

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at Glasgow Square. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor MacDonald, Councillors Dorrington, Peters, Fraser, El-Haddad and Borden (participated virtually via MS Teams). Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Peter Douthwright, Senior Director of Operations and Strategic Initiatives; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development Resources; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Prasad Patil, Communications and Engagement Manager; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Police Chief Chisholm; Solicitor DeMont and Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works. Absent from the meeting was Audrey Buchanan, Assistance Director of Engineering and Public Works; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Services; Ryan Leil, Deputy Police Chief and Derek Eisan, Director of IT.

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.

Mayor Dicks extended a special thank you to all staff who assisted in organizing the unveiling of the Pictou Landing First Nations Indigenous Artwork Collaboration.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda includes the Council Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2024 and the departmental reports for Committee of the Whole, Engineering and Public Works, Solid Waste, Police, Community Development, Business Development, Fire and Fire Inspection, Building, Human Resources Quarterly Report, as well as Strategic Initiatives and Projects. Proclamations included in the consent agenda: Disability Pride Month (July); National Drowning Prevention Week (July 21-27); Nelson Mandela International Day (July 18); Emancipation Day (August 1) and International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (August 9)

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGETS FOR FISCAL 2024-2025

TAX RATE RESOLUTION/OPERATING BUDGET

Council Fraser presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the estimated expenditures of the Town of New Glasgow for the period of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025 be approved, accepted, and adopted in the amount of \$24,244,593 and after making allowance for estimated revenue in the amount of \$6,885,693, the amount of \$17,358,900 is required from the general taxation of the assessed valuation of \$732,720,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate for the Town of New Glasgow for the period

April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, 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 \$168.00 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 2025 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, 2024, for the interim tax bill and November 1st, 2024, 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

FIRST READING – LUB MAP AMENDMENT AND REZONING OF PID 00957241 AND 65238420

Deputy Mayor MacDonald presented for first reading an amendment to the LUB Map Rezoning of PID 00957241 and 65238420 from Single Unit residential (R1) Zone to Two Unit Residential (R2) Zone.

The object of the amendment is to provide the same zoning to the subject sites as the abutting lands.

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.

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.