

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:15 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; Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; 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; Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer-Planner; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator; Police Chief Chisholm; Geralyn MacDonald, DAL Mentoring Plus; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Walter MacDonald, Unsightly Premises Administrator for a portion of the meeting.

Mayor Dicks welcomed Geralyn to the meeting.

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 June 15, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

ORDER TO APPEAR TO CONSIDER AN ORDER TO DEMOLISH

279 HIGH STREET

The Unsightly Premises Administrator presented information on the property at 279 High Street owned by Kevin Smith which was destroyed by fire on April 3, 2020 and he deems it unsafe and dangerous. He has been advised by the property owner that he does not intend to remedy the property. The Unsightly Premises Administrator recommended that an Order to Demolish the property within 30 days be issued for 279 High Street.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Unsightly Premises Administrator be approved.

Solicitor DeMont noted that the date the Notice to Appear to Consider and Order to Demolish was issued is incorrect however the property owner did receive the Order and has indicated he has does not intend to remedy the property.

Motion carried.

ORDER TO APPEAR TO CONSIDER AN ORDER TO DEMOLISH

172 FRASER STREET

The Unsightly Premises Administrator presented information on the property at 172 Fraser Street owned by Bruce and Tanya Priske which he deems unsafe and dangerous. The property has been vacant for several years and he has been advised by the property owner that they have relinquished the property to the bank and do not intend to remedy the property. He recommended that an Order to Demolish the property within 30 days be issued for 172 Fraser Street.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Unsightly Premises Administrator be approved.

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 Proudfoot asked about the 3 way stop at the intersection of Victoria and Stewart Streets which is sometimes confusing to motorists.

The Town Engineer stated that there can not be a 4 way stop at this intersection because of the train tracks, a bus or long truck would not have enough room to stop at the stop sign without being on the tracks.

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.

Councillor Fraser asked how the road construction was proceeding on East River Road at the business park.

The Town Engineer stated that there are no issues the project is on time and progressing well.

Mayor Dicks noted that traffic lights are being installed at this location for access as opposed to the roundabout concept.

Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT AND FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

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

Motion carried.

There was no Fire Inspection Report due to Covid.

BUILDING REPORT

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

Deputy Mayor Lewis noted that 665 Walker Street is on the report twice however there is only one unit in that location.

The Development Officer/Planner stated that this is referring to the two buildings to be constructed on the former Locke property. A civic number will be assigned after the occupancy permit issued.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

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

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENEOUS PEOPLES

Councillor Guthro read a proclamation proclaiming August 9 as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples in New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed August 9 as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples in New Glasgow.

NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY

Councillor Fraser read a proclamation proclaiming July 18 as Nelson Mandela International Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed July 18 as Nelson Mandela International Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

Deputy Mayor Lewis read a proclamation proclaiming July 19-25 as National Drowning Prevention Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

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MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

LAND-USE BY MAP AMENDMENT – JOHNBO INVESTMENTS INC.

196 MUNROE AVENUE

Councillor MacDonald presented for first reading a Land-Use Bylaw Map Amendment to rezone property at 196 Munroe Avenue from Institutional (I) Zone to Residential Two Unit (R2) Zone to enable the change of use from assembly to four-unit residential via Site Plan approval.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council hold a public hearing with respect to this Land-use Bylaw Map amendment and that the proposed amendment proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTS

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.