

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 7:15 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, 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 and Frank DeMont, Solicitor.

Present using Microsoft Teams was Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services.

Absent from the meeting was Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

RECOMMENDATION 204 SANBORNE ST. - UTILITY BILL REDUCTION REQUEST

Council reviewed a recommendation from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council approve a write-down of the pollution charge for the treatment of water in the amount of \$190.28 for 204 Sanborne Street as their outside hose was leaking while the residents were in and out of the hospital.

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCWCBAI BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND AGM MEETINGS UPDATE

Council reviewed a report prepared by the CAO regarding the Board of Governors meeting and AGM of the Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Inc. held on November 14, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

METERED PARKING BY DONATION DECEMBER

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending that Council approve the designation of the funds from the metered parking donations for the month of December to the Pictou County Fuel Fund in light of the high cost of heating oil in the upcoming season.

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

Motion carried.

LETTER MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF YARMOUTH -

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Council reviewed a letter from Warden John Cunningham from the District of Yarmouth to the Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry stating that they support Premier Houston's letter to their office indicating his concerns regarding how telecommunications were handled before and after Hurricane Fiona.

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

Motion carried.

**MEMO DEPUTY MINISTERS OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & HOUSING AND
EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – MUNICIPAL CHARGES**

Council reviewed a letter from Deputy Minister LaFleche stating that the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have been working to get a better understanding of the charges municipalities and villages have invoiced to the Regional Centres for Education, particularly considering Education Act amendments made in 2018 and what impact these amendments might have on charges being levied under the Municipal Government Act. A long-term approach is under development however in the short-term outstanding invoices for municipal charges such as fire, sewer and wastewater will continue to be paid by RCE's without interest charges and new invoices from municipalities will continue to be paid as appropriate.

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

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending Councilor Dawn Peters be appointed Deputy Mayor for the term ending November 2023 according to the Deputy Mayor Policy.

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

Motion carried.

FISCAL 2022-2023 GRANTS BUDGET REALLOCATION

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending that \$900 of unused grant funding in fiscal 2022-2023 be reallocated to the Pictou County Fuel Fund.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.