

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Guthro, Councillors Lewis; Fraser; Proudfoot and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Paula Irving, Acting Director of Community Economic Development; Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Police Chief Eric MacNeil; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Geralyn MacDonald and Gordon Michael, with the Dal Mentoring Plus Initiative; Art MacLean and Barbara O'Hearn from the Pictou County Food Bank; Eva Campbell Owner/Operator of the End Vapor Shop Inc.; Celeste MacLeod representing Inglis Jewellers and Lisa Potts, Fashions by Lisa; five students from NSCC who were attending the meeting as observers for one of their courses.

Mayor Dicks welcomed the students from the NSCC who attended the meeting as observers.

Mayor Dicks noted some of the events she attended during the past several weeks as part of National Small Business Week: a Business Breakfast was held at Glasgow Square where the Downtown businesses were invited to attend; she noted that at that meeting one of the issues discussed was weekly garbage collection in the downtown area. There is a meeting this Wednesday at Our Turn to Cook regarding waste reduction being hosted by Efficiency N. S. and Pictou County Solid Waste which

the downtown businesses may find informative. She attended the 50th Anniversary of the Glen Haven Manor which was an amazing event – she made special mention of Deputy Mayor Guthro who is the chair of the Glen Haven Manor Board and did a great job when he spoke during the event.

Deputy Mayor Guthro stated that the strategic plan for the Glen Haven Manor has been released and he will make a presentation on its accreditation at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Dicks an event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on the Economic Impact of Non-Profits in our community which was very informative.

She, Deputy Mayor Guthro, Councillor Dorrington and the CAO attended the NSFM Conference in Halifax last week. There were excellent presentations and 5 resolutions approved by the membership will be presented to Government; she, Councillor Proudfoot and Councillor Fraser attended New Glasgow Academy's Remembrance Day service which was excellent; she attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Carmichael Park and the Sunnybrae service, which was also attended by Deputy Mayor Guthro; she attended the Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick-off at the Highland Square Mall; she, along with Councillor Fraser and the CAO, attended the YMCA Peace Breakfast at the Pictou County Wellness Centre where Dr. Brad MacDougall, Autism Pictou County and two students from Northumberland Regional High School, Jessica Stewart and Raven Eldstrom received awards for their "Karma Closet" initiative; she congratulated Councillor Lewis who received the most votes for the "Best Electrician" in Pictou County according to The News.

Councillor Dorrington stated that she attended the Barack Obama event in Halifax which went very well and above expectations.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the meetings held on October 21, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

PRESENTATION PICTOU COUNTY FOODBANK

Barbara O'Hearn and Dr. Art MacLean made a presentation on the Pictou County Foodbank. They requested that Council consider painting 25 yellow lines and 2 handicapped parking at the Food Bank parking lot as their quotes were high.

Mayor Dicks thanks Ms. O'Hearn and Dr. MacLean for their presentation and indicated that their request will be taken into consideration by Council for the upcoming fiscal.

PRESENTATION EVA CAMPBELL

Eva Campbell stated that her store, Vapor End, was broken into twice and she received no concern or support from Town Council. She stated that there is a need for more police officers so that regular patrols can be carried out in the downtown area.

Police Chief MacNeil stated that he feels there is adequate policing for a town of our size.

Mayor Dicks stated that Council does not take these matters lightly but can't get involved directly in the operations of the Police. They are not told particulars of crime cases due to confidential matters. She stated that Council will work diligently to improve things in the downtown area.

Celeste Macleod, representing Inglis Jewellers, stated that the owner was unable to attend the meeting but is concerned with the vandalism in the downtown area. He had to pay \$7,000 to have a new filler furnace pipe installed at his business because of vandalism.

Lisa Potts, from Fashions by Lisa, noted that several years ago the Police prepared a list of contact information for downtown business. She recommended that this list be updated by the Police.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole Report be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

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

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Engineering and Public Works Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Solid Waste Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Community Development Report be accepted as presented.

Councillor Proudfoot stated that he had received complaints regarding the back area of the track in Parkdale being dark and requests were received for more lighting in this area.

It was agreed that this matter to referred to the Town Engineer and Acting Director of Community Development for a recommendation to Council.

Councillor Proudfoot stated that because the Town is the owner of the recreation facilities it is our responsibility to make sure they are safe and there is access for all. He indicated that there is no supervision at the Westside Rink during the skating season. There are people playing hockey on the rink which is a safety issue to those who just want to skate.

Councillor Dorrington stated that safety should be a priority issue at the recreation facilities.

It was agreed that the acting Director of Community Development discuss this matter with the Westside Community Centre Board and provide a report at an upcoming meeting.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Business Development Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT AND FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Fire and Fire Inspection Reports be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

BUILDING REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Building Reports for October and November be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

here was no report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Information Technology Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Councillor Dorrington read a proclamation proclaiming November 25 as International Day for the Elimination of Women Against Violence in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed November 25 as International Day for the Elimination of Women Against Violence in the Town of New Glasgow.

WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY

Councillor MacDonald read a proclamation proclaiming November 21 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed November 21 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

MUNICIPAL AWARENESS WEEK

Councillor Proudfoot read a proclamation proclaiming November 17-23 as Municipal Awareness Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed November 17-23 as Municipal Awareness Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTS

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS

MACLEAN STREET WIDENING PROJECT

The CAO stated that it is the recommendation from an in-camera meeting to proceed with the proposal from S. W. Weeks to complete the phase of the project which widens a portion of MacLean Street in the current construction season for the amount of \$280,000 plus HST.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.