

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters; Councillors Dorrington, Borden, Fraser, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Town Engineer; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Reverend Jim Swain; Logan Walsh and Geralyn MacDonald, Mentoring Plus. Present using Microsoft Teams was Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services.

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 February 6, 2023 approved as presented.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION TO LOGAN WALSH

Mayor Dicks presented Logan Walsh with a certificate and a New Glasgow hoodie in recognition of his being selected to represent Nova Scotia in the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

PRESENTATION REVEREND SWAIN – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Reverend Jim Swain made a presentation on Operation Christmas Child and requested the Town to appoint a project leader to obtain shoe boxes prior to the Christmas Season or provide funding for this project.

Mayor Dicks thanked Reverend Swain for his presentation.

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 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.

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

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Councillor El-Haddad presented a proclamation proclaiming February 21 as International Mother Language Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed February 21 as International Mother Language Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1ST READING PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW

Councillor Borden presented for first reading the proposed Public Places Bylaw for the Town of New Glasgow.

The object of the Bylaw is to prohibit anyone from unreasonably interfering with the lawful use and enjoyment of a public place by other persons and simplify the process for administering the penalties by the New Glasgow Regional Police and/or Bylaw Enforcement Officer by incorporating the Summary Offence Ticket (SOT) designation into the bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed Bylaw should proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

1ST READING FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS BYLAW

Councillor MacDonald presented for first reading the proposed Feeding of Wild Animals Bylaw for the Town of New Glasgow.

The object of the bylaw is to prohibit the feeding of wild animals in the Town of New Glasgow and simplify the process for administering the penalties by the New Glasgow Regional Police and/or Bylaw Enforcement Officer by incorporating the Summary Offence Ticket (SOT) designation into the bylaw.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed amendment should proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT

AGREEMENT – JOHNBO INVESTMENTS – 244 TEMPERANCE ST.

Deputy Mayor Peters gave notice pursuant to Section 48(1) and Section 230(1) of the Municipal Government Act that Council at its meeting to be held on Monday, March 20, 2023, intends to make a decision by policy with respect to the application of JohnBo Investment Inc. requesting the Town to amend the development agreement for the property at 244 Temperance Street. The purpose of the amendments is to address site alterations including parking, landscaping, accessory building/outdoor storage, sign location, hours of operations as well as updated language to reflect current Municipal Government Act references.

It was regularly moved and seconded pursuant to Section 230(2) of the Municipal Government Act that Council make a decision by policy on this application and that the Council Meeting be held on March 20, 2023.

Motion carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – CLOSING A PORTION OF CAMPBELL ST.

Councillor Dorrington gave notice pursuant to Section 48(1) and Section 315 of the Municipal Government Act that at its meeting to be held on March 20, 2023 Council intends to make a decision by policy with respect to permanently closing that portion of the undeveloped portion of Campbell Street more particularly described in Schedule “A”.

It was regularly moved and seconded pursuant to Section 315 of the Municipal Government Act that Council hold a public hearing at which those in favour or opposed to the street closing will be heard prior to making this decision by policy and that it be held on March 20,2023 prior to the above-noted Council meeting.

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.