

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors 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; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Veronica Deno, Active Living Manager; Ricki Hartinger, Active Transportation Intern; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Geraldyn MacDonald, Mentoring Plus. Present using Microsoft Teams were Councillor Borden and Councillor Peters.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION DRAFT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Active Living Manager and the Active Transportation Intern made a presentation to Council regarding the Draft Active Transportation Plan.

Mayor Dicks thanked the Active Living Manager and Active Transportation Intern for their presentation and a job well done.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

RECOMMENDATION ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Council reviewed a recommendation from the Active Living Manager recommending that the Draft Active Transportation Plan be approved as presented to Council.

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NSCAD MOU

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending that Council approve the revised MOU with NSCAD for the residency program and renew for a five-year commitment with the option to automatically renew for another five-year term.

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE LOADER WITH WING & PLOW

Council reviewed a memo from the Transportation/Fleet Supervisor recommending that the highest scoring submission from Wilson Equipment be awarded the contract for a Komatsu model WA320-8 4 Wheel Drive Loader with Wing and Plow at a cost of \$329,000 plus HST.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO COMMUNITY IS NOT AN ASHTRAY

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending that Council approve the draft letters to the Downtown Businesses and New Glasgow Businesses regarding Our Community is Not an Ashtray initiative.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO REIMAGINING MUNICIPAL RECREATION SERVICES FOR RURAL LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WEBINAR

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager regarding an online seminar she attended entitled "Reimagining Municipal Recreation Services for Rural Low-Income Families.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO ATLANTIC ASSET MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECAP

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change Sustainability Manager regarding the Atlantic Asset Management Conference she attended from September 12-14.

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

Motion carried.

HURRICANE FIONA REPORT

Council reviewed a report which provided an overview of the community damage experienced during Hurricane Fiona and the various departmental response activities that continue today.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NOVA SCOTIA COALITION FOR HEALTHY SCHOOL FOOD

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the request from the Nova Scotia Coalition for Healthy School Food for Council to endorse the Canada-Wide School Food Program.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Town of New Glasgow sign on as an endorser of the Coalition for Healthy School Food.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MENTORING PLUS UPDATE

Council reviewed the Mentoring Plus Strategy report submitted by Co-ordinator Geralyn MacDonald.

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

Motion carried.

PCSSA UPDATE

Council reviewed a report prepared by the CAO regarding the meeting of the Pictou County Shared Services Authority held on September 20.

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

Motion carried.

PAC AND CD ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending the appointment of Wade Tibbo as the Ward 1 PAC Citizen representative, Allison Outhit as the Ward 1 CD Advisory Committee representative and Cara Campbell as the Ward 3 CD Advisory Committee representative.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL – MAYOR DICKS

The CAO requested Council to formally approve the permission for Mayor Dicks to travel out of the country to the SilverEco and Ageing Well conference in Cannes, France that was approved by Council via email previously.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the motion for Mayor Dicks be granted permission to travel out of the country to the SilverEco and Ageing Well conference in Cannes, France be formally approved .

Motion carried.

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL – RACHEL MITCHELL

The CAO requested Council to formally approve the permission for the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager to travel out of the country to speak at the New York Climate Week Conference In New York from September 19-21. that was approved by Council via email previously.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the motion for the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager to travel out of the country to New York Climate Week in New York be formally approved.

Motion carried.

LETTER SHAUN MCLEAN

Council reviewed a letter from Shaun McLean thanking the Town for the financial assistance for his downtown business through the Downtown Revitalization Program.

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

Motion carried.

REQUEST ANNAPOLIS COUNTY – MORATORIUM ON AERIAL SPRAYING

Council reviewed a letter from the County of Annapolis requesting that Council support their letter to the Province requesting that a moratorium be placed on aerial herbicide spraying until a formal report on the net benefits or net losses of such activity to the residents of Nova Scotia can be obtained by requisition of the Provincial Government.

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

Motion carried.

LETTER N.S. DEPT. OF SENIORS AND LONG-TERM CARE

Council reviewed a letter from the N. S. Dept. of Seniors and Long-Term Care congratulating the Town of New Glasgow on its recent accomplishment of winning first place at the 2022 SilverEco and Ageing Well International Award's in Cannes, France.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO CANADA ENERGY REGULATOR UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding a meeting with Canada Energy Regulator held recently with Town of New Glasgow and REMO representatives.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that the NSFM conference is being held on November 1-4 in Halifax. She recommended that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for November 1 be held on November 8 and the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings scheduled for November 14 be held on November 21.

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

Motion carried.

IN CAMERA

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.