

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Lewis, Councillors Dorrington; Guthro, Fraser and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator. Absent from the meeting were: Councillor Proudfoot and Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer.

Mayor Dicks noted the events she attended over the past few weeks: the Chill Out event was held at the Farmer's Market with one of the largest crowds to date with fireworks in the evening – she thanked the Fire Department for looking after the fireworks display; the Community Development Advisory Committee discussed hosting events closer together next year; she and Councillors Fraser and Guthro attended the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce MP Budget Breakfast with speaker Sean Fraser; the Minister of Seniors and Sean Fraser made an announcement at Glasgow Square regarding the Federal funds committed to the Mentoring Plus Program, she and Councillors Fraser and Dorrington were in attendance; the uptown Mayors attended a presentation by the Ship Hector Society – she noted that the 250th Anniversary of the Ship Hector arriving in Pictou is in 2023; she, along with representatives from the Johnny Miles Running Event, Pictou County Lightning, Pictou County Athletics and the

Pictou County YMCA attended a news release regarding the Fieldhouse Project – she commended Veronica Deno – the Active Living Co-ordinator for her great work on this project; she attended the Founder’s Night Banquet along with Councillor Fraser for the Kinsmen/Kinnette Clubs and their flag raising is at the gazebo on February 20th.

Councillor Guthro stated that he attended the Bantam Memorial Hockey Tournament held recently at the Wellness Centre where there were a lot of teams from outside this area.

Councillor MacDonald stated that he attended the Craft Beer tasting event at Glasgow Square.

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 January 20 and February 4, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

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.

Mayor Dicks Welcomed Thiv, the new Director of Community Development to his first Council 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 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.

Councillor Guthro stated that he had met with the Director of Information Technology regarding Simply Cast.

Mayor Dicks stated that there is a new Information Technology employee, Daniel MacGregor.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Councillor MacDonald read a proclamation proclaiming February 21 as International Mother Language Day in New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed February 21 as International Mother Language Day in New Glasgow.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL

MUTILATION

Councillor Dorrington read a proclamation that proclaimed February 6, 2020 as International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks stated that she had proclaimed February 6, 2020 as International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation in the Town of New Glasgow.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

FIRST READING – PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW

Deputy Mayor Lewis presented for first reading the proposed Public Places Bylaw for the Town of New Glasgow.

The object of the Bylaw is to prohibit anyone from unreasonably interfering with the lawful use and enjoyment of a public place by other persons and to simplify the process for administering the penalties by the New Glasgow Regional Police and/or Bylaw Enforcement Officer by incorporating the Summary Offence Ticket (SOT) designation into the bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed Bylaw should proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION 2020

It was regularly moved and seconded, pursuant to Section 69 of the Municipal Government Act, that a property tax exemption in the amount of \$350.00 for the taxation year 2020-2021 be granted to a person whose property is assessed as taxable property in the Town of New Glasgow and is occupied by that person as his/her principal residence and whose total income for the calendar year 2019 from all sources, including the income of a spouse or partner and other family members residing at the same property but excluding an allowance or pension paid pursuant to the War Veterans Allowance Act, is equal or less than \$20,867.00.

Motion carried.

NOTION OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – PQ PROPERTIES LTD. – 665 WALKER ST.

Councillor Guthro gave notice pursuant to Section 48(1) and Section 230(1) of the Municipal Government Act that Council at its meeting to be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 intends to make a decision by policy with respect to the application of P.Q. Properties Ltd. requesting the Town to enter into a development agreement for the property located at 665 Walker Street. The purpose of the development agreement is to allow for the construction of 32 residential units comprised of four (6) unit, single level at grade buildings and one (8) unit building also single level at grade.

It was regularly moved and seconded pursuant to Section 230(2) of the Municipal Government Act that Council hold a public hearing prior to making a decision by policy on this application and that it be held on March 16, 2020.

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

SALE OF LANDS 330 PARK STREET

It is the recommendation to Council that Town lands at 330 Park Street, adjacent to North Nova Education Centre, be sold to TIR for the purpose of school parking at the appraised value of \$88,000.

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

Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF LANDS PID 65109290 EAST RIVER ROAD

It is the recommendation to Council that the Town accept the offer from TIR to purchase surplus land, PID 65109290 East River Road, for \$1.00.

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.