

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor El-Haddad, Councillors Borden, Dorrington, Fraser, Peters, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Rachel Mitchell, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Heather Murphy, MacDonald & Murphy Inc. Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services was present using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Mayor Dicks began by expressing our gratitude and acknowledging that the Town of New Glasgow is located in Mi'gma'gi, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. The acknowledgement of the land reaffirms our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between nations and our understanding of local Indigenous peoples and their cultures. We also acknowledge and value the histories, contributions and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities who have been here for over 400 years.

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 Council meetings held on August 16, 2021 and the minutes of the Audit Committee held on September 7, 2021 be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION 2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Ms. Heather Murphy from the firm MacDonald & Murphy Inc. presented the consolidated financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2021 which indicated an operating surplus of \$882,200.00 and accumulated surplus of \$1,719,000.

Mayor Dicks thanked the Director of Corporate Services and Ms. Murphy for her presentation.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the March 31, 2021 audited financial statements be accepted 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 amended.

Motion carried.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Climate Change and Sustainability 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 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

There was no report.

PROCLAMATIONS

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Councillor Fraser presented a proclamation proclaiming September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

Councillor MacDonald presented a proclamation proclaiming October 1, 2021 as International Day of Older Persons in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed October 1, 2021 as International Day of Older Persons in the Town of New Glasgow.

WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY

Councillor Borden presented a proclamation proclaiming October 2, 2021 as Wrongful Conviction Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed October 2, 2021 as Wrongful Conviction Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Deputy Mayor El-Haddad presented a proclamation proclaiming September 21 as International Day of Peace in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed September 21 as International Day of Peace in the Town of New Glasgow.

RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK

Councillor Peters presented a proclamation proclaiming September 27 to October 3, 2021 as Right to Know Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed September 27 to October 3, 2021 as Right to Know Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Councillor Dorrington read a proclamation proclaiming September 30, 2021 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed September 30, 2021 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the Town of New Glasgow.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTS

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

Councillor Borden asked about the payment to Peter Borden.

The CAO stated that this was for damage to his vehicle because of hitting a dropped catch basin and that the complaint went through the Engineering and Public Works office.

Motion carried.

IN CAMERA RECOMMENDATIONS

Request to Exchange Land – John Avery - The CAO stated that it is the recommendation to Council from the Committee of the Whole meeting that the request from John Avery to trade his land (PID00930222) for the Town owned land known as the Shaw property (PID 00930289) be denied.

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.