

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, 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; Earl MacKenzie, Town Director of Engineering and Public Work; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Corey Smith, Director of Corporator Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Solicitor DeMont; Scott Ferguson and Wade Tibbo from Pictou County Partnerships. Absent from the meeting were Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services and Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager.

AGENDA

Councillor Dorrington requested item 8b. be moved to in camera.

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

Motion carried.

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.

Mayor Dicks noted the successful event that was held at Glasgow Square for the official launch of African Heritage Month. She thanked the Community Development Department for a job well done.

MINUTES

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on January 16, 2023 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

PICTOU COUNTY PARTNERSHIP

Scott Ferguson and Wade Tibbo from the Pictou County Partnership gave a presentation on their work within the business community and upcoming initiatives.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

RECOMMENDATION TRANS CANADA TRAIL EXPANSION PROPOSAL

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager recommending that a proposal package be submitted to the Trans Canada Trail Project Committee to add the Pioneer Trail and Johnny Miles Memorial Trail to the Trans Canada Trail Network.

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION PURCHASE SALT BODY, PLOW, WING & CONTROLS

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the supply and installation of a new model salt body, plow, wing and controls to be used with the recently tendered salt truck be purchased from LaRoche at a cost of \$139,966.66 plus HST, the sole quotation received through the tender process.

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 Meeting held on January 17, 2023.

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

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

PEDESTRIAN & TRAFFIC CONCERN CAMERON AVENUE

Councillor El-Haddad stated that he received an email from Terry Binskin of Cameron Avenue regarding cars speeding up Cameron Avenue between Terrace Street and Abercrombie Road and requesting that stop signs be placed on Cameron Avenue between these two streets.

The CAO provided a report from the Police Chief stating that he reviewed this matter and feels that a three-way stop would be the most logical solution at the

intersection of Cameron Avenue and Queen Street and should potentially alleviate and assist in speed reduction on Cameron Avenue in this area.

It was agreed that the Town Engineer also review this matter and discuss it with the Police Chief.

Councillor El-Haddad asked about the issue raised previously regarding a sidewalk being installed on Terrace Street and Cameron Avenue.

The CAO stated that this matter was finalized through a previous memo from the Director of Engineering and Public Works to Council. The residents were asked about the installation of sidewalks in these locations and the majority were not in favour of sidewalks in these areas. Councillor El-Haddad requested to review the memo on the sidewalks.

ACADIA STREET SCHOOL STATUS

Deputy Mayor Peters stated that she has been contacted by neighbouring property owners to the former Acadia Street school who have indicated that the property is unsightly, the roof is deteriorated, there are pigeons in the building and now rats. She asked for an update on when the proposed project for this property will proceed.

The CAO stated that she will contact the Development Officer to get a status update. She stated that the owner of the building has another application before PAC and suggested that when he is present at the upcoming PAC meeting he be asked about the status of the Acadia Street school project.

Mayor Dicks asked if a timeline was stipulated when the development agreement was approved.

The CAO stated that there is no development agreement for this property.

Solicitor DeMont stated that there was a purchase and sale agreement which set out the timelines based on the proponent's proposal to purchase. You could sue for breach of contract but could cost as much as \$50,000 in legal fees.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

2ND READING – AMENDMENT TO P.A.C.E. BYLAW

Councillor MacDonald presented for second reading the proposed Amendments to the P.A.C.E. Bylaw for the Town of New Glasgow.

The object of the amendments is to accommodate Commercial Businesses in the P.A.C.E. Bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed amendments to the bylaw should be approved and adopted by Council in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

IN-CAMERA

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

