

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Peters, McKenna and Jessica MacDonald. 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; Kim Dickson, Director of Strategic Initiatives; Ryan Leil, NGRP Chief; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; Sean O'Connor, Unsightly Property Administrator/Bylaw Officer; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Cindy MacKinnon representing Coastal Nova Scotia. Absent from the meeting were Councillors Fraser, and Joe MacDonald; staff members, Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering 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.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION COASTAL NOVA SCOTIA

A presentation was given by Cindy MacKinnon, representing Coastal Nova Scotia, who provided an overview of the organization's strategic pillars and operations.

Mayor Dicks thanked Cindy for the presentation and acknowledged the valuable work being done by the organization.

ORDER TO CONSIDER AN ORDER TO DEMOLISH 154 ALEXANDER STREET

Mayor Dicks called for anyone wishing to speak regarding the Order to Appear for the demolition of 154 Alexander Street.

There was no one present.

Unsanitary Premises Administrator, Sean O'Connor, confirmed that the owner of the property was advised of the meeting start time and that Council may motion an order for the demolition of the home at 154 Alexander Street within 30 days.

It was regularly moved and seconded to follow the recommendation and order the owner to demolish the home at 154 Alexander Street within 30 days.

Barret Fraser, owner of 154 Alexander Street, arrived in Council Chambers at 6:24 pm.

The owner advised that renovations will be completed to the property but was unable to present a scope of the work to be completed, a clear timeline for start up and completion, information about contractors responsible for the work and an outline of the total costs of the necessary repairs.

Council identified the safety and structural issues with the property and requested that the owner present a comprehensive plan, including an engineer's report for addressing the foundation and all other issues addressed by the bylaw enforcement officer and building inspector's report to Council by April 7, 2025.

CAO MacDonald informed Mr. Fraser that the information regarding requirements by April 7th will be available for pickup at the Town Hall on March 18.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the vote on the motion be deferred to the next Council meeting on April 14, 2025.

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 March 17, 2025 and proclamations for:

- i. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – March 21, 2025
- ii. Earth Hour – March 22, 2025
- iii. Purple Day for Epilepsy – March 26, 2025
- iv. Autism Awareness & Access Month – April 2025
- v. Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April 2025
- vi. National Poetry Month – April 2025

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.

Mayor Dicks inquired about the change in collection days.

CAO MacDonald advised that a new contract has been established and the collection day was changed to avoid overlapping with holidays with residents being notified of their collection day changes.

Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

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

Mayor Dicks asked for an update regarding the Downtown Community Policing Report.

Chief Leil advised that an update will be provided in the next report.

Mayor Dicks inquired about an open house for the community policing office.

Chief Leil advised that an open house is being organized for May 2025.

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 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.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Human Resources and Corporate Communications Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

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 6:44 pm.

Motion carried.