

## **TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**

### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor MacDonald, Councillors Dorrington, Peters, Fraser, MacDonald and McKenna. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services (participated virtually via MS Teams); Prasad Patil, Communications and Engagement Manager; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Communications; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Ryan Leil, NGRP Chief; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; Sean O'Connor, Unsightly Property Administrator/Bylaw Officer and Solicitor DeMont. Absent from the meeting were Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering; Derek Eisan, Director of IT; and Jeff Turnbull, Senior Planner.

Mayor Dicks expressed heartfelt condolences on the passing of Doug Dort, a long-standing citizen of the Town, retired Fire Chief, and a dedicated firefighter. The Mayor extended thoughts and prayers to Doug's family, friends, and the entire fire department during this difficult time. His legacy of service and dedication will not be forgotten.

Deputy Mayor MacDonald recognized the recent passing of two esteemed residents of the Town, Bill O'Farrell, and Donald Johnson. Bill O'Farrell known for his longstanding contribution to the Town as a dedicated car salesperson, was admired for his professionalism and friendly demeanor. Donald

Johnson, a skilled cabinet maker, left a lasting legacy through his craftsmanship and dedication to his trade. Thoughts and sympathies are extended to their families and friends.

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 with an adjustment of the presentation order. The current item A will shift to become item B and the current item B will move to item C.

Motion carried.

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

#### **PRESENTATION - PICTOU COUNTY FOOD BANK EAST**

In attendance were Pictou County Food Bank East representatives, Shelley Manning, Media Relations and Courtney Sharp, Vice-Chair of the Board. The Pictou County Food Bank East was recently recognized by the Food Bank Canada National Standards of Excellence for their continued commitment to the community. Through volunteers and donations, they were able to serve 6465 households between January 1 – October 31, 2024. Information was provided for the Pictou County Christmas Fund registration process which will be displayed on the Town's social media.

Mayor Dicks thanked Shelley and Courtney for their presentation and congratulated them on receiving such prestigious recognition.

**ORDER TO APPEAR – DEMOLITION – 89 MACKAY STREET**

Mayor Dicks called for anyone wishing to speak regarding the Order to Appear for the demolition of 89 MacKay Street.

There was no one present virtually or in person.

Deputy Mayor MacDonald asked Chief White and Sean O'Connor, Unsightly Premises Administrator if they had any additional comments regarding the condition of the property.

Chief White reported that multiple attempts were made to have the owner bring the property up to standards. The building has significant issues, including holes in the walls and floors, and it has been broken into, with copper piping being removed.

Unsightly Premises Administrator, Sean O'Connor, advised that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

It was regularly moved and seconded to follow the Order and have the owner demolish the home at 89 MacKay Street within 30 days.

Motion carried.

**ORDER TO APPEAR – DEMOLITION – 269 MITCHELL STREET**

Mayor Dicks called for anyone wishing to speak regarding the Order to Appear for the demolition of 269 Mitchell Street.

There was no one present virtually or in person.

Deputy Mayor MacDonald asked Chief White and Sean O'Connor, Unsightly Premises Administrator if they had any additional comments regarding the condition of the property.

There was no additional information.

It was regularly moved and seconded to follow the Order and have the owner demolish the home at 269 Mitchell Street within 30 days.

Motion carried.

### **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 November 18, 2024 and proclamations for:

- i. Transgender Day of Remembrance – November 20, 2024
- ii. World Pancreatic Cancer Day – November 21, 2024
- iii. Municipal Awareness Week – November 22-28, 2024
- iv. International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25, 2024
- v. National Economic Abuse Awareness Day – November 26, 2024
- vi. International Day for Persons with Disabilities – December 3, 2024
- vii. International Human Rights Day – December 10, 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

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

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 at 6:25 pm.

Motion carried.