

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors, Fraser, Joe MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, McKenna and Peters (participated virtually via MS Teams). Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; 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; Prasad Patil, Communication and Engagement Manager; Rohan Mishra, Environment & Sustainability Lead and Barb Young, Aberdeen School of Nursing Alumni. Absent from the meeting were; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering; Derek Eisan, Director of IT and Frank DeMont, Solicitor.

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 BY ABERDEEN SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI**

In attendance was Aberdeen School of Nursing Alumni representative, Barb Young. Barb presented the Healing Garden project at the Aberdeen Hospital outdoor space themed “Echoes of Healing” spearheaded by the Aberdeen Hospital Archives Committee, a project of the Aberdeen Hospital Auxiliary. The project entails an art installation with the garden and include three benches to signify the Schools of Nursing, Radiology and Lab Technology.

Councillor McKenna inquired what the budget was for this project.

Barb advised the budget for this project is \$100,000.00.

Deputy Mayor Dorrington inquired if there will be a shaded area.

Barb advised that trees will be planted for shade and that the garden is in close proximity to where the school stood.

CAO commented that the Town has a signature tree, the Flowering Crab and signature flower, the Day Lily.

Mayor Dicks thanked Barb for the presentation and stated that this project will be part of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Town’s incorporation.

## **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 December 16, 2024, and proclamations for:

- i. Alzheimer Awareness Month – January 2025

- ii. Martin Luther King Junior Day – January 20, 2025
- iii. African Heritage Month – February 2025
- iv. Wear Red Canada Day – February 13, 2025

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

Motion carried.

It was acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on Martin Luther King Day.

## **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.

Mayor Dicks extended thanks to the Department of Engineering and Public Works for the installation of the bus stations.

Councillor McKenna thanked Earl MacKenzie of the Department of Engineering and Public Works for the ramp inspection at the Ward 1 Community Centre.

Motion carried.

### **SOLID WASTE REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Engineering and Public Works 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.

Mayor Dicks asked the Director of Community Development for an update on 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee.

Michelle Ward stated that the planning committee meets every two weeks with a strong representation from the Town.

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 INSECTION REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Fire Report 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 6:43 pm.

Motion carried.