

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 6:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Joe MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, McKenna, Fraser and Peters. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Communications; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Inspector Blair Bannerman, NGRP; Kaila Reid, Planning/Development Officer; Roland Burek, Planning/Development Officer; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Kim Dickson, Director of Strategic Initiatives; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; Morgan Simms, Program, Culture and Events Manager; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Auditor Heather MacDonald, representing MacDonald & Murphy Inc., and David MacIntosh, local artist. Absent from the meeting were staff members: Ryan Leil, NGRP Chief; Nick Hirtle, NGRP Deputy Chief; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works; and Derek Eisan, Director of I.T.

Mayor Dicks expressed heartfelt condolences on the passing of Kenneth MacNutt, long time colleague and friend, who was employed within the Public Works Department for the Town of New Glasgow. The Mayor extended thoughts and prayers to Kenny's family, friends and colleagues. His legacy of service and dedication will not be forgotten. A moment of silence was then observed.

Councillor Joe MacDonald extended sincere sympathy to Mayor Dicks upon the recent passing of her mother.

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 that 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 AND UNVEILING OF NG 150 COMMISSIONED ARTWORK

As part of the Town's 150th anniversary celebrations, Mayor Dicks and Town Council unveiled a commissioned painting by local artist, David MacIntosh.

PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MARCH 31, 2025

Heather Murphy from MacDonald & Murphy Inc., presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2024-2025 which indicated that on a consolidated basis, the Town had a net surplus of \$2,498,700 as at March 31, 2025. The consolidated investment in capital infrastructures totaled \$6,757,000. During the fiscal year, new debt was issued in the amount of \$2,981,000 primarily related to investments in tangible capital assets such as watermain infrastructure, transportation and public works equipment, recreation, police and fire equipment, a sewer separation project, street lighting and street realignments. Total debt repayment for the fiscal period was \$1,373,000. On a non-consolidated basis, the general operating fund had a surplus of \$481,900. The Town's operating reserve as of March 31, 2025, totaled \$6,006,500. During 2024-2025, the Town, together with our

funding partners, invested \$5.32 million in general tangible capital assets which included paving, curbing, sidewalks, public works equipment, facility upgrades, storm sewer and sewer separation projects, protective services equipment, and improvements to trails and recreation infrastructure. The water utility's operating fund had a deficit of (\$761,600) and a \$1.44 million investment in water capital infrastructure. It was the opinion of auditor, Heather Murphy with MacDonald, Murphy Inc., that the financial statements presented fairly and all material respects the financial position of the Town of New Glasgow as of March 31, 2025 and its results of operations and cash flows for the year that ended March 31, 2025 are in accordance with the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Mayor Dicks thanked Heather for her presentation and delivered remarks on behalf of the Town.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the financial statements be accepted as presented.

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 October 20, 2025, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2025 and proclamations for:

- i. World Pancreatic Cancer Day – November 20, 2025
- ii. Transgender Day of Remembrance – November 20, 2025
- iii. International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25, 2025
- iv. National Economic Abuse Awareness Day – November 26, 2025
- v. International Day of Persons with Disabilities – December 3, 2025
- vi. International Human Rights Day – December 10, 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.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Dicks praised Michelle Ward for her recent presentation on community engagement during the recent NSFIM conference.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT AND FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Fire Report and Fire Inspection 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.

BUILDING REPORT

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

Motion carried.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Strategic Initiative and Projects Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

SECOND READING – LUB DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPLICATION – 4668133 NS LIMITED

PID 65242646

Councillor McKenna presented to council for second reading the application of 4668133 NS Limited for a Development Agreement for property located at 753 Merigomish Road – PID 65242646 to allow for the construction of a four (4) split entry dwelling.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Development Agreement Application of 4668133 NS Limited be approved by the Town in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING – LUB DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPLICATION – 3265312 NS LIMITED

PID 00994772

Councillor Peters presented to council for second reading the application of 3265312 NS Limited for a Development Agreement for property located at 582 Little Harbour Road – PID 00994772 to allow the construction of twenty-two (22) townhouse units with a possibility for up to twenty-eight (28) units in total.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Development Agreement Application of 3265312 NS Limited be approved by the Town in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING – LUB DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPLICATION – ANDREW HICKEN AND FALLON MACDONALD - PID 00933176

Deputy Mayor Dorrington presented to council for second reading the application of Andrew Hicken and Fallon MacDonald for a Development Agreement for property located at 448 Stewart Street – PID 00933176 to allow the conversion of the existing garage to another residential unit, for a total of three (3) units in the northern building for a total of seven (7) residential units on site, with the option to construct up to ten (10) units, provided approval by the Traffic Authority is granted.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Development Agreement Application of Andrew Hicken and Fallon MacDonald be approved by the Town in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

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 6:36 p.m.