

# **TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. using the Microsoft Teams platform. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Lewis, Councillors Dorrington; Guthro, Fraser, Proudfoot and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; 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 and Frank DeMont, Solicitor

Mayor Dicks acknowledged the horrific tragedy and expressed sadness that took place over the weekend in the Portapique and surrounding area. It makes you realize how important the work is of our police officers are and what they must deal with in the line of duty.

### **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 March 16 and April 7, 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.

Councillor Fraser stated the former Langille property on Trenton Road that the Town has purchased in an effort to reduce the risk of flooding in that area looks like the Mount William Landfill site and should be cleaned up.

The Town Engineer stated there is a proposed scope of work to be carried out in this area to reduce the future flood risk and it is included in the 2020-2021 budget for Council's consideration. He also noted that they hope to do that project sooner rather than later with budget approval. The house has been demolished but the property has not been cleaned up.

Mayor Dicks noted that the salt usage was triple last years' amount used.

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.

Motion carried.

## **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

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

Deputy Mayor Lewis asked when Council will be able to resume Public Hearings for Planning applications. He noted that some other municipalities are doing virtual public hearings.

The CAO stated that we are awaiting direction from the Province of Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs Department on how Public Hearings can be conducted in a manner to satisfy the MGA requirements. It is important to do the hearings with the direction given by the Province in case there is an appeal on an application and the Town is challenged before the Utility and Review Board.

Mayor Dicks indicated that she and the CAO will ask for an update on the matter during the NSFM virtual meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening.

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.

It was noted on there were several false alarm calls at 835 East River Road. Chief White advised that the calls were about the new sterilization trailer at the Aberdeen Regional Hospital and the alarm system is tied into the overall hospital system. The issue with the alarm has since been rectified by the Aberdeen.

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.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **VOLUNTEER WEEK**

Councillor MacDonald read a proclamation proclaiming April 19-25 as Volunteer Week in New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April 19-25 as Volunteer Week in New Glasgow. She noted that the Community Development Department is coordinating a virtual proclamation signing among the Mayors and Warden.

### **LYME DISEASE AWARENESS**

Councillor Fraser read a proclamation proclaiming May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

### **Gaelic Awareness Month**

Councillor Guthro read a proclamation proclaiming May as Gaelic Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed May as Gaelic Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

### **EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION**

Councilor Dorrington read a proclamation proclaiming April 22 as Earth Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April 22 as Earth Day 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**

### **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE**

It is the recommendation to Council to appoint the current Deputy Chief Stephen Chisholm to the role of Police Chief for the Town of New Glasgow upon the retirement of Chief MacNeil effective April 1, 2020.

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.