

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters; 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; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; and Emily McIntosh, Climate Action Coordinator (via MS Teams).

AGENDA

Mayor Dicks added the following to the agenda. 3f. Property Tax Exemption and 10c. Council/Committee Meetings.

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

WATER WRITE OFF – 131 GEORGE STREET

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council approve a write down for the treatment of water in the amount of \$550.74 for 131 George Street as there was a break in the water pipe that

resulted in a continuous leak, the water seeped into the ground so did not require treatment.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC PLAN

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Action Coordinator recommending that Council approve the Community Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategic Plan in principle and commit to ongoing annual budgeting for capital and operations costs for Town-owned EV chargers.

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

Motion carried.

ASPHALT PATCHING CONTRACT

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the lowest bidder, Webster Brothers, be awarded the 2023-2024 asphalt patching contract at a cost of \$405,300.00 plus HST.

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

Motion carried.

LIBRARY RFP ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending that the contract for architectural services for the Library revitalization be awarded to Fathom Studio at a cost of \$543,040 Maximum Upset Fee and \$730 per trip Upset Travel Unit Rate.

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

Motion carried.

SALE OF LOT P1 TERRACE HEIGHTS DRIVE – PID 00952069

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer stating that PID 00952069 Terrace Heights Drive is considered surplus land and recommended that it be sold according to Town Policy by public tender.

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

Motion carried.

NOTICE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending a property tax exemption for the 2023-2024 taxation year in the amount of \$390.00 with conditions and income not to exceed \$23,150.00 for 2022.

It was agreed that a motion be passed at the meeting held on May 15 to approve this recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYORS AND WARDEN MEETING

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Mayors and Warden's meeting held on March 20, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PICTOU COUNTY REGIONAL AGE-FRIENDLY PLAN

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that the new Age Friendly Community Plan was presented at a recent Mayors and Warden meeting. It is

recommended that the Towns of New Glasgow, Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton, Westville and the Municipality of the County of Pictou adopt the Pictou County Regional Age Friendly Community Plan.

It is further recommended that the Town's Department of Community Development lead the Town's age-friendly work and consider allocating some funds in their upcoming budget.

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

Motion carried.

PC PARTNERSHIP – LOC FUNDING REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from the Pictou County Partnership requesting that its local invested partners increase their combined contribution to \$250,000 for 2023-2024.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to budget discussion.

Motion carried.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mayor Dicks suggested moving to one Council/Committee meeting per month – the second Monday after the first Tuesday. The May date for the Committee of the Whole will become a budget meeting day.

It was regularly moved and seconded to discontinue the first Committee of the Whole meeting for the months of May, June, July and August on a trial basis.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.