

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Councillors Peters, McKenna, Fraser, Joe MacDonald, and Jessica MacDonald. 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; Kim Dickson, Director of Strategic Initiatives; Ryan Leil, NGRP Chief; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Deputy Mayor Dorrington; staff members, 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 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS – NEW DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

POLICY 2025

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending that a new Development Assistance Policy be adopted to provide infrastructure development assistance funding, in certain circumstances, to qualified private developers and non-profit community-based organizations that support key Municipal strategies for housing and future land-use development. Priority will be given to housing developments and is merit based. Depending on the scoring, funding assistance may use a three (3) to five (5) year modelling analysis.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY LEAD – RESILIENT HOME RETROFITS FINAL REPORT 2025

Council reviewed the Resilient Home Retrofits Final Report for 2025 submitted by the Environment and Sustainability Lead, which focused on the results and insights from no-cost home resilience and energy assessments, as well as the identification of resiliency retrofit projects for participating homes.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Resilient Home Retrofits Report be received as presented.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MEMO – COUNCIL RESOLUTION – SPRING DEBENTURE – GENERAL AND WATER CAPITAL

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending formal approval for the Spring Debenture for the General Capital and Water Capital Projects for Fiscal 2024-2025 based on the approved budget.

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 Pictou County Shared Services Authority Meeting held on March 31, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the regular monthly meeting update which took place on March 31, 2025.

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

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 April 7, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER FROM CROMBIE REIT – EXEMPTION TO NOISE BYLAW

Council reviewed a letter from Tanya Wanamaker, Property Manager Crombie REIT, requesting an exemption to the Noise Bylaw for the purpose of street sweeping and line painting the parking lots and properties at the Westside Plaza, 38 George Street; Highland Square Mall, 689 Westville Road and Aberdeen Business Centre, 610 East River Road between April 22 – May 14, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – LETTER OF REQUEST FROM FESTIVAL OF THE TARTANS

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding consideration of a fiscal 2025-2026 funding request from the Festival of the Tartans.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred for 2025-2026 budget consideration.

Motion carried.

MEMO – LETTER OF REQUEST FROM PICTOU LANDING FIRST NATION MAWIO'MI

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding consideration of a fiscal 2025-2026 funding request from the Pictou Landing First Nation Mawio'mi.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred for 2025-2026 budget consideration.

Motion carried.

VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2025

Council reviewed the list of volunteer award recipients for 2025.

Provincial Volunteer of the Year Award – Sheila Hoeg

Carlton Munroe Music & Event Memorial Award – Andrew and Janice Alcorn

Cultural Heritage Award – Lynn MacLean

Scott W. Weeks Community Service Award – Jim Shaw

Social Justice Award – Beverly Bonvie, Sandra Anderson, and Cherry Paris (posthumous)

Youth Volunteer Leadership Award – Lily MacDonald

Community Centre Volunteer of the Year Awards – Ward 1 - Summer Borden

Community Centre Volunteer of the Year Awards – Ward 1 – Youth – Nayla Borden

North End Recreation Centre Volunteer Award – Ward 2 – Arthur Tate and Pat MacLean

North End Recreation Centre Volunteer Award – Ward 2 – Youth – Ben Rizzotti

West Side Community Centre Volunteer Award – Ward 3 – Rachel MacKenzie

West Side Community Centre Volunteer Award – Ward 3 – Youth – Josephine Leadbetter

It was regularly moved and seconded that the list of volunteers be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Motion carried.