

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Fraser, Peters, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant and Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer/Planner. Present using the Microsoft Teams platform were Councillor Borden and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager.

**AGENDA**

Mayor Dicks stated that item 3C is being deferred as Community Development will come back with more information.

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

Motion carried.

**MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

**ASPHALT PATCHING 2022 RECOMMENDATION**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the lowest bidder, Webster Brothers, be awarded the 2022-2023 asphalt paving contract at a cost of \$281,100.00 plus HST.

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

Motion carried.

### **PURCHASE OF LOT 21-1 IRISH MOUNTAIN RD.**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the Town purchase Lot 21-1 PID 00897223 from Allister MacLean for the price of \$35,000 as it is a key property within the Forbes Lake Watershed area.

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

Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW GLASGOW ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer stating that on behalf of the New Glasgow Accessibility Advisory Committee he is submitting the draft Accessibility Plan entitled Meaningful Access: Town of New Glasgow Accessibility Action Plan.

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

Motion carried.

### **DEER UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on a meeting she had with representatives from the N. S. Department of Natural Resources and Renewables regarding the deer issues. They provided some suggestions and recommended next steps.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the report be received as information.

Motion carried.

## **FORBES LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT & PROTECTION STRATEGY**

Council reviewed the updated Forbes Lake Watershed Management and Protection Strategy dated 2021 which is being recommended to Council by the Forbes Lake Watershed Management and Protection Committee for approval.

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

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **MEMO PCWCBAI**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the Pictou County Wellness meeting held on March 14, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

### **MEMO PCSSA**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the Pictou County Shared Services Authority meeting held on March 28, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

### **MEMO MAYORS AND WARDEN MEETING**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an updated on the Mayors and Warden Committee meeting held on March 28, 2022

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

Motion carried.

## **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

### **SNOW AND ICE MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Councillor El-Haddad stated that he received complaints during the last snowstorm because the streets were not plowed until later in the night.

The Town Engineer stated that the storm was of a long duration and didn't end until midnight. All crews were sent out at that time. Three trucks were out all day and did the main arterial roads and hills. This is according to the Town's Snow and Ice Management Policy.

Councillor El-Haddad asked if they plows could start at the schools and clear from there so the children could get to school safely.

The Town Engineer stated that there would not have been enough time from the time the snow stopped to have the sidewalks to the schools cleared.

It was agreed to suggest to the School Board that they communicate with the Town during snow events such as this to determine if there is sufficient time to have the sidewalks cleared to the school prior to the start of school for the safety of the students.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FEDERATION OF MUSIC FESTIVALS NOVA SCOTIA**

Council reviewed a letter from Jessie Parkinson, President of the Federation of Music Festivals Nova Scotia stating that the New Glasgow Music Festival is hosting the Provincial Music Festival in New Glasgow in June. They are requesting the Town to host a welcome reception at Glasgow Square or provide financial assistance towards this event.

It was regularly moved and seconded that \$1,000 be provided to the New Glasgow Festival and free rental of Glasgow Square for a welcoming reception.

Motion carried.

**IN CAMERA**