

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 7, 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, Director of Engineering and Public Work; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Solicitor DeMont; Gordon Michael and GERALYN MacDonald, Mentoring Plus. Present using Microsoft Teams were Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development and Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services.

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 with the addition of Resolution New Scotland Business Development Inc. and an In Camera item.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on February 21, 2023 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION MENTORING PLUS

Gordon Michael, Executive Director Mentoring Plus, provided an update on Mentoring Plus program which is focused on career exploration, personal growth, and economic development. A copy of the Mentoring Plus Strategy was provided to Council in their meeting package.

Mayor Dicks thanked Gordon for his presentation.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

RECOMMENDATION SPRING DEBENTURE ISSUE

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council authorize the borrowing not to exceed \$1,200,000 over terms not to exceed 20 years for general capital at an interest rate not to exceed 6.0 % from the N. S. Department of Finance and Treasury Board.

Councillor MacDonald asked the Director of Corporate Services if he had calculations on what would be saved by doing a borrowing resolution with the province instead of borrowing from the bank.

The Director of Corporate Services stated that back in September 2022 the bank interest rate was 5.95 percent and expected to increase.

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION GLASGOW SQUARE RIVERFRONT DOCK UPGRADES

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager recommending that Council approve the reallocation of \$27,000 earmarked for the resurfacing of the S. W. Weeks Track to purchase an accessible kayak launch to be installed on the East River next to Glasgow Square. These funds will not be spent on the S. W. Weeks track resurfacing prior to the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Councillor Dorrington stated that the track resurfacing should be in the next budget because this track is used by seniors and requires resurfacing.

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

Motion carried.

The recommendation also requested that Council approve a commitment of \$30,000 in the 2023-2024 budget to complete the additional work that will be required to ensure the accessibility of the space where the launch will be installed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this matter be referred for 2023-2024 budget consideration.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Councillor MacDonald asked for an update from the Director of Fire, Inspection, and Emergency Services regarding the discussion of the Mutual Aid Agreement.

The Director of Fire, Inspection, and Emergency Services stated that there was an emergency meeting of the Pictou County Fire Chiefs Association held where the bulk water and mutual aid agreement were discussed.

After discussion they accepted the new policy for bulk water. With respect to the Mutual Aid Agreement, a Committee will be formed to develop a new agreement. The Director of Fire, Inspection, and Emergency Services stated that he put his name forward to sit on the Committee.

Councillor MacDonald gave Notice of Motion that the possibility of the Town opting out of the Mutual Aid Agreement will be considered at the June 3 Council meeting.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this matter be considered on June 3rd.

Motion carried.

UPDATE DOWNTOWN CAMERAS

Council reviewed a memo from the Police Chief that provided an update on the Camera Initiative "Safe Watch".

Councillor MacDonald requested that the Police Chief and Director of IT be requested to attend the next Council meeting and provide further information on this project.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Safe Watch camera presentation be presented at the next meeting.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NEW SCOTLAND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INC.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the following resolution be approved.

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Pictou and the Town of New Glasgow have created a municipal body corporate, named the New Scotland Business Development Incorporated for the purpose of development of a business park on lands adjacent to current municipal boundaries between the two municipal units;

WHEREAS New Scotland Business Development Incorporated is the owner of a parcel of land identified by Property Identification Number 65228173 located within the current boundaries of the Town of New Glasgow;

WHEREAS New Scotland Business Development Incorporated wishes to have all its owned parcels of land be located within one municipal boundary;

WHEREAS Section 357 of the Municipal Government Act, S.N.S. 1998 c. 18 requires that a Municipality make an application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for an amendment to municipal boundaries;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Glasgow enter into an agreement with the Municipality of the County of Pictou to change the mutual municipal boundary between the Municipality and the Town so as to include the lands now within the current geographic boundaries of the Town which are owned by the New Scotland Business Development Inc. and identified by PID No. 65228173, within the intended changed geographic boundaries of the Municipality;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town (on its own behalf or jointly with the Municipality) thereafter make an application to the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board, pursuant to Section 357 of the Municipal Government Act, S.N.S. 1998 Section 18, as amended, requesting such a change to the mutual municipal boundary.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UPDATE PCWCBAI

Council received a memo from the CAO highlighting the Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Inc. Meeting held on February 27, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Councillor Dorrington presented a proclamation proclaiming March 8 as International Women's Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 8 as International Women's Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

AMYLOIDOSIS MONTH

Councillor Fraser presented a proclamation proclaiming March as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR FUNDING CARMA

Council reviewed a request from CARMA for financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be considered during 2023-2024 budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING CHAD

Council reviewed a request from CHAD for financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be considered during 2023-2024 budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING CREATIVE PICTOU COUNTY

Council reviewed a request from Creative Pictou County for financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be considered during 2023-2024 budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING RIVERVIEW HOME VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

Council reviewed a request from the Riverview Home Volunteer Association for financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be considered during 2023-2024 budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING PC WOMENS' RESOURCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTRE

Council reviewed a request from the PC Women's' Resource & Sexual Assault Centre for financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be considered during 2023-2024 budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

LETTER DAVID SPONAGLE – MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Council reviewed a letter from David Sponagle regarding the mutual aid agreement.

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

Mayor Dicks stated that she called Mr. Sponagle and corrected the misinformation that he spoke about in his letter.

Motion carried.

PROPERTY VALUATION SERVICES – 2023-2024 FUNDING

Council reviewed a letter from the Property Valuation Services Corporation regarding the Town of New Glasgow’s funding contribution for 2023-2024 which will remain the same.

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

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING PC SPORTS HERITAGE OF FAME

Council reviewed a request from the PC Sports Heritage Hall of Fame for financial assistance.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be considered during 2023-2024 budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING 55+ GAMES SPONSORSHIP

Council reviewed a request from the PC 55+ Games for sponsorship.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be considered during 2023-2024 budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

IN-CAMERA

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.