

## **TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:54 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Dorrington, 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; Jeff Turnbull, Senior Planner; Ryan Leil, NGRP Chief; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting were 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**

#### **MEMO SENIOR PLANNER/DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – MUNICIPAL FEES POLICY 2025**

Council reviewed the revised Municipal Fees Policy for 2025 submitted by the Senior Planner/Development Officer.

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

Motion carried.

## **RECOMMENDATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS – INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES**

### **FOR OUTSIDE FUNDING**

Council reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending that the Town endorse the priority projects outlined in preparation for funding applications that require Council resolution for identified priority infrastructure projects:

1. Little Harbour Road Watermain Extension
2. Trenton Road Watermain Rehabilitation
3. Forbes Lake Dam and Spillway Upgrades

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

Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **LETTER FROM PARL – LIBRARY FUNDING UPDATE**

Council reviewed a letter from PARL requesting an overall increase of \$25,000 to the municipal grant, which represents \$3584.00 for the Town. It was noted that the increase was incorporated in the budget for Fiscal 2025-2026.

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

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 May 15, 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

May 12, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

#### **MEMO – REGIONAL URBAN DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the first regional urban deer management committee which took place on May 15, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **LETTER FROM MINISTER MASLAND – FIRE SERVICES REVIEW**

Council reviewed a letter from Minister Masland regarding a fire services review being conducted by the Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia.

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

Motion carried.

#### **LETTER FROM MINISTER LOHR TO NSFMM – 12 MONTHS' NOTICE FOR FISCAL 2026-27**

Council reviewed a letter from Minister Lohr providing 12 months' notice of provincial legislation, regulation or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and beyond.

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

Motion carried.

#### **MEMO PCSSA ERECC RESOLUTION – PCAP PRIORITY FOR THE TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**

Council reviewed a recommendation from the CAO that the Town of New Glasgow approve that the ERECC Wastewater Treatment Plant installation of two emergency standby/backup power generators is our municipality's top priority for the funding application through the Provincial Capital Assistance Program for 2025.

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

Motion carried.

**MEMO FROM CAO – COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS**

Council reviewed a recommendation from the CAO to approve the citizen appointments for the Committees of

Council as presented:

Accessibility Advisory Committee – John Carter

Audit Committee – John Lewis

Business Advisory Committee – Brittany Reid (East River Road Corridor) and Robert Burrows (Downtown

Business)

Community Climate Change Committee – Sai Krishna (Ward 1); Janet Wallace (Ward 2), Adam Cochrane (Ward

3) and Mary Henderson (Youth)

New Glasgow Regional Police Commission – Crystal States (Eastside)

Planning Advisory Committee – Amanda Knight (At Large)

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

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.