

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

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Guthro, Councillors Lewis; Fraser; MacDonald and Proudfoot. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Geralyn MacDonald, Director of Community Economic Development; Bonnie Coulter, Director of Corporate Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer/Planner; Frank DeMont Solicitor; Walter Borden and members of his family and friends; Mariam Ibrahim and Crystal States; Gerard Veldhoven, Kailee Brennan and Kaitlyn Siddall from the Race Relations Committee and John Carter of the CED Committee.

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 February 19 and March 5, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION TO WALTER BORDEN

Mayor Dicks presented Walter Borden, who was born and raised in New Glasgow, with a certificate in recognition of his many achievements and his career as an esteemed actor, playwright and poet.

Councillor Fraser read a proclamation proclaiming March 21 as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 21 as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mariam Ibrahim, a grade 12 student at NNEC, read a poem entitled "See Me" written by she and Aliyah Fraser for African Heritage Month.

Kailee Brennan and Crystal States presented a video about the tragic shooting that took place on March 21, 1960 in Sharpeville, South Africa when 69 peaceful demonstrators were killed during a protest against apartheid, racial segregation that existed in South Africa at that time.

Mayor Dicks thanked the Race Relations Committee for their presentations.

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 approved as presented.

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Transportation 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.

Councillor Proudfoot stated that he was contacted by a resident who received a parking ticket. She indicated that there is a sign on the side of the meter that says “Free 30 minutes Parking”. She couldn’t read the entire sticker because of the high snow banks at the time. She was informed that this was referring to the Hotspot Parking app – if you sign up you get 30 minutes free parking. She felt this was misleading and is confusing in light of the fact that the Town does provide free parking during the month of December.

The CAO stated that Hotspot Parking has been advised of the confusion surrounding the stickers on the meters and they will be changing them once the temperature rises to adequately replace the stickers. She advised that there is a form the citizen can complete in the Town Office that will be sent to the Police Department to determine if she can get a refund for her parking ticket.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

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 Report be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

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

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY

Deputy Mayor Guthro read a proclamation proclaiming March 26 as Purple Day for Epilepsy in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 26 as Purple Day for Epilepsy in the Town of New Glasgow.

AUTISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Councillor Proudfoot presented a proclamation proclaiming April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

UNESCO WORLD POETRY DAY

Councillor Lewis presented a proclamation proclaiming March 21, 2019 as UNESCO World Poetry Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 21, 2019 as UNESCO World Poetry Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Councillor MacDonald presented a proclamation proclaiming April as National Poetry Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April as National Poetry Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

SECOND READING – LUB AMENDMENT TO REZONE LANDS AT MERIGOMISH

RD PID(s) 00938316 & 00938332

Deputy Mayor Guthro presented for second reading a Land-Use Bylaw Map Amendment.

The purpose of the amendment by Allison Leil Jr. is to rezone property located at Merigomish Road PIDs 00938316 & 00938332 from Residential Single Unit (R1) Zone to Residential Two Unit (R2) Zone to permit the repurposing of the vacant site for future residential development, more specifically 4-unit/single level dwellings through site plan approval.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Land-Use Map amendment in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTS

Councillor Lewis declared a conflict of interest.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.