, database and application back up system titled "Rapid Recovery" with the pre-tax amount of \$32,448.83 be approved.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

Councillor Fraser presented a proclamation proclaiming May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

GAELIC NOVA SCOTIA MONTH

Councillor MacDonald presented a proclamation proclaiming May as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed May Gaelic Nova Scotia Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Deputy Mayor El-Haddad presented a proclamation proclaiming May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

WORLD LUPUS DAY

Councillor Borden presented a proclamation proclaiming May 10,2021 as World Lupus Day.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed May 10, 2021 as World Lupus Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

WORLD FALUN DAFA DAY

Councillor Peters read a proclamation proclaiming May 13 as World Falun Dafa Day.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed May 13 as World Falun Dafa Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

NATIONAL DENIM DAY

Councillor Dorrington read a proclamation proclaiming May 11 as National Denim Day.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed May 11 as National Denim Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

NEW BUSINESS

N. S. DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 12 MONTH NOTICE

Council reviewed a letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs addressed to NSFM giving the required twelve months notice regarding any Provincial legislation or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities. The Provincial Departments involved are:

Department of Environment, Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Justice and Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage

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

Motion carried.

NNEC FUNDING SUPPORT REQUEST

Council received a memo from the NNEC requesting financial assistance from the Town for the costs associated with the graduation which will be held over several days due to Covid.

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

Motion carried.

FIRE INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that Ross White, the Director of Fire, Inspections and Emergency Services, is in the final stages of his inspection certification and in consultation with the Provincial Fire Marshal's office they indicated that he can now be appointed Fire Inspector as he currently has specific authorities as Fire Chief under the Provincial Fire Act.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Ross White appointed the Fire Inspector for the Town of New Glasgow.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING – WAYNE DESMOND JR. – INTERPRETIVE PANEL

Council reviewed a letter from Wayne Desmond Jr. requesting that the Town provide the funding for a third interpretive panel at the Africentric Park.

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

Councillor Dorrington stated that it was her understanding that there was a third panel that was taken down and stored somewhere.

The CAO stated that she looked into this and it appears that there were only ever two panels.

Motion carried.