

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 5:35 p.m. using the Microsoft Teams platform. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Councillors; Borden, Fraser, Peters, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Thivjan Tharmaratnam, Director of Community Development; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent with regrets was Deputy Mayor Dorrington.

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.

Mayor Dicks stated that the virtual launch of African Nova Scotian month was held today which can be seen on the Town's YouTube and Facebook pages. She extended a special thanks to Crystal States for her work on this event each year. She was asked to remind members of Council of the NSFMM meeting scheduled for tomorrow and she thanked the Public Works for the great job in snow removal.

Councillor Fraser stated that we have three people that have close ties to New Glasgow and Pictou County who are participating in the Olympics in Beijing; Blayre

Turnbull who is a member of the Women's Hockey Team, Kori Cheverie who is Assistant Coach of the team and Troy Ryan, the former Coach of the Pictou County Junior A Crushers, is coaching the team. He suggested that the Town acknowledge these three people in some way.

## **MINUTES**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on January 17, 2022 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

### **TAX EXEMPTION**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council authorize a property tax exemption for the 2022-2023 taxation year in the amount of \$367.00 provided the total income for the calendar year 2021 from all sources, including the income of a spouse or partner and other family members residing at the same property but excluding an allowance or pension paid pursuant to the War Veterans Allowance Act, is equal or less than \$21,850.00.

It was regularly moved and seconded a motion be made at the next meeting to approve this tax exemption policy.

Motion carried.

### **MFC SPRING DEBENTURE - GENERAL**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council approve a borrowing, not to exceed \$1,500,000 over terms

not to exceed 20 years for general capital expenditures at an interest rate not to exceed 5.5%, through the MFC Spring Debenture Issue.

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

Motion carried.

### **MFC SPRING DEBENTURE – WATER**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council approve borrowing, not to exceed \$1,750,000 over terms not to exceed 20 years for water capital expenditures at an interest rate not to exceed 5.5%, through the MFC Spring Debenture Issue.

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

Motion carried.

### **SALLY PORT DOOR – NGRP**

Council reviewed a memo from Chief Chisholm stating that the sally port doors at the Police Department facilitate intake and release of persons in custody. The door has had numerous mechanical issues over the last several years and requires replacement. Chief Chisholm requested that Council approve allocation of supplemental funding provided by the Province to cover the cost of door replacement which will alleviate strain on the 2021-2022 operational budget for the Police.

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

Motion carried.

## **CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING - NGRP**

Chief Chisholm requested that Council approve allocation of supplemental funding provided by the Province to cover the cost to host and facilitate a four-day Conflict Resolution Course offered by Brodie and MacNeil.

Councillor Peters asked the cost of the course.

The CAO stated that it is in the \$5,000.00 range.

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

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PCSSA REPORT**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the PCSSA meeting held on January 17, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

### **PCWCBAI REPORT**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the PCWCBAI meetings held on December 13 and 30, 2021 and January 10, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

### **MAYORS AND WARDEN UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Mayors and Warden meeting held on January 17, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

### **NORTHERN PULP MEETING UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the meeting with Northern Pulp held on January 24, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

### **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY - DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT –**

#### **JOHN AND DEBBIE VANVULPEN 132 ELM ST.**

It was regularly moved and seconded pursuant to Section 230(1) of the Municipal Government Act that the application of Debbie and John VanVulpen for a Development Agreement amendment for property at 132 Elm Street to enable subdivision of the subject lands and the development of a single-unit residential dwelling on the remaining lands be approved by the Town in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

#### **SECOND READING - SECONDARY PLANNING STRATEGY TEXT AMENDMENT**

Councillor Peters presented for second reading an amendment to the Secondary Planning Strategy.

The purpose of the amendment is to enable the implementation of a Commercial Assessment Phase-In Bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Secondary Planning Strategy amendment in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RYAN'S CASES FOR SMILES**

Council reviewed a memo from Ryan's Cases for Smiles requesting financial assistance.

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

Motion carried.