

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 8, 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; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Cindy Thompson, Community Development Coordinator; and Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager. Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services was present using the Microsoft Teams platform. Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; and Frank Demont were absent from the meeting.

Mayor Dicks noted some of the events that she has attended over the past few weeks: the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast hosted Nova Scotia Regulatory Affairs speaking about 'reducing red tape', National Culture Days Flag Raising at the Gazebo; Sale Along the River; SilverEco and Ageing Well International Award Reception, Ruth Paris' 80th Birthday Party, NSFM Fall Conference in Halifax, and 48th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Reception with our municipal winner Jim McKenna in Halifax. Councillor Peters acknowledged the NSFM Long Service Award Recipients – Mayor Dicks and Councillor Fraser as well as our provincial Climate Award and the shoutout received during the NSFM Conference for our International Award.

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 from Ignite has been deferred for a future meeting.

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

PURCHASE OF 66,000 lb. G.V.W. TRUCK (WITH CAB AND CHASSIS)

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the tender for the 66,000 lb. G.V.W. Truck (cab and chassis) be awarded to the highest scoring submission from Nova Enterprises for a Freightliner model 114SD at a cost of \$185,000.00 plus HST.

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

Motion carried

ANTI-RACISM CHARTER IN RECREATION

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager recommending that the Town adopt the Recreation Nova Scotia Anti-Racism Charter and allow the

Inclusive Communities Committee and Active Living Committee to lead the development of the Town of New Glasgow's Anti-Racism in Recreation Action Plan.

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

Deputy Mayor Dorrington asked if this would fit in align with the Town's Anti-Racism or Diversity Clause. The CAO MacDonald stated that this is for the recreation aspect only and will not take away from the work we will be doing in a broader strategy for the Town.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICTOU COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Council received a memo from the CAO highlighting the Pictou County Transit Authority's Regular Board Meetings held on July 13 and October 26 as well as their Annual General Meeting held on October 26, 2022.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be received.

Motion Carried

Council received a memo from the CAO recommending the removal of the provision of "Pilot" to the current fixed route transit service that is provided by the Pictou County Transit Authority.

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

CAO noted that the council will still be able to review and make decisions annually during the budget process.

Motion carried.

PC MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE

Council received a memo from the CAO regarding the Special Mayors and Warden Committee Meeting held on October 31, 2022 with a presentation from Antigonish Affordable Housing Society.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be received.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending the approval of the new Ward 3 citizen representative.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be received.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Councillor Borden read a proclamation proclaiming November as Diabetes Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks proclaimed November 2022 as Diabetes Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Deputy Mayor Dorrington read a proclamation proclaiming November as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks proclaimed November 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY

Councillor El-Haddad read a proclamation proclaiming November 17, 2022, as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

Mayor Nancy Dicks proclaimed November 17, 2022 as World Pancreatic Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK AND TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Councillor Peters read a proclamation proclaiming November 13th – 19th 2022 as Transgender Awareness Week in the Town of New Glasgow and November 20, 2022 as Transgender Day of Remembrance in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks proclaimed November 13th – 19th 2022 as Transgender Awareness Week in the Town of New Glasgow and November 20, 2022 as Transgender Day of Remembrance in the Town of New Glasgow.

VIOLA DESMOND DAY

Councillor Fraser read a proclamation proclaiming November 8, 2022 as Viola Desmond Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks proclaimed November 8, 2022 as Viola Desmond Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF GUYSBOROUGH

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough to Premier Houston supporting his recent letter to Minister Champagne, regarding the lack of support from telecommunications companies during and after Hurricane Fiona.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be received.

Motion carried.

LETTER FROM PICTOU COUNTY PARTNERSHIP

Council received a letter from Pictou County Partnership requesting a letter of support for the Bioeconomy Development Opportunity Zone Initiative.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a letter of support be provided.

Motion carried.

LETTER FROM COADY'S PLACE

Council received a letter from Coady's Place requesting a letter of support for development of Coady's Place Phase 2 of new construction.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a letter of support be provided.

Motion carried.

LETTER FROM XFM

Council received a letter from XFM requesting support for their CRTC application for a new country radio station.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a letter be written to support the request.

Motion carried.