

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Lewis, Councillors Dorrington; Guthro, Fraser, Proudfoot and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Jeffrey Turnbull, Planning/Development Officer; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator; Officers and cadets from the 219 New Glasgow Legion Royal Canadian Army Cadets.

Mayor Dicks noted the events she attended over the past few weeks: she and Councillor Guthro attended the New Glasgow Academy Christmas Dinner; she attended a REN Meeting as a member of the LOC Committee where Northern Pulp transition was the topic of discussion; she attended the Provincial funding announcement by Communities, Culture and Heritage for the fixed route transit project; Council had a meeting with representatives of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the urban deer issue; she and Councillor Fraser attended the Mentoring Plus meeting with the local mentors and she noted the dates for the Westside and Northend Winter Carnivals and the Chill Out Event. The Ward 1 Winter Carnival has been cancelled.

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 December 16, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

PRESENTATION TO 219 NEW GLASGOW LEGION ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY

CADETS

Mayor Dicks presented a certificate to the 219 New Glasgow Legion Royal Canadian Army Cadets in recognition of receiving the Lord Strathcona Cup awarded to the Army Cadet Corps which is judged to be the best in the Province in training its cadets in leadership, citizenship and physical fitness.

PROCLAMATION

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

Councillor Fraser presented a proclamation proclaiming January 20 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed January 20 as Martin Luther King Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

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 noted that the report indicates that the Acting Director is working with the President of the Westside Community Centre to determine a way to utilize more activity for the free skating time at the Westside rink. He stated that the concern he raised at a previous Council meeting was the requirement for supervision in

the peak hours of ice time because of liability and safety issues. He stated that he felt the Town would be liable if someone got hurt where there is no supervision and enforcement. The girls are being discriminated against – they try to go skating but hockey is being played on the ice so they have to take their skates off.

The CAO stated that this was referred to the acting Director of Community Development at the previous meeting who advised that a report and recommendation was not ready for this meeting.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the report and recommendation is received.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

Councillor Guthro asked about the progress of the development at the Business Park.

Mayor Dicks noted that there is development progress but it is confidential at this time until the owner is ready to make an announcement.

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 accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTS

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS

WILLOW AVENUE PARKLAND TRANSFER

It is the recommendation to Council to release the parkland related to a proposed sub-division on Willow Avenue that did not proceed.

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.