

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, May 15, 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; Corey Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Geralyn MacDonald, Mentoring Plus; Kori Cheverie; Briden Cohen; Sarah Fraser; Olivia MacDougall; Jack Higdon; Benjamin Mirabelli; Logan Walsh; Aliyah Fraser and Erin MacNeil.

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.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATIONS TO ATHLETES

Mayor Dicks presented the following athletes with certificates and duffle bags acknowledging their accomplishments:

Kori Cheverie – Coach – Women’s Hockey Team – Canada Winter Games Silver Medalist

Briden Cohen – Assistant Coach – Women’s Hockey Team – Canada Winter Games

Sarah Fraser – Women’s Hockey Team – Canada Winter Games & Subway Selects - U18 Female AAA Atlantic Hockey Championship / Esso Cup Women’s U18 National Club Championship

Olivia MacDougall – Gymnastics – Canada Winter Games

Jack Higdon – U19 Mixed Provincial Curling Championship & Nova Scotia High School Curling Championship

Benjamin Mirabelli – Football Nova Scotia MVP Offence of the Year Award

Logan Walsh – Boxing – Canada Winter Games Silver Medalist

Aliyah Fraser – St. F. X. Sylvia Sweeney Award for outstanding student-athlete community service excellence.

Erin MacNeil – Subway Selects – U18 Female AAA Atlantic Hockey Championship / Esso Cup Women’s U18 National Club Championship

Bryce Chapman (not present) – Judo - Canada Winter Games.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councillor Fraser stated that he has a question on the Police Report.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the exception of the Police Report which will be moved forward to the regular agenda.

Motion carried.

REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Police Report – Councillor Fraser stated that he thought the format of the Police Report was to be changed.

The CAO stated that this was only agreed to last week so the reformatting should be available for the next Council meeting in June.

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGETS FOR FISCAL 2023-2024

TAX RATE RESOLUTION/OPERATING BUDGET

Councillor Fraser presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the estimated expenditures of the Town of New Glasgow for the period of April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024 be approved, accepted, and adopted in the amount of \$22,096,832 and after making allowance for estimated revenue in the amount of \$5,902,268, the amount of \$16,194,564 is required from the general taxation of the assessed valuation of \$ 678,936,200.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate for the Town of New Glasgow for the period April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, 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 \$1.40 per cubic meter of water be applied as the current pollution control charge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a solid waste uniform charge of \$160.00 per residential dwelling unit be applied as a solid waste charge for all dwelling units of four (4) 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 31st day of March 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, 2023, for the interim tax bill and November 1st, 2023, 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.

Mayor Dicks thanked Corey Smith for his service as Director of Corporate Services for the Town for the past 4 years and presented him with a certificate and gift.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – TAX EXEMPTION

It was regularly moved and seconded pursuant to Section 69 of the Municipal Government Act, that a property tax exemption in the amount of \$390.00 for the taxation

year 2023-2024 be granted to a person whose property is assessed as taxable property in the Town of New Glasgow and is occupied by that person as their principal residence and whose total income for the calendar year 2022 from all sources, including the income of a spouse or partner and other family members residing at the same property but excluding an allowance or pension paid pursuant to the War Veterans Allowance Act, is equal or less than \$23,150.00.

Motion carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

144 WESTVILLE RD. 4415596 NOVA SCOTIA LTD.

Councillor Fraser 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, June 19, 2023, intends to make a decision by policy with respect to the application of 4415596 Nova Scotia Ltd. for a development agreement for the property located at 144 Westville Rd. The purpose of the agreement is for the addition of two residential units, one in the basement level of the main building and conversion of the accessory building to a resident unit, for a total of 6 residential units.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council hold a public hearing prior to making a decision by policy on this application and that it be held on June 19, 2023.

Motion carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

Councillor El-Haddad gave notice that at the meeting to be held on June 19, 2023 Council intends to pass a motion to adopt a Public Engagement/Public Participation Policy pursuant to Sections 204 & 204A of the Municipal Government Act, as required for municipalities conducting planning reviews.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTS

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

Glen Haven Manor Assignment & Assumption Agreement – The CAO stated that it is the recommendation to Council from the November 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting to proceed with HighCrest Solutions providing the project management services, to extend the current operational contract associated with the Glen Haven Manor and the new build and the Assignment and Assumption Agreement be approved.

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.