

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:27 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Peters, Councillors, Joe MacDonald, McKenna, Jessica MacDonald, Fraser and Dorrington. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Communications; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Ryan Leil, NGP Chief; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services, Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; John Lewis; Manager of Revenue, 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 - BUDGET PRE-APPROVAL PATCHING TENDER

Council reviewed the memo for the evote recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works that Council pre-approve the 2026/27 Paved Street Patching in the amount of \$200,500 Net HST and Arterial Approaches in the amount of \$153,000 Net HST.

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

presented by the evote results.

Motion carried.

**MEMO WITH RECOMMENDATION – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES – GENERAL
CAPITAL DEBENTURE 2026**

Council reviewed the memo for the evote recommendation submitted by the Director of Corporate Services that Council pre-approve borrowing not to exceed \$1,350,000 over terms not to exceed 20 years for general capital expenditures at an interest rate not to exceed 7.0%.

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

Motion carried.

**MEMO WITH RECOMMENDATION – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES – WATER UTILITY
CAPITAL DEBENTURE 2026**

Council reviewed the memo for the evote recommendation submitted by the Director of Corporate Services that Council pre-approve borrowing not to exceed \$400,000 over terms not to exceed 20 years for water capital expenditures at an interest rate not to exceed 7.0%.

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

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS –
LITTLE HARBOUR ROAD WATERLINE AWARD**

Council reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works that Council approve the award of TNG2026-PW-001 Little Harbour Road Water Main

Replacement to the low bidder Atlantic Snow and Ice Management for an estimated unit price tender cost of \$1,247,462.10 plus HST [\$1,295,612 Net HST] for mandatory tender items and an award of \$286,857.33 plus HST (50% of \$573,714.66 plus HST) [\$297,929 Net HST] to be awarded because the Town received 50% project funding from Nova Scotia Public Works for the additional paving work.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Atlantic Snow and Ice Management be awarded TNG2026-PW-001 Little Harbour Road Water Main Replacement Project.

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PROVINCIAL
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Council reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Director of Community Development that Council approve Art MacLean as the recipient of the 2026 Nova Scotia Volunteer of the Year Award for the Town of New Glasgow.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Art MacLean be the 2026 Nova Scotia Volunteer of the Year for the Town of New Glasgow.

Motion carried.

**MEMO WITH RECOMMENDATION – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS – WATER UTILITY OPERATING AND
CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL 2026-2027**

Council reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Director of Corporate Services and Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works that Council approve the Water Utility Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal 2027.

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DOWNTOWN

CONSIDERATIONS

Council reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Director of Community Development that Council accept the motion to direct staff to undertake the research and explore funding opportunities to support an updated downtown revitalization strategy, including the development of a vacant and underutilized commercial and residential property bylaw, a façade improvement program, and a phase-in tax bylaw for a designated business improvement district.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – ACTIVE LIVING MANAGER – MARCH BREAK PROGRAM UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager highlighting the activities that took place over the 2026 March Break including participant numbers and feedback.

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

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, April 9, 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, April 9, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – PICTOU COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY UPDATE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Corporate Services regarding the Pictou County Transit Authority Annual General Meeting and Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2026.

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

Mayor Dicks noted that the report indicates a decline in ridership on the main route; however, those riders are often included in the expansion ridership figures. She added that the review and redesign of the current route by Happy City appears to have been successful in attracting higher number of riders.

Councillor Dorrington requested that residents of Quinn Properties be considered for a bus stop. Currently residents must cross the East River Road, walk through the parking lot in active traffic areas, as there is no sidewalks to get to the bus stop at the Aberdeen Mall.

Mayor Dicks advised that this concern has been brought to the attention of the Executive Director and that contact will be made with Crombie REIT, the property owner.

Motion carried.

MEMO – PICTOU COUNTY PARTNERSHIP – LIAISON AND OVERSITE COMMITTEE

ORIENTATION (LOC) UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Pictou County Partnership Strategic Plan and Business Plan.

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

Motion carried.

CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO NEW GLASGOW POLICE COMMISSION

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO to approve the citizen appointment for the Committee of Council as presented:

New Glasgow Police Commission – Jen MacKinnon, Ward 2 Citizen Representative

It was regularly moved and seconded that Jen MacKinnon be appointed as the Ward 2 Citizen Representative on the New Glasgow Police Commission.

Mayor Dicks advised that the next meeting will take place on June 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER – TIDAL BAY COMMUNITY LAND COOPERATIVE

Council reviewed a letter from Tidal Bay Community Land Cooperative requesting a property tax exemption for 334 Temperance Street, New Glasgow, NS.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be referred to staff for an analysis with a report to be brought back to Council.

Motion carried.

LETTER FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARRINGTON – NS POWER

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of Barrington regarding the approved Nova Scotia Power General Rate Application filing for 2026-2027.

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

Motion carried.

LETTER FROM CROMBIE – 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 21 – May 15, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – REQUEST FOR REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE TABLE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the request to establish a Regional Homelessness Response Table to coordinate efforts among municipalities, services providers and provincial partners.

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

Motion carried.

IN-CAMERA

The meeting concluded at 6:44 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 8:20 p.m.



Mayor Nancy Dicks
Approved May 19, 2026