

# **TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Borden, Fraser, Peters, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and friends and family of Doug Dort and Eric MacNeil. Absent from the meeting was Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant.

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.

Mayor Dicks noted some of the events she attended over the past few weeks: the Davis Day event in Stellarton, the Morell Dance Association Dance Recital held at North Nova Education Centre, the 219 Army Cadet Review and the Johnny Miles running event.

### **AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

## **MINUTES**

Mayor Dicks declared the minutes of the Council meeting held on June 7, 2022 approved as presented.

### **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

#### **PRESENTATION TO RETIRED FIRE CHIEF DOUG DORT**

Mayor Dicks gave remarks and made a presentation to retired Fire Chief Doug Dort in recognition of his retirement from the New Glasgow Fire Department in 2019 which could not be acknowledged until now due to COVID.

#### **PRESENTATION TO RETIRED POLICE CHIEF ERIC MACNEIL**

Mayor Dicks gave remarks and made a presentation to retired Police Chief Eric MacNeil in recognition of his retirement from the New Glasgow Police Service in 2020 which could not be acknowledged until now due to COVID.

### **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**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the tax resolution be approved as circulated.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the estimated expenditures of the Town of New Glasgow for the period of April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023 be approved, accepted, and adopted in the amount of \$20,850,141 and after making allowance for estimated revenue and reserve usage in the amount of \$5,873,555, the amount of \$14,976,586 is required from the general taxation of the assessed valuation of \$ 620,844,900.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the tax rate for the Town of New Glasgow for the period April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, be set at \$1.84 per \$100 of assessment for Residential and Resource properties and \$4.45 per \$100 of assessment for Commercial property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the pollution control rate of \$1.34 per cubic meter of water be applied as the current pollution control charge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a solid waste uniform charge of \$150.00 per residential dwelling unit be applied as a solid waste charge for all dwelling units of three (3) or less.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rate of taxes for the current period may be collected by Warrant and Distress, without further notice if not paid on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023 together with all costs and expenses of levy and sale of good on all proceeding's incidental thereto, and further if the said taxes are not paid before June 1st, 2022, for the interim tax bill and November 1st, 2022, for the final billing, an added penalty charge will be payable at a rate of 15% per annum on the balance of all outstanding tax accounts.

Motion carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Operating Budget be approved as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Motion carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Water Utility Operating Budget be approved as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Motion carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Capital Budget be approved as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Motion carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Water Utility Capital Budget be approved as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dicks provided remarks about the approved operating and capital budgets.

## **ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

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.

Councillor Peters asked about the cost of providing mutual aid service outside of the Town of New Glasgow.

Chief White stated that the hours listed reflect the paid hourly members and in addition to paid hourly CUPE staff. He and the CAO are gathering information and call sheets to present the appropriate information as it relates to the costs associated with mutual aid services outside of the town's jurisdiction.

Councillor MacDonald asked about the ladder truck going on a mutual aid call given that this unit requires particular skills to operate.

Chief White stated that 4-5 paid on call and two operators are required to operate this truck and the specialized equipment. An operator is called into cover the station.

Councillor Fraser asked about the other towns supporting New Glasgow through mutual aid.

Chief White stated that Stellarton and Trenton assisted with fires last year as a result of the string of arsons in Town.

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**

### **LONGEST DAY OF SMILES**

Councillor Peters presented a proclamation proclaiming June 19 as Longest Day of Smiles in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed June 19 as Longest Day of Smiles in the Town of New Glasgow.

### **MULTICULTURALISM DAY**

Councillor El-Haddad presented a proclamation proclaiming June 27 as Multiculturalism Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed June 27 as Multiculturalism 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**

### **TRAVEL – DIRECTOR OF I.T.**

The CAO stated that it is the recommendation to Council from the Committee of the Whole meeting that the Director of I.T. be permitted to travel out of province to attend a conference on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Pictou with all costs being paid by them.

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.