

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Councillors Peters, McKenna, Fraser, Joe MacDonald 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; NGRP Cpl. Allan Chabassol; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; Sean O'Connor, Unsightly Property Administrator/Bylaw Officer; Frank DeMont, Solicitor and Maddy From representing Food Cycle Science (participated virtually via MS Teams) . Absent from the meeting was Deputy Mayor Dorrington 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 FOOD CYCLE SCIENCE

Maddy From, Municipal Partnership Representative for Food Cycle Science, attended the meeting virtually through MS Teams and delivered a presentation. She introduced an innovative food waste solution designed to help residents reduce waste and combat climate change. Food Cycle Science has partnered with over 150 municipalities to reduce food waste with a net negative carbon solution.

Mayor Dicks thanked Maddy, on behalf of Town Council, for the presentation.

PRESENTATION OF FEDERAL POLICE EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL

Mayor Dicks and New Glasgow Regional Police Chief Leil presented the Federal Police Exemplary Service Medal to New Glasgow Regional Police Corporal Allan Chabassol recognizing 20 years of service with the Town.

Mayor Dicks thanked Corporal Allan Chabassol for his ongoing commitment and dedication to the Town and its residents.

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 April 14, 2025 and proclamations for:

- i. Earth Day – April 22, 2025
- ii. Human Values Day – April 24, 2025
- iii. National Volunteer Week – April 27 – May 3, 2025
- iv. Environmental Sensitivities Awareness/Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month – May 2025 & Environmental Sensitivities Awareness Day - May 12, 2025
- v. Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month – May 2025
- vi. Lyme Disease Awareness Month – May 2025
- vii. Gaelic Awareness Month – May 2025
- viii. World Lupus Day – May 10, 2025

- ix. Fibromyalgia Awareness Day – May 12, 2025
- x. National Demin Day – May 13, 2025
- xi. International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia – May 17, 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.

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 open house in May for the Downtown Community Policing office.

Chief Leil advised that when the date is identified it will be communicated to Council and to the public through the Town's social media platforms.

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.

Mayor Dicks asked when the next newsletter will be released.

Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Communications advised it will be released at the end of April.

Motion carried.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES & PROJECTS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Strategic Initiatives & Project Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – TAX EXEMPTION

It was regularly moved and seconded pursuant to Section 69 of the Municipal Government Act, that a property tax exemption in the maximum amount of \$405.00 for the taxation year 2025-2026 be granted to a person whose property is assessed as taxable property in the Town of New Glasgow and is occupied by that person as their principal residence and whose total income for the calendar year 2024 from all sources, including the income of a spouse or partner and other family members residing at the same property but excluding an allowance or pension paid pursuant to the War Veterans Allowance Act, is equal or less than \$24,300.00.

Motion carried.

ORDER TO DEMOLISH 154 ALEXANDER STREET

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.

CAO MacDonald advised that the owner of 154 Alexander Street has not met the requirements outlined at the March 17th, 2025, Council meeting when the owner appeared before Council and did not meet the requirements in the letter issued to him on March 18th which required a plan by April 7th of an engineer's report and repair plan to address the deficiencies identified in the inspection report. There has been no contact from the owner with the Building Inspector or Unsightly Property Administrator/Bylaw Officer.

Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS

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

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA

WATERSHED LAND PURCHASE ON IRISH MOUNTAIN

It was the recommendation to Council from the March 17, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting to proceed with the watershed land purchase from Jessie and Robert MacKay for 77 acres within PID 00897231.

It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the recommendation that the Town purchase the watershed land from Jessie and Robert MacKay for 77 acres within PID 00897231.

Motion carried.

MACGILLIVRAY/TOWN LAND SWAP

It was the recommendation to Council from the March 17, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting to proceed with the land swap transaction of PID 00934851 for the MacGillivray Properties Limited subdivided Parcel B of PID 65191702.

It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the recommendation that the Town proceed with the land swap transaction of PID 00934851 for the MacGillivray Properties Limited subdivided Parcel B of PID 65191702.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Motion carried.