

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor MacDonald; Councillors Dorrington, Borden, Peters, Fraser, and El-Haddad. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director Human Resources; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Prasad Patil, Communications and Engagement Manager; Police Chief Chisholm; Deputy Police Chief Leil, Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering; Adam Clarke from Tate Engineering and many residents of Ward 1. Present using Microsoft Teams was Solicitor DeMont.

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**

### **PRESENTATION WARD 1 RESIDENTS – LONG TERM CARE FACILITY**

Angela Bowden spoke on behalf of residents of the Ward 1 community regarding the area beside the Ward 1 Recreation being considered for the location of a new Long-term Care Facility. She stated that the proposed building would be in the backyard of a cultural space enjoyed for decades by the community and is significant to their health and wellbeing. She asked that the Town bear with them and have open dialogue on this matter. She stated that no part of this was done in the open and requested that Council stop and do a proper process.

Ms. Bowden requested permission to have more time for their presentation and questions.

It was regularly moved and seconded that permission be granted to continue.

Motion carried.

Wayne Desmond referred to proclamations the Town has passed that are not consistent with what is happening now with respect to the Long-Term Care Facility.

Mayor Dicks explained the process for having the property rezoned if the site moves forward as the selected site.

A question was asked about other areas that were considered for the facility.

Councillor Dorrington stated that several properties were identified and a site analysis carried out and some were not feasible. The final report recommending this site was not received until November.

Mayor Dicks stated that the motion of December 18, 2023, was “a portion of 487 Brother Street (PID 00937471) be supported as the site for the new long-term care build to

replace Glen Haven Manor and public consultation begin with special consideration for minimizing the disruption of the recreation and public green space.”

She was asked where the other properties considered were located and indicated: behind the Glen Haven Manor – not big enough; Park St. the former Shaw property – contamination issue; Merigomish Road beyond the former Co-op; behind the former Central Supplies building; Brother Street and Lorne Street.

Mayor Dicks noted that the parcel adjacent to the Ward 1 Community Centre is 10 acres and would not affect the Centre or the other recreational areas beside the Centre.

It was noted by a resident that the activities at the Ward 1 Centre would disturb residents in the proposed facility.

Mayor Dicks stated that she did not see this being an issue as the windows in the new facility will not be open.

Ms. Bowden asked Mayor Dicks if the Town at any point considered the impact that this decision would have on the community.

Mayor Dicks stated that she has a deep sense of respect for the black community.

Brandy Borden asked about the timeline.

Mayor Dicks explained the timeline.

Elder Gerald Clark asked why the current Glen Haven Manor couldn't be torn down and the new facility built in the same location.

Mayor Dicks explained that there would be nowhere to house the people currently living in the Glen Haven Manor until the new facility was built.

Ellis Borden stated that Council members wouldn't want this for their children.

Another student stated that it's not fair – they love to play on their land.

A question was asked why Councillor Borden wasn't invited to the meeting to speak to the Ward 1 Centre Board of Directors. Councillor Borden told her that he didn't know about the meeting.

Councillor El-Haddad gave notice that at the next Council meeting he would be making a Motion of Reconsideration/Recission of the motion passed at the December 18, 2023, meeting regarding the New Build for Long-Term Care Home Site.

It was agreed that a special Council meeting be scheduled for January 29, 2024, at 6:00 for the Motion of Reconsideration/Recission of the motion passed at the December 18, 2023, meeting regarding the New Build for Long-Term Care Home Site

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

### **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

#### **SECOND READING – TOURISM MARKETING LEVY BYLAW AMENDMENT**

Councillor Dorrington presented for second reading an amendment to the Tourism Marketing Levy Bylaw.

The object of the amendment is to include all provisions in the Municipal Government Act with respect to Marketing Levies.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed amendment to the Bylaw 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.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.