

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters; Councillors 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; Police Chief Steve Chisholm; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director Human Resources; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering; Rohan Mishra, Environment and Sustainability Lead; Prasad Patil, Marketing and Engagement Manager; Veronica Deno, Active Living Manager; Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer/Planner; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Absent from the meeting was Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services. Councillor Dorrington and Solicitor DeMont participated in the meeting using Microsoft Teams.

**AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

**MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

**APPLICATION TO MUNICIPAL CAPITAL GROWTH PROGRAM**

Council reviewed a memo from the Town Engineer recommending that the Town submit the project titled Construct Gravity Sanitary Sewer on 8<sup>th</sup> Street for funding

through the Municipal Capital Growth Program and commit to providing 50% of the total project cost which total is estimated to be \$900,000.

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

Motion carried.

### **AMENDMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE T.O.R.**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development recommending that the Terms of Reference for the Community Development Advisory Committee be amended. The current composition of the Committee is 6 community members – for each of the 3 wards. It is recommended that the composition be changed to 3 community representatives – 1 per ward and 3 community centre executive board members – 1 per ward.

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

Motion carried.

### **MEMO NS BIKE SUMMIT**

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager regarding the Nova Scotia Bike Summit she attended in Spryfield on October 23.

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

Motion carried.

### **MEMO – RECREATION NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE**

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager regarding the Recreation Nova Scotia conference she attended in Digby from October 11-13, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **AMENDMENT TO TOURISM MARKETING LEVY BYLAW**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that in June DEANS provided a Tourism Marketing Levy Bylaw and requested Council to adopt the bylaw. The approved bylaw was forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing who indicated that there was a section missing from the bylaw that is required under the Municipal Government Act. The first reading of the amendment to include this section in the Bylaw will take place at the December Council meeting.

It was regularly moved and seconded to proceed to first reading.

Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **UPDATE MEMO MAYORS AND WARDEN RE; VIOLA'S PLACE PRESENTATION**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO stating that the information provided in the October Committee of the Whole package to Council regarding Viola's Place requires an update on the information provided as we have since been corrected by their Executive Director. The original memo said Viola's Place is in the process of renovating their basement to provide an additional 25 spaces, however it should read they are in the process of renovating their basement to provide an additional 25 weather emergency overflow beds.

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

Motion carried.

## **MEMO PCWCBAI**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Inc. Board of Governors meetings held on June 19 and October 3, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PCWCBAI ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT – GUARANTEE RESOLUTION**

Council reviewed a Guarantee Resolution for the Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Incorporated in the amount of \$1,770,240.00 for the purpose of energy retrofits and green house gas reductions. The resolution reflects the Town's share of the total population in the original Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Incorporated Agreement.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Guarantee Resolution be approved.

Motion carried.

### **LETTER MUNICIPALITIES IN SHELBURNE COUNTY – CELL COVERAGE**

Council reviewed a copy of a letter to NSFM from the Municipalities in Shelburne County regarding the urgent need for advocacy to improve rural cell phone coverage for emergency preparedness in rural parts of Nova Scotia.

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

Motion carried.

## **DEPUTY MAYOR APPOINTMENT**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending that Councillor Joe MacDonald be appointed Deputy Mayor for the term ending October 2024 in line with the Deputy Mayor Policy and the municipal election.

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

Motion carried.