

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 6:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Peters, Councillors Dorrington, Joe MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, McKenna, and Fraser. 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; Ryan Leil, NGRP Chief; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Presenters and guests included: Bruce Wheadon, recipient of the Junior Jay's Care Coach of the Year Award; Rachel MacKenzie representing the Jays Care Organization; Lana Goldberg representing Stand Earth (virtually through MS Teams); and Peter MacCarron, resident of Ward 3. Absent from the meeting were staff members: Nick Hirtle, NGRP Deputy Chief; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works; and Derek Eisan, Director of I.T.

Mayor Dicks expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Jim Mitchell, remembering him as a valued community member and dedicated volunteer.

Jim will be remembered at a special event at Glasgow Square on February 6, 2026, where he will be recognized as part of the Square's 25th Anniversary.

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 OF JUNIOR JAYS CARE COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rachael MacKenzie presented Bruce Wheadon with the Junior Jays Care Coach of the Year Award for his outstanding volunteer work with the Junior Jays T-Ball Program.

Mayor Dicks commended Bruce for his volunteer work within the community and congratulated him on receiving the award.

PRESENTATION – STAND EARTH

Stand Earth representative Lana Goldberg participated through MS Teams, giving a presentation of an Introduction to a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty advocating for municipal endorsement to enhance climate action efforts.

Mayor Dicks thanked Lana for the presentation and advised that this will be added to the agenda of the next Climate Change Committee meeting.

PRESENTATION – PETITION RE: KENNEDY COURT – PETER MCCARRON

Peter McCarron, Ward 3 resident, appeared before Council to present a petition concerning the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the parklands at Kennedy Court, urging Council to consider resident feedback and respectfully request the withdrawal of the RFP.

The Mayor opened the floor to other speakers.

Lawrence Curry, Ward 3 resident, addressed Council in support of the petition and requested that Council consider the residents' concerns.

Lloyd MacKay, Ward 3 resident addressed Council and indicated that he had been informed the lands were to be maintained as green space, emphasized the limited availability of green space on the Westside, and requested consideration for Ward 3 residents.

Kevin Corbett, Ward 3 resident spoke, indicating that he relocated to the Westside four years ago based on the understanding that the property was adjacent to a park area.

Mayor Dicks thanks all who attended and participated in the Council Meeting and affirms that the concerns raised have been heard.

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 17, 2025, and proclamations for:

- i. Alzheimer Awareness Month – January 2026
- ii. African heritage Month – February 2026
- iii. Wear Red Canada Day – February 13, 2026

In recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19, 2026, and as the Council meeting occurred on this date, Deputy Mayor Peters read the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Proclamation.

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 dated December 15, 2025, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Finance Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Engineering and Public Works Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be accepted as circulated.

Councillor McKenna inquired about the completion of the ramp at the Ward 1 Recreation Centre and if the Town is at risk of losing the grant due to delays in completion of the project.

Director of Community Development advised that the deadline for completion has been extended until September 2026, citing that there were circumstances beyond the Town's control that have delayed the completion of the project.

CAO MacDonald advised that there are ongoing discussions with the Director of Engineering and Public Works that could result in the reissue of the tender due to a lack of response from the successful contractor awarded the RFP.

Deputy Mayor Peters asked if the residents of Ward 1 are being kept informed of the progress

Director of Community Development advised that the Ward 1 board is being kept up to date and there are ongoing conversations with the board chair.

Councillor Jessica MacDonald complimented the Engineering and Public Works Department for their swift snow removal and salting of the roads and sidewalks, advising that positive feedback was received by email from a resident in Ward 3.

Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Solid Waste Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Police Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be accepted as circulated.

Councillor McKenna noted the increase in occurrences in Ward 1 and asked for comments from Chief Leil.

Chief Leil advised that the numbers reflected in the report are not statistical data, they are a highlight of the overall occurrences. The community is an area of concern with the increase of police

frequency for situational occurrences. There has not been a cross comparison for the three wards and quality of life occurrences have been highlighted in the report.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Community Development Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Business Development Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT AND FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Fire Reports and Fire Inspection Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

BUILDING REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Building Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Information Technology Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, 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 Reports dated January 19, 2026, December 15, 2025, and November 17, 2025, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Strategic Initiative and Projects Reports dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MOTION TO REVOKE THE TAX-EXEMPTION GRANT – VIOLA’S PLACE SOCIETY

Councillor Joe MacDonald brought forth a motion to revoke the tax exemption grant to Viola’s Place Society effective March 31, 2026.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the motion to revoke the tax exemption grant of \$1000 to Viola’s Place Society effective March 31, 2026, be approved as presented.

Motion carried. Nay vote recorded for Deputy Mayor Peters.

ACCOUNTS

It was regularly moved and seconded that the accounts dated January 19, 2026, and December 15, 2025, be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS

MARINA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

It was the recommendation to Council to proceed with the release of the request for proposals to operate the Riverfront Marina.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request for proposals to operate the Riverfront Marina proceed as recommended.

Motion carried.

PROVOST STREET REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

It was the recommendation to Council to proceed with the release of the request for proposals to purchase the Town owned lot on Provost Street.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request for proposals to purchase a Town owned lot on Provost proceed as recommended.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.