

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 7:12 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor MacDonald, Councillors Dorrington, Peters, Fraser, El-Haddad and Borden. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Prasad Patil, Communications and Engagement Manager; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Jeff Turnbull, Senior Planner/Development Officer; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Ryan Leil, NGRP Police Chief and Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk. Absent from the meeting were Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering; Derek Eisan, Director of IT and Solicitor DeMont.

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 – VACTOR 2100 TRUCK

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending to Council that they approve the Canoe tender submission contract award

to Joe Johnson Equipment in the amount of \$678,470.40 [\$707,546.24 Net HST], as the successful proponent to provide a new Vactor 2100 Fan combination Sewer Cleaner to the Town of New Glasgow Water Utility using funds from the Town of New Glasgow Water Utility approved 2024/25 Capital Budget.

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

RECOMMENDATION DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PERMISSION FOR OUT OF

PROVINCE TRAVEL TO THE NANOG CONFERENCE

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology, to attend the North American Network Operators' Group (NANOG) conference from October 21 – 23, 2024 in Toronto, Ontario, with no cost to the Town. All associated costs will be covered by the Municipality of Pictou County's RuralNet Internet Utility.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMO - PICTOU COUNTY SHARED SERVICES AUTHORITY UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the regular meeting update which took place on September 23, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – MAYORS AND WARDEN UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Mayors and Warden meeting held on September 23, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – PICTOU COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from Director of Corporate Services regarding the regular meeting which took place on September 17, 2024.

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

Mayor Dicks requested an update on the progress of completing the bus shelter installations.

CAO stated that the bus shelters will be installed after the Town's capital projects are completed, with a target date set for before winter.

Motion carried.

MEMO – PICTOU COUNTY WELLNESS CENTRE BUILDING AUTHORITY INC. UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the regular quarterly Board of Governors meeting for the Pictou County Wellness Centre which took place on September 16, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – PICTOU COUNTY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Pictou County Partnership LOC Meeting that was held on September 18, 2024 in which Mayor Dicks participated as the Town's representative on the Pictou County Partnership Liaison and Oversight Committee.

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

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT AND DRAFT GRAFFITI BYLAW

Councillor Peters requested that staff draft a bylaw to address the ongoing graffiti issue in the Town. This bylaw would aim to deter illegal graffiti while establishing a system for its removal in a timely fashion and effective management of public spaces impacted by graffiti.

It was moved and seconded that the Town staff proceed with developing a graffiti management plan and draft bylaw to be brought back to council for consideration.

Mayor Dicks inquired about an update on the recent graffiti on Town properties.

CAO advised that one youth involved was charged and received house arrest followed by probation with a curfew.

Motion carried.

WORK PACKAGE BRIEF FOR COUNCILLORS ON PUBLIC WORKS JOBS OVER 2 WEEKS

Deputy Mayor MacDonald requested a brief overview be drafted and sent from Public Works to the Deputy Clerk and Town Council which will include a description of the work to be completed when it extends over two weeks.

It was agreed that Public Works information would be shared via the Deputy Clerk to Town Council when projects extend over two weeks to ensure council members are able to communicate to residents about start dates, project durations, expected timeframes and resources being deployed for major projects and any upcoming long-term work impacting the area.

It was moved and seconded that a process will be created to update councillors with the start dates, project durations, expected timeframes and resources being deployed for major projects and any upcoming long-term work impacting the area.

Motion carried.

POLICY ON CARMICHAEL PARK EVENTS

Deputy Mayor MacDonald requested that the policy regarding events being held at Carmichael Park be updated.

It was moved and seconded that the staff update the policy Carmichael Park usage policy regarding events held inside the park and present to Council for consideration.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDER TO APPEAR TO CONSIDER AN ORDER TO DEMOLISH AN UNSIGHTLY OR DANGEROUS

PREMISES AT 89 MACKAY STREET

Council reviewed an Order to Appear to consider an Order to Demolish and Unsightly or Dangerous Premises at 89 MacKay Street. The property owners will appear before Council at the next meeting on November 18, 2024.

It was regularly moved and seconded to move forward with the Order to Appear.

Motion carried.

ORDER TO APPEAR TO CONSIDER AN ORDER TO DEMOLISH AN UNSIGHTLY OR DANGEROUS

PREMISES AT 269 MITCHELL STREET

Council reviewed an Order to Appear to consider an Order to Demolish an Unsightly or Dangerous Premises at 269 Mitchell Street. The property owners will appear before Council at the next meeting on November 18, 2024.

It was regularly moved and seconded to move forward with the Order to Appear.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF DONATION TO GLASGOW SQUARE

Council reviewed a memo from the Programs, Culture and Events Manager of Glasgow Square

acknowledging a generous donation of sound equipment in memory of Gregory Arthur Nutt.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the donation be accepted and a letter of thank you letter be sent to the family.

Motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending the appointment of Kaila Reid as the Town of New Glasgow Development Officer.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the appointment be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

THANK YOU TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Dicks remarked that this is our final meeting as a council for this term, emphasizing the importance of respect, diversity and the unique contributions each council member brings to the table, as well as the commitment and mutual respect shown within Council. Mayor Dicks also expressed gratitude to the Town staff for their competence and dedication. A special thank you was extended to Councillor Borden, who was not re-offering, with best wishes for his future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Motion carried.