

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at approximately 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters; Councillors Dorrington, 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; Police Chief Chisholm; Deputy Police Chief Leil; Constable Ken MacDonald; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Councillor Borden.

**AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

**PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Constable Ken MacDonald made a presentation on a Crime Prevention Program and explained the process to form the Association and what the program entails.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a New Glasgow and Area Crime Prevention Association be established as presented.

Motion carried.

## **MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

### **OUT OF PROVINCE TRAVEL – DIRETOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development requesting permission to travel to Mississauga, Ontario on September 25-27 to attend the 2023 Livable Cities Forum.

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

Motion carried.

### **RECOMMENDATION - TRAIL LIGHTING**

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager recommending that because the external funding was not secured through the Provincial Recreational Trail Expansion Program for the installation of lighting the Pioneer Trail and Johnny Miles Memorial Trail, it is recommended to use the approved \$162,000 (gas tax funding) to install a section of trail lighting on the Pioneer Trail from the Stewart Street trailhead to the Chisholm Street trailhead.

Councillor Dorrington stated that it may be better for the lighting to be installed between the East River Road and Chisholm Street portion of the trail.

The Director of Community Development stated that the locations of the new lighting is open to evaluation.

Councillor Peters noted that the report was very well put together.

Councillor MacDonald asked if the current infrastructure is being used.

The Director of Community Development stated that the current infrastructure is being used as much as possible to reduce costs.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved with a further review of the area where the new lighting will be installed.

Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023-2024 CALENDAR YEARS**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO indicating the 2023-2024 Council and Committee of the Whole meeting dates schedule.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting schedule be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

### **MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that a sub-committee of the Pictou County Firefighters Association was established to update the Mutual Aid Agreement. The Committee did not meet over the summer but will restart soon and have a goal of having an updated agreement to present to the Association and respective municipal units by December. She recommends Council wait until December to review the updated agreement before reconsidering the motion to withdraw from the current Mutual Aid agreement.

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

Motion carried.

### **TRAFFIC AUTHORITY – WILLOW AVE AND MAYFLOWER DRIVE**

Council reviewed a memo from the Traffic Authority regarding information collected and subsequent findings regarding Council's requested recommendation

associated with reported excessive speeds of motor vehicles and community-proposed installation of a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Willow Avenue and Mayflower Drive. The recommended options are: installation of a 3 way stop which would primarily control activity of motor vehicles navigating the intersection; installation of illuminated crosswalk signage for future budget consideration in 2024-2025; installation of non-illuminated crosswalk warning signs and explore reduced speed limit zones in the residential areas.

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

Motion carried.

### **MARKETING LEVY BYLAW UPDATE**

The CAO gave an update on the Marketing Levy Bylaw. Stellarton and Trenton are doing second readings of the bylaw, Pictou 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the Municipality of Pictou County expects to do first reading in October. There has been no response from the Town of Westville. Any delay from other units will cause issues as the Bylaw is expected to come into effect January 1, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

### **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

#### **TRAFFIC SAFETY – EXTREME SPEEDS & LOUD MUFFLERS**

Councillor Fraser stated that he was approached by a resident regarding the extreme speeds and loud mufflers in the area. He asked Chief Chisholm what could be done about this issue.

Chief Chisholm stated that the data device could be placed in a specific neighbourhood to obtain data. He also encouraged residents to call the police department with the complaints.

Deputy Police Chief Leil stated that the mufflers can be dealt with under the Motor Vehicle Act Inspection Legislation.

Mayor Dicks noted that there are speed signs that have cameras for ticketing and maybe this should be considered during the next budget discussions.

### **IN-CAMERA**