

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, June 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters; Councillors Dorrington, Borden, Fraser, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Police Chief Steve Chisholm; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Councillor El-Haddad and Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services.

AGENDA

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

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

FIRE INSPECTION POLICY

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services recommending that Council approve a Fire Inspection Policy which will make sure the Town complies with the Nova Scotia Fire Safety Act.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a motion to adopt the Fire Inspection Policy be presented at the July Council meeting.

Motion carried.

PEDESTRIAN SATURDAY PILOT PROJECT

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending that Council approve the closure of Provost St. on June 24, July 8, and August 19, 2023 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. for "Pedestrian Saturday".

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

Motion carried.

MUNRO AVENUE RESERVOIR ROOF REPLACEMENT

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that Greatario Industrial Storage Systems be awarded the design-build contract for the replacement of the roof on the Munroe Avenue Reservoir. At a cost of \$679,000.00 plus HST.

It is further recommended that this project be approved in fiscal year 24/25 to fund the amount over the original \$480,000 budget. It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved.

Motion carried.

PROPOSED CAPITAL PAVING STREETS 2023

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending the list of the streets recommended by Engineering Staff for surface rehabilitation for the 2023 season.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE 244 TEMPERANCE ST. D/A COMPLIANCE

Council reviewed a memo from the Development Officer/Planner regarding the status of the compliance related to the Development Agreement settlement agreement with JBI for 244 Temperance Street and a copy of a letter prepared by our Solicitor that will be issued to JBI.

It was agreed that the memo received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCSSA MEETING

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Pictou County Shared Services Authority meeting held on May 29.

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

Motion carried.

MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Mayors and Warden's meeting held on May 29.

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

Motion carried.

FORBES LAKE WATERSHED SOURCE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending that the updated Terms of Reference for the Forbes Lake Watershed Source Water Protection Committee be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCHARGE D/A 188 PROVOST ST. MACGILLIVRAY PROPERTIES

The Planning Advisory Committee is recommending to Council that the Development Agreement for 188 Provost St. MacGillivray Properties Limited/MC Bespoke Motor Company be discharged.

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

Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Municipal Boundary Review that the Municipal Government requires be carried out every eight years to confirm their fairness and reasonableness. She recommended that Council maintain the status quo for the existing ward structure and number of Council members.

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

Motion carried.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA TO NSFM – 12 MONTH NOTICE

Council reviewed a letter from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the President of the NSFM providing twelve months' notice of any legislation, regulation or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities.

It was regularly moved and seconded to place the letter on file.

Motion carried.

ECOLOGY ACTION – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Council reviewed an email from Will Balsler of Ecology Action requesting Council to provide a letter of support to Minister Halman, Environment and Climate Change, urging that the regulations for the Coastal Protection Act not be delayed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be denied.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 3 in favour and 4 votes cast by Councillors Dorrington, Peters, Borden, and Mayor Dicks.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a letter of support be provided.

The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favour and 2 nay votes cast by Councillors MacDonald and Fraser.

Motion carried.

PICTOU COUNTY AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ASSOCIATION – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Council reviewed an email from the Pictou County Affordable and Supportive Housing Association that was recently formed as a non-profit entity to help address the housing crisis in Pictou County. They are applying to the Province for Capacity Building funds and are requesting a letter of support from the Town.

Councillor MacDonald stated that he doesn't see a mandate or Terms of Reference for this Association, the budget has already been approved and the formula for funding is not clear. He stated that more information is required.

Councillor Borden stated that the grants they are applying for would be for a project manager and designer.

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

Motion carried.

REQUEST TOURISM MARKETING LEVY BYLAW

The CAO stated that DEANS is requesting that Council adopt a Tourism Marketing Levy Bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Town of New Glasgow begin the process to adopt a Tourism Marketing Levy Bylaw.

Motion carried.