

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Fraser, Peters, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Thiv Tharma, Director of Community Development; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer/Planner; Scott Ferguson, CEO Pictou County REN; Keeley Shipley, Tess Murray and Ashley Kenney representing the Youth Climate Council. Present using the Microsoft Teams platform were Councillor Borden and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager.

Mayor Dicks stated that as we gather this evening, we pause to remember that in this province we live and work on lands that are by law the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples - predominantly the land of the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.

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 meeting held on March 14, 2022, be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

BEE CITY CANADA CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Keeley Shipley, Tess Murray, and Ashley Kenney, representing the Pictou County Youth Climate Council, presented Council with a Bee City Canada certificate and a framed photo of bees.

Mayor Dicks thanked Keeley, Tess, and Ashley for their presentation and support in assisting New Glasgow in becoming a Bee City.

PRESENTATION PICTOU COUNTY REN

Mr. Scott Ferguson, CEO Pictou County REN, made a powerpoint presentation regarding its activities and strategic plan priorities.

Mayor Dicks thanked Scott for his presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

There was no Finance Report.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Engineering and Public Works Report be accepted as presented.

Councillor Fraser asked the Town Engineer if his department would be cleaning up the branches, etc. that are the sidewalks due to the recent windstorms.

The Town Engineer stated the street sweeper is out now and they are beginning to repair areas that were damaged during snow clearing.

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

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

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Councillor MacDonald presented a proclamation proclaiming April as Autism Acceptance Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April as Autism Acceptance Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Deputy Mayor Dorrington presented a proclamation proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Councillor Fraser presented a proclamation proclaiming April as National Poetry Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April as National Poetry Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

EARTH DAY

Councillor Borden presented 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.

VOLUNTEER WEEK

Councillor Peters presented a proclamation proclaiming April 17-23 as Volunteer Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April 17-23 as Volunteer Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

HUMAN VALUES DAY

Councillor El-Haddad presented a proclamation proclaiming April 24 as Human Values Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed April 24 as Human Values Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – VIDEOCONFERENCING POLICY

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Council Videoconferencing Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW AMENDMENT

Councillor Peters presented for second reading an amendment to the Partial Tax Exemption Bylaw. The object of the amendment is to provide the Nova Scotia Cooperative Council with 100% tax exemption for property at 917 East River Road.

Councillor Fraser asked if the "only for 20 years and only for the existing building" should be included.

The CAO stated that this would be included in the agreement.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed amendment should be approved and adopted by Council in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

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.