

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, November 21, 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; Police Chief Chisholm, Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Matt Delorme, AIM Network Executive Director and Kevin MacDonald, MacDonald & Murphy. Present using Microsoft Teams was Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services. Absent from the meeting was Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development.

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. We also recognize the African Nova Scotians whose culture, heritage, and history have been and remain a key part of our province for more than 400 years.

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 November 8, 2022 approved as presented.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT – MATT DELORME

Matt Delorme, AIM Network Executive Director, made a presentation to Council on the Asset Management project that has been carried out over the past several months and the data that was compiled.

Mayor Dicks asked if Council had any questions to forward them to staff who would contact Matt directly for the answer. She thanked Matt for his presentation.

PRESENTATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING MARCH 31, 2022

Kevin MacDonald from the firm MacDonald & Murphy Inc. presented the consolidated financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2022 which indicated an operating surplus of \$1,337,300.00, a water operating surplus of \$481,600.00, and an accumulated surplus of \$3,788,000.00

Mayor Dicks thanked Kevin for his presentation and made some remarks about the financial results for the fiscal.

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

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Finance be approved 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 MacDonald noted that there was a salt shortage last year and asked if this was the case again this year.

The Town Engineer stated that the salt is being trucked from Pugwash again this year whereas last year it had to be picked up in Halifax so the costs are back down. He also noted that the salt shed has been repaired so it is currently being filled with salt.

Councillor Fraser noted that there is a utility pole and hardware lying on the ground near the YMCA Daycare Centre on George Street that has been there since Fiona.

The Town Engineer stated that the Town crews will begin traveling throughout Town to determine if there are any items that have to be cleared away before the sidewalk clearing begins.

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.

Councillor Fraser stated that he was contacted by a citizen who requires accessible parking and was unable to find a spot recently when going to the CIBC bank after hours because the parking spaces were filled by cars that belong to people who live in the Downtown area.

Chief Chisholm stated that he doesn't believe they have received any complaints of this nature but this is something that public messaging could curtail.

The Town Engineer stated that accessible parking will be investigated as part of the accessibility plan for New Glasgow.

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

ECONOMIC ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Councillor El-Haddad presented a proclamation proclaiming November 26 as Economic Abuse Awareness Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed November 26 as Economic Abuse Awareness Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Deputy Mayor Dorrington presented a proclamation proclaiming November 25 as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in the Town of New Glasgow.

RADON ACTION MONTH

Councillor Borden presented a proclamation proclaiming November as Radon Action Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed November as Radon Action Month in the Town of New Glasgow.

MUNICIPAL AWARENESS WEEK

Councillor Peters presented a proclamation proclaiming November 21-27 as Municipal Awareness Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed November 21-27 as Municipal Awareness Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

SECOND READING AMENDMENT TO PARKING CONTROL BYLAW

Councillor MacDonald presented for second reading amendments to the Parking Control Bylaw. The object of the amendments is to accommodate electric vehicle parking and charging by including language on Electric Vehicles, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, and Electric Vehicle Parking Only Spaces in the Parking Control Bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed Bylaw amendments 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN CAMERA

JohnBo Investments Inc. Settlement Agreement – The CAO stated that it is the recommendation to Council that the tentative settlement agreement with JBI for 244 Temperance St. be approved provided the development agreement application will provide modern and improved language as well as the requirement of the vegetation to be completed by June 1 and if not complete then the Town will have completed and billed on the property owners tax account.

Irish Mountain Road Land Purchase - The CAO stated that it is the recommendation to Council that the Town purchase PID 00873240 Irish Mountain Road at a cost of \$79,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.