

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Glasgow Square. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Peters, Councillors Joe MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, Dorrington, and McKenna. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Communications; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Ryan Leil, NGP Chief; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services, Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Presenters and guests included: Peter Junger, Advocate for No More Cigarette Butts, New Glasgow and Mary Katherine Gillis, Executive at Large, Royal Canadian Legion Normandy Branch #34, New Glasgow. Absent from the meeting was Councillor Fraser and staff member Derek Eisan, Director of I.T.

Deputy Mayor Peters 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 – NO MORE CIGARETTE BUTTS/ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Peter Junger representing No More Cigarette Butts, New Glasgow delivered a presentation in collaboration with the Royal Canadian Legion Normandy Branch #34 and Pictou County Solid Waste on the harmful environmental impacts of cigarette butt litter. The group is advocating for community support and increased awareness through website and social media efforts to help reduce cigarette butt pollution and promote responsible disposal practices. As part of ongoing efforts to address this issue, the Royal Canadian Legion Normandy Branch #34 in New Glasgow has partnered with TerraCycle to launch a cigarette butt recycling campaign.

Mayor Dicks thanked Peter Junger for his informative presentation and for his ongoing efforts to raise awareness about the environmental impacts of cigarette butt litter.

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 May 19, 2026, and proclamations for:

- i. National Garden Day – June 19, 2026
- ii. Longest Day of Smiles – June 20, 2026
- iii. National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21, 2026
- iv. Pollinator Week – June 22 to June 28, 2026
- v. Canadian Multiculturalism Day – June 27, 2026
- vi. Indigenous Survivors' Day – June 30, 2026
- vii. Disability Pride Month – July 2026
- viii. Canada Day – July 1, 2026

- ix. Nelson Mandela International Day – July 18, 2026
- x. National Drowning Prevention Week – July 19 to July 25, 2026

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 June 15, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Finance Report dated June 15, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Engineering and Public Works Report dated June 15, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Councillor McKenna inquired about the library renovations and asked how the change orders would affect the project budget.

The Director of Engineering and Public Works reported that the change orders are all included and covered within the contingency of the overall project budget.

Councillor McKenna inquired on the status of the Ward 1 ramp.

The Director of Engineering and Public Works reported that the contractor continues to slip with the delivery of the project as they have indicated the Dartmouth facility providing the galvanization is backed up with their production and indicates that September will be the installation date. He noted the project was awarded in June 2025.

Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Solid Waste Report dated June 15, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Police Report dated June 15, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Councillor McKenna inquired if there are any plans to seek restitution for the repairs to the bridge on the Pioneer Trail.

Chief Leil explained that, as a standard practice in cases involving property damage or loss where criminal charges have been laid, the prosecution submits a Request for Restitution to the court. He noted that this procedure will be followed in this case.

Councillor McKenna noted the reference to quality of life occurrences in the report and asked for clarification regarding what types of incidents are included in this category.

Chief Leil stated that the definition is outlined within the administrative policy framework and has been implemented to capture data through the records management system. He explained that this is a new process designed to improve data collection and reporting, while establishing a consistent method for tracking social issues such as homelessness, housing insecurity, mental health challenges, and substance use.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Community Development Report dated June 15, 2026, be accepted as presented.

Mayor Dicks advised that the Summer Programming Guide is now available.

Deputy Mayor Peters commended staff for their efforts and beautifying the town, noting that the flowers and landscaping throughout the Town look beautiful.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Business Development Report dated June 15, 2026, 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 dated June 15, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

BUILDING REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Building Report dated June 15, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Information Technology report dated June 15, 2026, 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 dated June 15, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS

It was regularly moved and seconded that the accounts dated May 19, 2026, be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS

LEASE RENEWAL – 90 PROVOST STREET

It was the recommendation to Council to renew the New Glasgow Police downtown office location lease with FH Real Estate Holdings for 90 Provost Street.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the lease be renewed with FH Real Estate Holdings for the New Glasgow Police downtown office located at 90 Provost Street.

Motion carried.

LEASE RENEWAL – 112 PROVOST STREET, SUITE D

It was the recommendation to Council to renew the Community Development office location lease with MacGillivray Properties Limited for 112 Provost Street – Suite D.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the lease be renewed with MacGillivray Properties Limited for the Community Development office located at 112 Provost Street – Suite D.

Motion carried.

LEASE RENEWAL – KINSMEN BALLFIELD

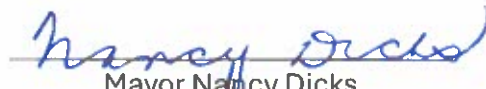
It was the recommendation to Council to renew the Kinsmen Club of New Glasgow Athletic grounds lease for an additional twenty years.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Kinsmen Club of New Glasgow Athletic grounds lease be renewed for nineteen years and 364 days.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:22 p.m.


Mayor Nancy Dicks
July 20, 2026