

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters, Councillors; Dorrington, Fraser, 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; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Morgan Simms, Program, Culture and Events Manager; Cindy Thompson, Community Development Coordinator. Absent from the meeting were Councillors Borden and El-Haddad; Director of Corporate Services; Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; and Executive Assistant.

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 Appointment of Unsightly Premises Administrator.

Motion carried.

## **MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

### **RECOMMENDATION VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development stating that the Community Development Advisory Committee is recommending the following recipients for the 2023 Volunteer Awards: the Michael Thiey Award - Gerald Veldhoven posthumously; the Carleton Munro Music and Events Award - Sandra Johnson; the Culture and Heritage Award - Denise Lynch; Scott W. Weeks Community Leadership Award - Terry Richardson; Youth Leadership Award - Madi Cromwell. The Community Development Advisory Committee also recommends Charles Francis "Babe" Paris (posthumously) as the recipient of the 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award, and to be nominated for the 2023 Provincial Volunteer of the Year recipient.

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

Mayor Nancy Dicks asked the Director of Community Development if Francis' family would receive his award in his honour and be invited to the Provincial Awards ceremony.

The Director of Community Development stated that Francis' daughter Sandra would be receiving the award in her father's honour and was invited to the Provincial awards ceremony.

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PCSSA MEMO**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the PCSSA meeting held on March 20, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH**

Councillor MacDonald presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as Autism Acceptance Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April 2023 as Autism Acceptance Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

### **NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**

Councillor Fraser presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as National Poetry Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April 2023 as National Poetry Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

Deputy Mayor Peters presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as Sexual Assault Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NSECC – CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION CONSULTATION**

Council reviewed an email from the Department of Environment regarding the new guidelines for how construction and demolition debris is managed in Nova Scotia and provided a copy of the updated Guidelines.

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

Councillor MacDonald asked the Director of Engineering and Public Work if the Town completed the cleanup of the downed power and communication poles from Fiona as most poles are treated and will be banned from the landfill as of July 5, 2023.

The Director of Engineering and Public Work stated that they have completed the cleanup from that point of view however utility poles were not separated from the debris that was collected.

Councillor MacDonald asked the Director of Engineering and Public Work if disposal has taken place.

The Director of Engineering and Public Work stated that it has.

Councillor Fraser stated that there was a damaged pole that he called and reported to Bell Aliant who claimed ownership. He asked if the Town has had any complaints regarding this pole on High Street.

The CAO stated that there were no complaints received regarding this pole.

Motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENT OF UNSIGHTLY PREMISES ADMINISTRATOR**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending that the motion to appoint Constable Ken MacDonald as the Unsightly Premises Administrator that was done via email be ratified.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the motion be ratified.

Councillor Dorrington asked if this was a temporary or permanent appointment as we have an Unsightly Premises Administrator who is currently off.

The CAO stated that this would be a permanent appointment as Constable MacDonald would prefer to have the authority as a backup as he manages the current Unsightly Premises Administrator who is also the Town of New Glasgow Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Fraser asked if Constable MacDonald would not fall into this position automatically.

The CAO stated that Constable MacDonald would need to be formally appointed Unsightly Premises Administrator by the Council as per the requirements of the MGA.

Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.

