

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:20 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters; Councillors 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; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Police Chief Steve Chisholm; Jeffrey Turnbull, Planner/Development Officer and Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant. Present using Microsoft Teams was Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Councillor Dorrington.

**AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

**MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

**ABERCROMBIE ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the low bidder, S. W. Weeks Construction Ltd., be awarded the contract for the water main renewal at Abercrombie Road at a cost of \$2,776,450.00 plus HST.

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

Councillor MacDonald asked if there is a provision for a bike lane on Abercrombie Road.

The Town Engineer stated that there is not as this would require trees, utility poles and storm sewer systems to be relocated and new curbing which would all increase the project cost substantially. He also noted the grade of the road would have to be changed so it is not something that could be done without a lot of work and cost.

Councillor El-Haddad asked if the radius around the sidewalks at Abercrombie and Cameron would be addressed during this project.

The Town Engineer indicated that they will.

Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **UPDATE DOWNTOWN CAMERA PRESENTATION**

The Police Chief and Director of Information Technology provided background and an update on the downtown camera project. The Chief indicated that the signage for the cameras should be in place soon. He also noted that the Vosker LTE Cellular based cameras would work well on the trail as there is no network service there.

Council members requested additional police presence of officers walking within the downtown core and trail as business owners and walkers have requested this as well.

Mayor Dicks thanked the Police Chief and Director of Information Technology for their presentation.

### **PICTOU COUNTY SOLID WASTE / DIVERT – MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUDIT**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that a Solid Waste audit for the Town Office was conducted by Pictou County Solid Waste staff which went very well.

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

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending the appointment of Brendan Lank, Shrouk Alrawashdeh and Nisuli Yomethma as Inclusive Communities Committee representatives and Brycen Jenkins and Carlin Hart as Downtown Business Advisory Committee representatives.

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

Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DISCHARGE D/A 225 MCCOLL ST.**

Council reviewed a memo from the Development Officer/Planner recommending that the Development Agreement for JohnBo Investments Inc. for 225 McColl be discharged as the commencement date in the agreement was August 18, 2022 which has not occurred.

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

Motion carried.

### **GFL GUYSBOROUGH LANDFILL TIPPING FEE ANNUAL INCREASE**

Council reviewed a letter from GFL Guysborough Landfill regarding the upcoming increase in tipping fees for our solid waste.

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

Motion carried.

## **PCSSA DRAFT BUDGET**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the PCSSA Draft budget for fiscal 2023-2024.

The CAO stated that the PCSW and REMO budgets were approved at the meeting this morning however the ERECC budget was deferred for two months. The General Manager of ERECC has indicated that there are several flow meters missing so the funding formula cannot be fully implemented. The Towns of Stellarton and Westville each have a flow meter to install and the County has many to install throughout various areas. At present the Town of New Glasgow would be paying for the treatment of wastewater without having the proper measurements of the necessary flow meters. The General Manager of ERECC is currently undertaking an investigation into other options of analysis without flow meters..

It was regularly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to the PCSSA requesting that the missing flow meters be installed asap with a copy to the Towns of Stellarton, Westville and the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.