

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

A special meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters; Councillors Dorrington, Fraser and El-Haddad. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Jeff Turnbull, Development Officer/Planner; Prasad Patil; Marketing and Engagement Manager; residents of the Acadia St. School area and Solicitor DeMont, via Microsoft Teams. Absent from the meeting were Councillors Borden and MacDonald.

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.

APPLICATION FOR AMENDED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – 4414012 NOVA SCOTIA LTD.

The Development Officer/Planner stated that at the Council meeting held on November 20, 2023 Council denied the application from 4414012 Nova Scotia Ltd. requesting the Town

to enter into a development agreement for the property located at 246 Acadia St. to permit the conversion of the former school to 42 self-contained residential dwelling units within the existing building footprint. There were several residents of the area present who had concerns with the number of parking spaces included in the draft development agreement. As a result the applicant has submitted a revised application which includes 42 parking stalls – 1 per unit.

He also pointed out some information contained in the Municipal Housing Needs Report for New Glasgow. The redevelopment of 246 Acadia Street to a 42-unit residential dwelling addresses the housing demand/supply gap in New Glasgow and addresses New Glasgow's Core Housing Need.

It was noted that letters of support for this proposal have been received from Summer Street Industries, HCRS, Viola's Place and PDP.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the amended development agreement be approved as presented.

Deputy Mayor Peters stated that at the previous Council meeting, no one was opposed to the need because of the housing crisis. She appreciates that the developer took the concerns of the neighbouring property owners and increased the parking stalls.

Councillor Fraser stated that this development would be the best use of the property and will protect the neighbourhood from a derelict building.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.