

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday December 16, 2024, at 6:43 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Peters, Fraser, Joe MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald and McKenna. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Communications; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Ryan Leil, NGRP Chief; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; and Solicitor DeMont (participated virtually via MS Teams). Absent from the meeting were Prasad Patil, Communication and Engagement Manager; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering; and Derek Eisan, Director of IT.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

RECOMMENDATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS – AWARD

RECOMMENDATION – TNG24-PW-018 MUNICIPAL TRACTOR

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending to Council that they approve the Atlantic Coastal Equipment tender submission in the amount of \$209,621.08 plus HST [\$218,613.82] as the successful proponent to provide

a new Municipal Tractor with specified attachments to the Town of New Glasgow using funds from the Town of New Glasgow approved 2024/25 General Capital Budget.

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

Councillor McKenna inquired when the old equipment is sold does the Town retain any of the accessories for future use.

Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works advised that when a machine is retired or taken out of service, all accessories are retired with the machine and in this case the accessories were in very poor condition.

Motion carried.

MEMO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS – TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL STAKEHOLDER LETTER TO MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU FOR FORBES
LAKE WATERSHED LAND USE CONTROLS

Council reviewed a memo from the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works regarding a letter to the municipality about the MOPC Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw Initiative. The letter included a request for stakeholder status for the Town of New Glasgow and land use controls for the Forbes Lake watershed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be sent to the Municipality of Pictou County advising of the Town's interest to be part of the MOPC Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw Initiative.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES – FISCAL 2024 OPERATING SURPLUS

TRANSFER

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Director of Corporate Services recommending to Council that they approve the transfer of the March 31, 2024, General Operations operating surplus of approximately \$350,800 to the General Operating Reserve.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the transfer of the March 31, 2024, General Operations operating surplus of approximately \$350,800 to the General Operating Reserve.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ELECTED OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

Council reviewed a recommendation from CAO, Lisa MacDonald to formally approve the resolution to support the adoption of the Municipal Code of Conduct as set forth in Schedule “A” to the Regulations, which shall be titled the “Code of Conduct for Elected Officials of the Town of New Glasgow”, that has been legislated by the Province of Nova Scotia.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Municipal Elected Officials Code of Conduct be adopted.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMO - PICTOU COUNTY SHARED SERVICES AUTHORITY UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO, Lisa MacDonald regarding an update of the Pictou County Shared Services Authority regular board meeting which was held on Monday, November 25, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Mayors and Warden meeting held on November 25, 2024.

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

Councillor Joe MacDonald inquired about an update regarding the homelessness issue.

CAO, Lisa MacDonald advised that homelessness is a regional issue, and the Town is shouldering much of the responsibility. The Town is seeking strategies for how other municipalities can contribute to addressing and alleviating the issue.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SHIP HECTOR SOCIETY – FINANCIAL REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from the Ship Hector Society canvassing for a donation from the Town to support the launch of the Ship Hector, as well as the continued development of the Pictou waterfront.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be referred to staff for a budget recommendation.

Motion carried.

TOWN OF WESTVILLE – FLUORIDE REMOVAL

Council reviewed a letter from the Town of Westville regarding the discontinuation of fluoride in the Town's potable water.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Motion carried.