

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Tuesday, May 21, 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; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Prasad Patil, Communications and Engagement Manager; Police Chief Chisholm; Kelly Sloan, Deputy Clerk and Solicitor DeMont.

AGENDA

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

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

SPEEDING ON ELM STREET

Councillor El-Haddad stated that he received a call from a resident regarding cars speeding, going up and mostly down Elm Street. He suggested a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Elm and Herbert Streets.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Traffic Authority for further investigation.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER RAYMOND WISEMAN – VIOLA’S PLACE

Council reviewed a letter from Raymond Wiseman regarding Viola’s Place. He stated that the clients of the shelter encroach on his property by their actions and the area behind the three sea cans in the parking lot is being used as a public toilet. He asked the shelter on two occasions to erect a privacy fence, but they refused. He requested that the Town force the Shelter to erect a privacy fence.

Mayor Dicks stated that she had met with Mr. Wiseman.

Deputy Mayor MacDonald asked when the sea cans are scheduled to be removed from the area.

The Director of Community Development noted that the sea cans were to remain 60 days then be removed one by one. He reached out to the Executive Director of the shelter regarding removal but has not received a reply. He will follow up.

Mayor Dicks stated that she will follow up with Mr. Wiseman. She also indicated that we should do everything possible to mitigate the concerns for the adjacent neighbourhood.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Viola’s Place requesting that a privacy fence be constructed along the back of the neighbouring properties indicating the requirements for the fence.

Motion carried.

LETTER MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & HOUSING RE; FINANCIAL MEASURES ACT

Council reviewed a memo from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, stating that on April 5, 2024 the Financial Measures Act received Royal Assent in the Nova Scotia Legislature. The amendments to the Municipal Government Act aim to support housing development all over the province, update and simplify existing rules, reinforce the Code of Conduct for municipalities, fill a legal gap allowing villages to change names, and make other administrative updates to the laws.

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

Motion carried.

LETTER MUNICIPALITY OF COUNTY OF PICTOU – BIKES FOR KIDS

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of the County of Pictou requesting cost-sharing from each municipality in Pictou County in the amount of \$1,800 to cover the wages of the Bikes for Kids Program Co-ordinator and support other necessary program expenses.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2024-2025 budget discussion.

Motion carried.

RECREATION NOVA SCOTIA SPONSORSHIP CONFERENCE

Council reviewed a memo from Recreation Nova Scotia requesting sponsorship for the annual conference being held in the Highland Region.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2024-2025 budget discussion.

Motion carried.

FIRE INSPECTION POLICY AND FIRE INSPECTION PROCEDURE

Council reviewed a proposed Fire Inspection Policy and Fire Inspection Procedures.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.