

# **TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters; Councillors 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; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Derek Eisan, Director of Information Technology; Police Chief Steve Chisholm; Jeffrey Turnbull, Development Officer/Planner and Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant. Present using Microsoft Teams was Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Councillor Dorrington.

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 March 7, 2023 approved as presented.

## **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**

### **UNESCO WORLD POETRY DAY**

Councillor Fraser presented a proclamation proclaiming March 21 as World Poetry Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 21 as World Poetry Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

Councillor El-Haddad presented a proclamation proclaiming March 21, as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 21, as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the Town of New Glasgow.

### **PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY**

Deputy Mayor Peters presented a proclamation proclaiming March 26 as Purple Day for Epilepsy in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed March 26, as Purple Day for Epilepsy in the Town of New Glasgow.

### **EARTH HOUR**

Deputy Mayor Peters presented a proclamation proclaiming between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 25 as Earth Hour in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Dicks proclaimed between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 25 as Earth Hour in the Town of New Glasgow.

## **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

### **2nd READING PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW**

Councillor Borden presented for second 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 be approved and adopted by Council in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

### **2nd READING FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS BYLAW**

Councillor MacDonald presented for second 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 Bylaw be approved and adopted by Council in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

**MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT –  
JOHNBO INVESTMENTS – 244 TEMPERANCE ST.**

It was regularly moved and seconded pursuant to Section 230(1) of the Municipal Government Act that the application of JohnBo Investments Inc. for Development Agreement Amendments for property at 244 Temperance St. to address site alterations including parking, landscaping, accessory building/outdoor storage, sign location, hours of operation as well as updated language to reflect our current Municipal Government Act references, be approved by the Town in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

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

Further to notice given pursuant to Section 48(1) and Section 315 of the Municipal Government Act, it was regularly moved and seconded that Council adopt the policy to permanently close that portion of Campbell Street more particularly described in Schedule “A” in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act. The undeveloped Campbell Street contains 551.822 m sq.

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ACCOUNTS**

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

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETINGS**

The CAO stated that it is the recommendation to Council that the contract associated with the partner selection for the energy efficiency program for the Town be awarded to Black and MacDonald as recommended at the in-camera meeting held on January 16, 2023.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.