

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Peters, Fraser, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Cindy Thompson, NSCC graduate on work term; and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Present using Microsoft Teams were Councillor Borden and Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services. Absent from the meeting was Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development.

AGENDA

Mayor Dicks stated that item 3e. will be deferred.

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

PURCHASE OF 550/5500 SERIES TRUCK

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the tender for the 550/5500 Series Truck Cab be awarded to the highest scoring submission from Highland Ford at a cost of \$73,900 plus HST.

Councillor MacDonald asked the Town Engineer if there would be any cost savings if the truck and box were purchased as one package.

The Town Engineer stated that it is more economical to purchase the truck and box separately.

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

Motion carried.

ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager recommending that Council approve the Asset Management Policy.

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

Motion carried.

PACE PROGRAM

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager stating that the Clean Foundation reached out with the opportunity to borrow an additional \$300,000.00 for the Clean Energy Financing Program. This funding would be over the next four years and bring the Town's total CEF borrowings to \$900,000.00 and the number of eligible homes per year from 10 to 15 or more depending on the total eligible financing per home. She recommended that Council approve the additional funding allocation from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in the amount of \$300,000.00 over 4 years.

Councillor MacDonald asked the Director of Corporate Services if he saw any risk involved in borrowing the additional \$300,000.00.

The Director of Corporate Services stated that the only risk could be with cash flow; however, he was advised by the Province that the additional borrowing would not impact the debt service ratio and we would still be able to borrow for our town projects.

Councillor Fraser asked about the participation for each ward.

The CAO stated that we will be making a concerted effort to have a more equitable distribution and participation in the three wards.

He also asked about staff and Council being able to participate in this program.

The CAO stated that staff and Council were able to participate after the first four months of it being open to the homeowners in New Glasgow.

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

Motion carried.

BORROWING RESOLUTION CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager recommending that Council approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution for \$900,000.00 for the Clean Energy Financing Program.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE ON 349 LITTLE HARBOUR ROAD

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the property at 349 Little Harbour Road that has long standing property issues. This property went through the demolition order process in 2017 when Council granted the owner an allowance to have the required remedies for the property completed; however, they were not all completed.

The Solicitor recommended that because five years has passed the process begin again.

It was regularly moved and seconded that recommendation of the Solicitor be approved and to begin the demolition process again.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMO PCSSA

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the regular meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Pictou County Shared Services Authority held on July 18, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO WATERSHED COMMITTEE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO noting the current vacant positions for various committees which will continue to be advertised through out social media channels. She indicated that one submission was received for the vacancy on the Forbes Lake Watershed Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – East side representative and recommended that Bruce Wheadon be appointed to this Committee.

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

Motion carried.