

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Present were: Mayor Dicks; Councillors Dorrington, Borden, Fraser, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Ross MacDonald, Municipal Advisor. Absent from the meeting was Deputy Mayor Peters.

**AGENDA**

Mayor Dicks indicated that item 3d. will be moved to in camera and Request Northend Recreation Centre be added to the agenda as 9d.

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

Motion carried.

**MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

**MEMO VOICE OF THE VISITOR SURVEY PROGRAM**

Council reviewed a memo from the Marketing and Engagement Manager stating that in December the Town was approved for Tourism Nova Scotia's Voice of the Visitor Program. The Town's Department of Community Development will be paired with a

qualified market research expert to develop questions that will be asked to a database that includes more than 80,000 past visitors to Nova Scotia.

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

Motion carried.

### **TOWN ENGINEER PERMISSION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that he be granted permission to attend the Accessibility Professional Network Conference in Richmond, B.C. from March 1-2, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

### **AUDITOR MANAGEMENT LETTER**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services stating that as part of the audit procedure the auditors provide a management letter to the Town identifying areas of concern. He recommended procedures to be addressed by the Director of Corporate Services and management to address the areas of concern which included: Internal Financial Function/Roles; Compliance with Statutes and Regulations; Investment in New Scotland Business Development Inc. and Value of Property and Equipment.

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

Motion carried.

## **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

### **UPDATE STREET LIGHT OUTAGE – NORTHEND**

Councillor Fraser stated that a large number of street lights are still out in Elizabeth Heights in the Northend as a result of Hurricane Fiona.

The Town Engineer provided an update on this matter and indicated that it is a slow process waiting for Nova Scotia and we are also now waiting for lights which should arrive by the end of the month.

Councillor Fraser suggested that this is a safety matter as the area is so dark in the during the night.

### **CLEAN-UP OF N.S. POWER DEBRIS**

Councillor Fraser stated that the debris around the former Brown school has been cleaned up but there is a wire hanging on Hunter Street.

The Town Engineer stated that the Town crews cannot touch utility wires and will report this to the appropriate utility.

### **TREES**

Councillor MacDonald stated that there are a couple of trees down in Laurie Park and Abercrombie Road as a result of Hurricane Fiona. He asked if there was a plan to remove these trees.

The Town Engineer stated that the GIS/Forester is doing a detailed assessment of the downed trees in Town and we have a plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW**

Council reviewed a memo from the Executive Assistant regarding the proposed new Public Places Bylaw. The current Public Places Bylaw and the Bylaw Respecting Municipal Parks and Public Spaces have been combined to provide a more modernized and streamlined bylaw. The proposed bylaw also simplifies the process for administering the penalties by the Police by incorporating the Summary Offence Ticket designation into the bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the bylaw proceed to first reading.

Motion carried.

### **FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS BYLAW**

Council reviewed a memo from the Executive Assistant regarding the proposed new Feeding of Wild Animals Bylaw. The definition for “property” was added to the bylaw which will enable better enforcement by the Police as per their recommendation and simplifies the process for administering the penalties by the Police by incorporating the Summary Offence Ticket designation into the bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the bylaw proceed to first reading.

Motion carried.

### **MAYOR DICKS – PERMISSION TO ATTEND FCM SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

#### **CONFERENCE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending that Mayor Dicks be granted permission to attend the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa from February 7-10, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

**REQUEST NORTHEM RECREATION CENTRE – FIREWORKS**

Council reviewed an email from Jennifer Thibeau, President of the Northem Recreation Centre, requesting permission to set off fireworks for their Winter Carnival on January 27 at 8:30 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Motion carried.