

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2023

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at approximately 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, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Deputy Police Chief Ryan Leil; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Rachel Mitchell for a portion of the meeting.

AGENDA

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Dicks asked for Council's wishes with respect to the continuation of Council meetings once a month instead of two as has taken place since June.

It was regularly moved and seconded that there be one Council and Committee of the Whole meeting evening each month on the third Monday of each month.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCSSA UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO providing an update on the Pictou County Shared Service Authority meeting and AGM held on July 24, 2023 and an ERECC Funding Formula meeting held with the ERECC Manager Anthony Sheehan.

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

Motion carried.

PICTOU COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO providing an update on a meeting of the Pictou County Transit Authority Board held on July 26, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO providing an update on a meeting of the Mayors and Warden held on July 24, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

Councillor MacDonald stated that there are a lot of natural events the last while and asked if we are seeing any gaps in the Emergency Response Plan for Pictou County.

The CAO stated there is a unified command system in place under REMO and all senior staff members within New Glasgow have the required ICS training. There was a debrief session after Hurricane Fiona which indicated that we fared out well due to the fact that we were prepared.

Councillor MacDonald suggested that staff make a presentation to Council on the Emergency Response Plan.

UPDATE POLICE CAR REPLACEMENT

Councillor MacDonald asked for an update on the purchase of new police vehicles.

The CAO stated that this information is provided in the Police Chief's report in the Council package.

URBAN TREE PLANTING PLAN

Councillor MacDonald asked if there is an urban tree planting plan in place and stated that the Federal Government has recently announced funding for two million trees planting.

The CAO stated that the town application has already been submitted for this funding but she noted that the town should undertake a tree inventory as an urban tree planting plan needs this first for before a plan is put in place.

NEW BUSINESS

VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY

Council reviewed an email from Councillor Andy Thompson, Municipality of the County of Pictou, requesting Council to approve a resolution to be sent to the NSFM and Minister responsible for Emergency Management asking the newly formed Public

Safety Advisory Committee to prioritize collaboration and partnership between municipal governments with possible support from the Provincial Government to ensure implementation of a Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry province-wide that will be integrated into the 911 system.

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

Motion carried.