

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 6:03 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor MacDonald, Councillors Dorrington, Peters, Fraser, and Borden. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Prasad Patil, Communications and Engagement Manager; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Jeff Turnbull, Senior Planner/Development Officer; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Ryan Leil, NGRP Police Chief, Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk and Ross MacDonald, Municipal Advisor. Absent from the meeting were Councillor El-Haddad; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering; Derek Eisan, Director of IT; and 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 - NOVA SCOTIA PUBLIC HEALTH

In attendance were Northern Zone Health Promoters, Korede Esan and Stephanie Feuer; Nutritionist, Jalisa Clarke and Public Policy and Social Action Consultant, Tabitha White of Nova Scotia Public Health. Korede Esan and Tabitha White delivered a powerpoint presentation to Council regarding the Core Areas of Public Health; Health Protection, Early Years and Healthy Communities. The presentation introduced methods in which Public Health and Municipal Governments can work together to understand the health of our communities and act together to improve Equity, Inclusion & Anit-Racism; Food Environments & Systems; Housing; Active Communities; Substances; Income & Food Insecurity and Climate Change.

Mayor Dicks thanked Korede and Tabitha for their presentation and that the Town looks forward to working with Public Health in their future endeavors to promote a healthy community for all residents.

PRESENTATIONS OF FEDERAL POLICE EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDALS

Mayor Dicks presented the Federal Police Exemplary Service Medals to the following members of

the New Glasgow Regional Police;

- Chief Ryan Leil for 20 years
- Sgt. Darryl Paris for 20 years
- D/Sgt. Jason MacKinnon for 20 years
- Sgt. Claire Corkum-Timmons for 20 years
- Sgt. Kelly Reid for 30 years
- Cst. David Fulton for 30 years

Mayor Dicks thanked these individuals for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the Town and its residents.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES

Lisa MacDonald, CAO presented a certificate of recognition from Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities to council members for their significant contributions to the Municipal Government.

- Mayor Nancy Dicks for 10 years
- Councillor Clyde Fraser for 15 years

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was regularly moved and seconded that the consent agenda including the Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of September 16, 2024 and proclamations for:

- i. Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day – October 15, 2024
- ii. Circular Economy Month – October 2024 & Waste Reduction Week - October 21-27, 2024
- iii. Workplace Safety Day – October 26, 2024
- iv. Radon Action Month – November 2024
- v. Domestic Violence Awareness Month – November 2024
- vi. Diabetes Awareness Month – November 2024
& World Diabetes Day – November 14, 2024
- vii. National Veteran’s Week – November 5–11, 2024
- viii. Viola Desmond Day – November 8, 2024
- ix. Transgender Awareness Week – November 13–19, 2024

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

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

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

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

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

Motion carried.

Councillor Borden moved to amend the report under Environmental Services, Activities

Completed to read Vale Road, not Val Road as recorded in the report.

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

Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Solid Waste Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Police Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

Councillor Peters inquired if there was data available to specify the number of actual speeding tickets that were issued as a result of the traffic analysis on Beech Street and also inquired if staff are trained to use the liDAR and Radar Gun.

Chief Leil stated the traffic analysis device assesses whether there is a speeding issue and identifies optimal times for police to focus on speeding in that area. If speeding is detected, officers will patrol the area and enforce speed limits accordingly. More specific information from the traffic analysis report will be included in the monthly council report. Chief Ryan also advised that staff are all trained to use the liDAR and Radar Gun and both units are operational.

Deputy Mayor MacDonald asked to have the functions of the traffic analysis device explained to council.

Chief Leil explained how the device functions in terms of placement and data collection duration. Specific data can be retrieved from the device when requested.

Councillor Fraser inquired if there are portable speed signs as there are other areas within the town that are having high traffic and concerns for speeding have been reported.

The Town does not have portable traffic speed signs and it was noted that the speed devices must be structurally secure and calibrated for effective data to be collected.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Community Development Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Business Development Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT AND FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Fire and Fire Inspection Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

BUILDING REPORT

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

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

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

Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

SECOND READING – PROPERTY MINIMUM STANDARDS BYLAW #48

Councillor Peters presented for second reading the Property Minimum Standards Bylaw #48. The object 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 the proposed Property Minimum Standards Bylaw #48 be approved and adopted by Council in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING – NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT –

P.Q.PROPERTIES, EIGHTH STREET PID 001006485

Deputy Mayor MacDonald presented to council for second reading the application of P.Q.

Properties for a Development Agreement for property located on Eighth Street – PID 001006485 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 that the Development Agreement Application of P.Q.

Properties be approved by the Town in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

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

ROAD PID 00931071

Councillor Dorrington presented for second reading a Land-Use Bylaw Amendment. The purpose of the amendment by MacDonald & Murphy Inc., is to rezone property located at Lot 51 East River Road PID 00931071 from a Residential Two Unit (R2) to a Highway Commercial (C3) zone.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Land-Use Bylaw Amendment in accordance with the provisions set out in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING – MOTION TO ADOPT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT–

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

Councillor Fraser presented to council for second reading an application from Housing Nova Scotia to amend the Development Agreement for the property at 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 pursuant to Section 230(1) of the Municipal Government Act that the application of Housing Trust of Nova Scotia for a Development

Agreement Amendment be approved by the Town in accordance with the Provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTS

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETINGS

WATER AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF WESTVILLE

It was the recommendation to Council from the September 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting to proceed with sending a letter to the Town of Westville, formally notifying them of a breach in the Water Sale Agreement with the Town of New Glasgow.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be sent to the Town of Westville.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Motion carried.