

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

A Committee of the Whole meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor MacDonald, Councillors Dorrington, Borden, Peters, Fraser, and El-Haddad. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Peter Douthwright, Senior Director of Operations and Strategic Initiatives; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Prasad Patil, Communications and Engagement Manager; Police Chief Chisholm; Kelly Sloan, Deputy Clerk and Solicitor Demont. Absent from the meeting was Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services.

Mayor Dicks welcomed Michelle to her new role as Director of Community Development.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Council reviewed a memo submitted by the Community Development Advisory Committee recommending the following for the 2024 Volunteer Awards:

Social Justice Award – Crystal States

Carlton Munroe Music & Event Memorial Award – Eric Simms

Cultural & Heritage Award – Myla Borden

Scott W. Weeks Community Leadership Award – Courtney Malcolm

Youth Volunteer Leadership Award – Ava White

Provincial Volunteer of the Year – Meghan Brophy

2024 ASPHALT PATCHING

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending that the lowest bidder, S. W. Weeks Construction Ltd., be awarded the contract for the asphalt patching at a cost of \$418,500 plus HST.

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

Motion carried.

MFC SPRING DEBENTURE ISSUE - WATER

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council authorize borrowing not to exceed \$1,000,000 over terms not to exceed 20 years for water capital expenditures at an interest rate not to exceed 6.5% through the Spring Debenture Issue.

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

Motion carried.

MFC SPRING DEBENTURE ISSUE - GENERAL

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services recommending that Council authorize borrowing not to exceed \$1,000,000 over terms not to exceed 20 years for general capital expenditures at an interest rate not to exceed 6.5% through the Spring Debenture Issue.

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMO - PICTOU COUNTY SHARED SERVICES AUTHORITY UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the ERECC Flow Meter/Funding Meeting held on March 19, 2024 and the PCSSA Meeting held on March 25, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO - PICTOU COUNTY WELLNESS CENTRE BUILDING AUTHORITY UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority meeting held on March 18, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO - MAYORS AND WARDEN MEETING UPDATE

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

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

Motion carried.

MEMO - NOVA SCOTIA POWER REGIONAL MEETING

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the regional discussion held on April 4, 2024 with Nova Scotia Power to share their work and what they are doing in the communities.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

VOLUNTEER AWARDS POLICY

Council reviewed a draft Volunteer Awards Policy.

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

Motion carried.

ELECTION 2024 RECOMMENDATIONS

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the 2024 Municipal Election scheduled for October 19, 2024. She recommended the following:

1. Josephine MacDonald be appointed the Returning Officer for the 2024 Election.
2. Full electronic voting (internet and phone only) be carried out for the 2024 Election.
3. The advance polls be set for Saturday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 15 from 12 noon to 8 p.m.
4. A budget in the amount of \$55,000 be approved for the 2024 Election.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the four recommendations be approved.

Motion carried.

LETTER MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & HOUSING RE; SERVICE EXCHANGE

AGREEMENT

Council reviewed a letter from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, stating that the new Service Exchange Agreement with the Province has been signed and comes into effect April 1, 2024. Under this agreement the Province will be making an investment of \$82 million.

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

Motion carried.

LETTER MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & HOUSING RE; NEW DEPARTMENT OF

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Council reviewed a memo from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, stating that the Provincial Government has tabled legislation that will establish a new Provincial Department of Emergency Management. They will also be launching the Nova Scotia Guard which will be a group of individuals and organizations from across the Province who will help communities during and after emergencies.

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

Motion carried.