

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters, Councillors; Borden, Dorrington, Fraser, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; and Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager. Solicitor DeMont was present using the Microsoft Teams platform. Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer and Corey Smith, Director of Corporator Services were absent from the meeting.

Mayor Dicks noted some of the events that she has attended over the past few weeks: the annual Christmas tree lighting event along the river. She commended Town staff responsible for the tree lighting and decorations throughout the downtown area. She also attended the official opening of the Nova Scotia African Affairs Office. Deputy Mayor Peters expressed her appreciation to the Fire Department employees for completing the light decorating on the trees throughout town.

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. We also recognize the

African Nova Scotians whose culture, heritage, and history have been and remain a key part of our province for more than 400 years.

## **AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

## **MINUTES**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on November 21, 2022 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

## **MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

### **P.A.C.E. POLICY APPENDIX**

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager recommending that Council approve the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program Policy to include a pilot Commercial P.A.C.E. program.

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

Motion carried

### **PACE BYLAW AMENDMENT**

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager recommending that Council approve amendments to the PACE Program Bylaw to

accommodate commercial businesses within the designated Business Improvement District (downtown core).

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

### **FCM SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE – PERMISSION TO TRAVEL**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO requesting permission for the Town Engineer, the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager and CAO to attend the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa from February 7-10.

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

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PICTOU COUNTY SHARED SERVICES AUTHORITY**

Council received a memo from the CAO highlighting the Pictou County Shared Services Authority Regular Board Meetings held on November 21, 2022.

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

### **PC MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE**

Council received a memo from the CAO regarding the Mayors and Warden Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

Councillor Borden read a proclamation proclaiming December 10, 2022 as International Human Rights Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks proclaimed December 10 as International Human Rights Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Councillor MacDonald read a proclamation proclaiming December 3 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks proclaimed December 3 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR DATES 2023**

Council reviewed the Council Meeting calendar dates for 2023.

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

Motion carried.

### **FCM SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE**

Council received a memo from the CAO regarding the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa from Feb. 7-10. The Travel Policy permits the

Mayor and 2 members of Council to attend the Conference. She asked if anyone is interested in attending to let her know.

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

Motion carried.

### **LETTER FROM DAVID COOK**

Council received a letter from David Cook commending Debbie Weatherbie, Receptionist, Councillor MacDonald, and CAO Lisa MacDonald for their assistance in an issue with fallen and damaged trees on his mother in laws property from the neighbouring property as a result of Hurricane Fiona.

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

Motion carried.