

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 6:30 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 Geralyn MacDonald, Mentoring Plus.

AGENDA

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

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Councillor Borden presented a powerpoint presentation that he had presented at the NSFM Conference regarding the Town's EV Infrastructure Strategic Plan.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

COMFORT CENTRES COMMUNITY GENERATOR PROGRAM TENDER

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending that the tender received from MacGillivray Fuels to provide Stand-by Generators and installation for the Town's three community centres be accepted.

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

Motion carried.

It was also recommended that the Town's contribution of \$27,000 relating to the necessary sitework and pad be approved.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY GARDEN POLICY

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending that Council approve the Community Gardens Policy as presented.

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

Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL USER FEES POLICY

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Action Co-ordinator recommending that Council approve the Municipal User Fees Policy as presented.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

Council reviewed a memo from the Climate Change and Sustainability Manager recommending the appointment of Ava White to the Community Climate Change Committee.

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

Motion carried.

FORBES LAKE WEST BERM REHABILITATION TENDER

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer stating that a tender for the rehabilitation of the west berm at Forbes Lake closed on May 4. The sole bid was significantly higher (\$518,779.91) than the budgeted cost (\$180,000.00) for this project. He recommended that the rehabilitation work be completed by Town of New Glasgow staff and not awarded to the Contractor.

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

Motion carried.

SOUTHEND SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT – PHASE II

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the sole bidder, S. W. Weeks Construction Ltd., be awarded the contract for the South End Sewer Separation Phase II project at a cost of \$1,758,975.00 plus HST.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE 349 LITTLE HARBOUR ROAD

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding an update for the property at 349 Little Harbour Road owned by Daniel Thompson who was previously served with an Order to Appear to Consider an Order to Demolish. The Building Inspector has completed an investigation and determined that the property owner has installed a new frost wall and re-shingled the roof and in his opinion the building is structurally sound. There is presently no power in the dwelling as the electrical has to be upgraded and signed off by an inspector from Nova Scotia Power, the flue will have to be Wett

Certified and a final inspection by the Building Official, Fire Inspector and a Deputy of the Office of the Fire Marshal before the Order to Vacate that was posted previously can be lifted and an Occupancy Permit granted.

It was agreed that the memo be placed on file.

URBAN DEER PELLET GROUP INVENTORY 2023

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the 2023 Pellet Group Inventory for Urban Deer. The recommended next steps are: the Feeding of Wild Animals Bylaw was updated with additional language and registration for Summary Offence Tickets; establish a Town of New Glasgow Urban Deer Working Committee; continue the Pellet Group Inventory; another Public Opinion Survey and signage similar to what the Town of Truro has in their community. She noted that a Biologist from the Department of Natural Resources will be making a presentation at the June 19 Council meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MENTORING PLUS REPORT

Council reviewed the quarterly Mentoring Plus Report.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

FIREWORKS REQUEST NNEC

Council reviewed a request from Julie Leblanc requesting permission for the Parents Committee for the NNEC Graduation to set off fireworks on June 26 for the end

of their grad prom. A representative of the New Glasgow Fire Department has agreed to purchase the fireworks and set them off in the field at the school.

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

Motion carried.

LETTER KRISTA SMITH

Council reviewed a letter from Chad, Krista and Athalie Smith extending their deepest gratitude for the outpouring of immeasurable support, kindness and love that was given to their family following Athalie's accident.

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

Motion carried.