

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. using the Microsoft Teams platform. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad, Councillors Dorrington; Borden, Fraser, Peters, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services, Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Co-ordinator, Sarah Santos, Community Engagement Co-ordinator; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Deborah Searle – Regional Co-ordinator, Pictou County Solid Waste for a portion of the meeting.

EVENTS

Mayor Dicks mentioned some events that took place over the last few weeks: She and the CAO participated in the virtual pre-budget consultation with Sean Fraser, M.P.; she participated in the 2nd session for the Climate Leadership course that she is taking; she participated in the TUC Talk event with Danny Graham from Engage Nova Scotia that was well attended; the next TUC Talk event will be held on Thursday, February 25th with guest speakers Dr. Aaron Smith and Nicole Leblanc, speaking about Recruit and Retention of Doctors; she reminded Council to engage citizens to participate in the Integrated Development Plan citizen survey and submissions for Volunteer Award Nominations; there are two copies of the children's book entitled "Tucker Goes to City Hall" available for loan at the Town Hall.

Councillor Peters stated that the Northend Recreation Centre had a fireworks display on the weekend and the outdoor rink is now active; she also suggested that Council submit a success story to the NSFM for the spring conference such as the Local Transit project, the Integrated Community Development Plan, Climate Change to name a few.

Mayor Dicks reminded Council of the Coldest Night of the Year Walk being held on Saturday, February 20. The event at Pizza Delight to raise money for the Town's team resulted in over \$400.

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 18 and February 2, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION PICTOU COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Deborah Searle, Waste Reduction and Safety Coordinator from Pictou County Solid Waste made a virtual powerpoint presentation to Council on the processes that take place at the Pictou County Solid Waste plant in Mount William for garbage, recycling, and compost. She also highlighted the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) study which was completed and as well as some upcoming events for hazardous materials drop off and Go Clean Get Green.

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.

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 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.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

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

Councillor Fraser noted the many projects being carried out by this Department and applauded the Director of Information Technology and his staff.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Deputy Mayor El-Haddad read a proclamation proclaiming February 21, 2021 as International Mother Language Day in New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed February 21, 2021 as International Mother Language Day in New Glasgow.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – TAX EXEMPTION

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 2021-2022 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 2020 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.

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.