

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

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, July 17, 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; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Police Chief Steve Chisholm; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant and Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Absent from the meeting were Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services and Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works.

AGENDA

Mayor Dicks added Public Safety to the in-camera portion of the agenda.

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

REQUEST JBI ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the request from JBI Group to encroach on Town land, the walkway between 84 Provost Street and 90 Provost Street be approved. The Fire Inspector and Building Inspector support this request as Mr. Martin must construct a fire escape at 90 Provost St. to provide sufficient egress from the apartment units on the second and third floors.

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

Motion carried.

CAPITAL PAVING TENDER

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the lowest bidder, S. W. Weeks Construction Ltd., be awarded the contract for capital paving.

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

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

STOP SIGN TOP OF WILLOW AVE/MAYFLOWER DRIVE

Councillor El-Haddad stated that it has come to his attention that the residents of the area are requesting that a stop sign be erected at the top of Willow Avenue/Mayflower Drive as the vehicles are speeding down Willow Avenue and this may help slow down the vehicles.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Traffic Authority for an investigation and recommendation to Council.

Motion carried.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Deputy Mayor Peters stated that she spoke to Constable Ken MacDonald regarding the formation of a Neighbourhood Watch Program in New Glasgow. Constable MacDonald suggested that the Crime Prevention Program could be re-established in the community.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Police for a recommendation to Council.

Motion carried.

SAFE NEEDLE DISPOSAL PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS POPULATION

Deputy Mayor Peters stated that the Town of New Glasgow should have a strategy for a safe needle disposal program for the homeless population.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Police for a recommendation to Council.

Motion carried.

Councillor MacDonald suggested that Constable MacDonald be invited to attend a Council meeting to discuss this issue.

UPDATE REPLACEMENT OF POLICE VEHICLES

Councillor MacDonald asked Police Chief Chisholm about the status of the replacement police vehicles.

Chief Chisholm stated that the ordering process is just opening for the 2024 year and they will be exploring their operational needs with the availability of new vehicles.

WATER ALLOTMENT OF NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES

Councillor MacDonald stated that he is concerned with the water allotment to neighbouring communities. In light of the growing population, we must ensure there is sufficient water for the residents of New Glasgow.

The CAO stated that there is an agreement with the Town of Westville and the Municipality of the County of Pictou for the sale of water. The Town of Westville is very close to its allotment which jeopardizes the County's allocation for water within the agreement.

It was regularly moved and seconded that staff look at the bulk water service agreements with the Town of Westville and Municipality of the County of Pictou and report back to Council.

Motion carried.

Councillor MacDonald suggested that Craig Gerior from the Water Treatment Plant be asked to attend a Council meeting to make a presentation on the Water Treatment Plant.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMO CANADIAN MUSIC WEEK

Council reviewed a memo from the Program, Culture & Events Manager regarding his participation at Canadian Music Week in Toronto from June 7-10.

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

Motion carried.