

## **TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**

### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor MacDonald, Councillors Dorrington, Peters, Fraser, El-Haddad. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Prasad Patil, Communications and Engagement Manager; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Ryan Leil, NGRP Police Chief; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk, and Solicitor DeMont. Absent from the meeting were Councillor Borden 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.

### **AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

Councillor Peters moved to amend the minutes under Viola's Place Society presentation to include the following information; there are 25 emergency beds available at Viola's Place Society.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the amendment be approved.

Motion carried.

### **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Dicks recognized Deputy Chief Ryan Leil being appointed as Police Chief for the New Glasgow Regional Police following his reading of the Oath of Office as Chief of Police.

### **REPORTS**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Finance Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

### **ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Engineering and Public Works 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 Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor MacDonald inquired if the temporary rental engine rescue truck has arrived.

Fire Chief White advised that the rental engine has arrived and the department is operating at full capacity with no disruption in operations.

Mayor Dicks inquired how long the department would be using the temporary rental engine? Fire

Chief White advised it will take approximately 6 months before the repairs are completed to the engine rescue truck.

### **BUILDING REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Building Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Information Technology Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

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

### **FIRST READING – MINIMUM STANDARDS BYLAW**

Councillor Peters presented for first reading the Minimum Standards Bylaw. The purpose of the bylaw is to provide the Town with the necessary, enabling powers to ensure “the health, well-being, safety, and protection of persons” as well as establishing “standards for the maintenance and sightliness of property” which are the responsibilities of property owners.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this proposed bylaw should proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

### **FIRST READING – NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – P.Q.**

#### **PROPERTIES, EIGHTH STREET PID 01006485**

Councillor El-Haddad presented for first reading the Notice of Motion to Adopt a Development Agreement – P.Q. Properties, Eighth Street PID 01006485. The purpose of the amendment application by P.Q. Properties is to amend the development agreement for Eighth Street (PID 01006485) to allow for the construction of 12 residential units comprised of three (3), four(4) unit, two level buildings.

It was regularly moved and seconded by Council that a Public Participation Meeting and Public Hearing with respect to this Land-Use Bylaw Amendment and that the proposed amendment proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

**FIRST READING – REZONING – MACDONALD & MURPHY INC. - LOT 51 EAST RIVER**

**ROAD PID 00931071**

Councillor Dorrington presented for first reading the Rezoning – MacDonald & Murphy Inc., Lot 51 East River Road PID 00931071. The purpose of the amendment application from the MacDonald & Murphy Inc., is to rezone Lot 51, 635 East River Road (PID 00931071) from a Residential Two Unit (R2) to a Highway Commercial (C3) zone.

It was regularly moved and seconded by Council that a Public Participation Meeting and Public Hearing with respect to this Land-Use Bylaw Amendment and that the proposed amendment proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

**FIRST READING – MOTION TO ADOPT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT–**

**HOUSING TRUST OF NOVA SCOTIA, WASHINGTON STREET PIDS 65216764 & 65216772**

Councillor Fraser presented for first reading the Motion to Adopt Development Agreement – Housing Trust of Nova Scotia, Washington Street PID's 65216764 & 65216772. The purpose of the amendment application from Housing Trust of Nova Scotia is to amend the Development Agreement Amendment for Washington Street, PIDs 65216764 & 65216772 to allow for the site to exceed the previously approved number of dwelling units of nine (9), two multi-unit dwellings to fourteen (14) in total, as well as having an additional second level.

It was regularly moved and seconded by Council that a Public Participation Meeting and Public Hearing with respect to this Land-Use Bylaw Amendment and that the proposed amendment proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ACCOUNTS**

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

Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY POLICING**

Deputy Mayor MacDonald inquired when the Community Policing space in the downtown will be operational. Chief of Police Leil advised that it should be fully operational by next week or the week after, depending on staffing and IT requirements for the location.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETINGS**

Lease for 90 Provost Street – The CAO stated that it is the recommendation to Council from the September 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting to proceed with the lease for 90 Provost Street.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the lease for 90 Provost Street be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Motion carried.