

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:25 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Peters, Councillors Dorrington, Joe MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, McKenna, and Fraser. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Communications; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Ryan Leil, NGRP Chief; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Mike MacKenzie, Senior Building Official; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was staff member Derek Eisan, Director of I.T.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

MEMO WITH RECOMMENDATION – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS – CHANGE ORDER AUTHORIZATION FORBES LAKE SPILL WAY

Council reviewed the memo for the evote recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works that Council approve the award of Change Order #2 for the RFP TNG25-PW-001 Forbes Lake Dam and Spillway Upgrades to the current consultant, Mitchelmore Engineering Company Ltd. (Meco) in the amount of \$95,247.57 plus HST [\$98,924.11 Net HST] to be

included with the Dam and Spillway Upgrades design and construction package using funds from the Fiscal 2025/26 Water Utility Capital Budget.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – TOWN HALL ILLUMINATION POLICY

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development regarding the Town Hall Illumination Policy.

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION – NEW GLASGOW REGIONAL POLICE CHIEF AND DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS – ALMONT AVENUE/FRASER STREET CROSSWALK SAFETY REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENTS

Council reviewed a recommendation from New Glasgow Regional Police Chief and Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending that Council approve that the pedestrian crossing at the Almont Avenue/Fraser Street intersection, be upgraded to improve crosswalk safety.

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

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS –
APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR THE TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending the appointment of Chase Fulton as a building official with the Town of New Glasgow.

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

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – GLASGOW SQUARE
HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Director of Community Development recommending that Council approve the replacement of rooftop unit serving the entrance area at a cost of \$19,662.27 + \$2752.72 HST by Carmichael Engineering Ltd.

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

Councillor McKenna inquired as to why only one quote had been received.

Director of Community Development advised that Carmichael Engineering had been put forward for the contract by MacGillivray Fuels, the Town's service provider.

Motion carried.

MEMO ACTIVE LIVING MANAGER – MAKE YOUR MOVE NEW GLASGOW – YEAR IN REVIEW

Council reviewed a memo submitted by the Active Living Manager highlighting the success of the first year of the Make Your Move New Glasgow initiative.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MEMO – ENGAGE NOVA SCOTIA QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from CAO Lisa MacDonald which provided an update on the upcoming Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey.

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

CAO Lisa MacDonald emphasized the importance of encouraging residents to complete the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey which launches on February 23, 2026.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMO – PICTOU COUNTY SHARED SERVICES AUTHORITY UPDATE

Council received a memo from the CAO regarding the regular monthly meeting update which took place on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO - MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the regular monthly meeting update which took place on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

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 meeting held on Monday, February 9, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

PARKVIEW AVENUE AND ABERCROMBIE ROAD CITIZEN SAFETY CONCERNS

Councillor Jessica MacDonald raised safety concerns regarding the lack of a sidewalk when crossing from Parkview Street to Abercrombie Road, noting that it presents a barrier to accessibility.

CAO Lisa MacDonald inquired with the Town Engineer whether there had been any changes regarding this matter since it was previously brought forward in May 2025 and advised that she would circulate last year's email, which included the related budget information from last year so updated costing would need to be considered.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH – NS POWER

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of Antigonish regarding the Nova Scotia Power Rate Application for 2026/2027.

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

Motion carried.

**MEMO WITH RECOMMENDATION– COUNCIL AND COW MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR
MARCH 2026**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO Lisa MacDonald recommending to change the March date for the Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings to Monday, March 23, 2026.

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

Motion carried. Nay vote recorded for Councillor Joe MacDonald.

KINSMEN CLUB OF NEW GLASGOW 2026 FUNDING SUPPORT REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from the Kinsmen Club of New Glasgow regarding a fiscal 2026-2027 funding request of \$500 for consideration.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred for 2026-2027 budget consideration.

Motion carried.

CAMILLA THOMPSON 2026 FUNDING SUPPORT REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from Camilla Thompson regarding a fiscal 2026-2027 funding request for consideration.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred for 2026-2027 budget consideration.

Motion carried.

NORTH NOVA EDUCATION CENTRE GRADUATION 2026 FUNDING SUPPORT REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from North Nova Education Centre regarding a fiscal 2026-2027 funding request for consideration.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2026-2027 for budget consideration.

Motion carried.

MEMO WITH RECOMMENDATION CREATIVE PICTOU COUNTY 2026 EMERGENCY FUNDING SUPPORT REQUEST

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO recommending the approval of a request for emergency funding for Creative Pictou County. The funds will be reallocated from an unused 2025-2026 grant allocation in the amount of \$500.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the emergency funding grant of \$500 be approved as presented to Creative Pictou County.

Motion carried.

STFX ART GALLERY 2026 FUNDING SUPPORT REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from StFX Art Gallery regarding a fiscal 2026-2027 funding request for consideration towards their 50th Anniversary exhibit.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2026-2027 for budget consideration.

Motion carried.

MEMO WITH RECOMMENDATION – NEW GLASGOW REGIONAL POLICE CHIEF AND CAO – NATIONAL WASTEWATER DRUG SURVEILLANCE

Council reviewed a memo from the New Glasgow Regional Police Chief and CAO recommending that correspondence be sent to the PCSSA requesting that ERECC participate in Health Canada's National Wastewater Drug Surveillance initiative.

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

Motion carried.

**MEMO - NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – EMERGENCY
RESILIENCE CONFERENCE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Nova Scotia Emergency Resilience Forum Update held January 28 & 29, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

RYAN'S CASES FOR SMILES 2026 FUNDING SUPPORT REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from Ryan's Case for Smiles regarding a fiscal 2026-2027 funding request for consideration.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be referred to 2026-2027 for budget consideration.


Motion carried.

IN-CAMERA

The meeting concluded at 6:57 p.m., at which time Council moved to an in-camera session.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Mayor Nancy Dicks
Approved – March 23, 2026