

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors; Borden, Fraser, Peters, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Katelyn Roy, Marketing and Engagement Manager; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Lindsay Corbin, Co-ordinator N. S Coalition for Healthy School Food. Chief Chisholm and Deputy Chief Leil joined the meeting for the in-camera discussion.

Mayor Dicks noted some of the events that she has attended over the past few weeks: the Mayor's Tea at the Carmichael-Stewart House Museum; the Atlantic Mayors Congress in Shediac, New Brunswick; the opening ceremony for the Under 13 AAA Kinsmen Baseball Championship and the Pride Week Flag Raising at the Gazebo where the recent passing of Gerard Veldhoven was acknowledged.

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.

AGENDA

Mayor Dicks noted that the Presentation Coastal Nova Scotia has been deferred for a future meeting; however, the presentation from the Nova Scotia Coalition for Healthy School Food will be added to the agenda.

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

Motion carried.

MINUTES

Mayor Dicks declared the Audit Committee minutes of August 8, 2022 and the Council minutes of the meetings held on August 15, 2022 approved.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION N. S. COALITION FOR HEALTHY SCHOOL FOOD

Lindsay Corbin, Co-ordinator for N. S. Coalition for Healthy School Food, made a presentation to Council regarding the need for a Canada Wide School Food Program. She requested that New Glasgow Town Council sign on as an Endorser of the Coalition for Healthy School Food.

Mayor Dicks thanked Ms. Corbin for her presentation and indicated that Council will consider this request.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION CIRCULAR ECONOMY ROADMAP

The Climate Change and Sustainability Manager presented the New Glasgow Circular Economy Roadmap and recommended that Council approve the Roadmap.

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUND

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager stating that the Town applied to Canada's Infrastructure Fund for funds to conduct a study on the feasibility of connecting the Samson and Pioneer Trails across the East River via a pedestrian bridge adjacent to the existing CBNS train bridge. The application was approved for the maximum allocation of \$50,000 with the project 100% funded by the grant. She recommended that Council enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada to accept the \$50,000 in project funding and conduct the East River Pedway Study.

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION PURCHASE OF PID 00873240 FORBES LAKE WATERSHED

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer stating that Allan and Jennifer Johnston expressed an interest in selling a large parcel of land within the Forbes Lake Watershed area to the Town. He recommended that the Town purchase PID00873240 for \$75,000, the appraised value.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

URBAN DEER UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO that provided an update on the deer issue in Town. The recommended next steps are: Updating the Deer Feeding Bylaw,

Establish a Town of New Glasgow Urban Deer Working Committee, Pellet Group Inventory; Public Opinion Survey and Signage.

NSFM HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the NSFM virtual meeting held on August 24 which provided an update on the Provincial Housing Needs Assessment.

It was regularly moved and seconded to place the memo on file.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FORBES LAKE WATERSHED SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ADVISORY

COMMITTEE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending the appointment of Dave Lundin as the westside representative on the Forbes Lake Watershed Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.

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

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

GARDEN REVITALIZATION PLAN

Councillor Peters stated that she noted during the recent Mayor's Tea at the Carmichael-Stewart House Museum that the garden at this location is not being looked after and needs some attention. She suggested that a community garden society could be formed to look after this garden.

The CAO stated that the Town leases this property to the Pictou County Historical Society who planted the garden. She suggested that the Department of Community Development work with the Historical Society to get community volunteers engaged to support the historical garden.

Council agreed with this recommendation.

PROCLAMATIONS

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Councillor Peters read a proclamation proclaiming September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

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