

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, September 21, 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; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Communications; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Inspector Blair Bannerman, NGP; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; Frank DeMont, Solicitor, and Auditor Heather Murphy, representing MacDonald & Murphy Inc. Absent from the meeting was Councillor Fraser and staff members, Ryan Leil, NGP Chief; and 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. It was noted that the presentation of the certificate of recognition to Sgt. Darryl Paris was postponed until the October 19, 2026, Council meeting.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MARCH 31, 2026

Heather Murphy from MacDonald & Murphy Inc., presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2025-2026 which indicated that on a consolidated basis, the Town had a net surplus of \$8,783,000 as of March 31, 2026. The consolidated investment in capital infrastructures totaled \$14,155,000. During the fiscal year, new debt was issued in the amount of \$2,948,000 primarily related to investments in paving, transportation and public works equipment, recreation infrastructure, police and fire equipment and a sewer separation project. Total debt repayment for the fiscal period was \$1,756,000. On a non-consolidated basis, the general operating fund had a surplus of \$788,000, which will be transferred to the operating reserve. The Town's operating reserve as of March 31, 2026, totaled \$6,644,500. During 2025-2026, the Town, together with our funding partners, invested \$12.7 million in general tangible capital assets. This included paving, curbing, public works equipment, facility upgrades, (including our library revitalization), storm sewer and sewer separation projects, protective services equipment, and improvements to recreation infrastructure. The New Glasgow Water Utility's operating fund for 2025-2026 had a deficit of (\$80,500) and a \$1.43 million investment in water capital infrastructure. It was the opinion of Auditor, Heather Murphy with MacDonald, Murphy Inc., that the financial statement presented fairly and all material respects the financial position of the Town of New Glasgow as of March 31, 2026, and its results of operations and cash flows for the year that ended March 31, 2026, 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 August 19, 2026, and Audit Committee Minutes of September 13, 2026, and proclamations for:

- i. National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – September 30, 2026
- ii. Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October 2026
- iii. National Disability Employment Awareness Month – October 2026
- iv. Circular Economy Month and Waste Reduction Week – October 2026 & October 29-25, 2026
- v. Wrongful Conviction Day – October 2, 2026
- vi. World Ombuds Day – October 8, 2026
- vii. Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day – October 15, 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 September 21, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Finance Report dated September 21, 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 September 21, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Councillor McKenna inquired on the status of the construction of the Ward One Social and Recreation Centre ramp.

Director of Engineering and Public Works advised that a ramp will be constructed of concrete with the deconstruction work scheduled to begin the first week of October and estimated completion time of four weeks.

Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Solid Waste Report dated September 21, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Police Report dated September 21, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Councillor McKenna recognized the department for its successful efforts in locating the missing person.

Councillor McKenna inquired about the status of any outstanding court proceedings involving the Town of Trenton.

Inspector Bannerman advised that all active files have been transferred and discussions are ongoing with the RCMP about the historical files.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Community Development Report dated September 21, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Councillor McKenna requested further information regarding the reference to needles found, as noted in the report.

Director of Community Development advised that the increase in drug related activity is associated with certain areas within the Town, particularly Rotary Park, where access to electricity allows individuals to charge their devices. As a result of this activity, programming and activities were relocated to Glasgow Square.

Councillor Jessica MacDonald noted in the report that the Town's equipment lending library, which has been operating successfully for 5 years, experienced its first theft of equipment, an electric bicycle. She also noted the report raised concerns regarding the safety and protocols for summer students working for the Town. She advised that the report also indicated, as a result of several incidents involving summer students being harassed by individuals on the street, parks, and trails, work schedules and programming had to be adjusted to ensure their safety. Councillor Jessica

MacDonald expressed hope that these incidents would not negatively impact future summer student applicants.

Councillor Dorrington thanked the staff for the many events held within the Town.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Business Development Report dated September 21, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT AND FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Fire Report and Fire Inspection Report dated September 21, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

BUILDING REPORT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Building Report dated September 21, 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 September 21, 2026, be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS

It was regularly moved and seconded that the accounts dated September 21, 2026, be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA

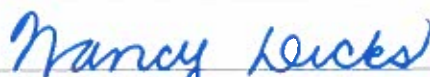
WATERSHED LAND

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the sale of 98 Irish Mountain Road in Springville located within the Primary Watershed which is subject to restrictive covenants for sale with a minimum bid of \$250,000.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Mayor Nancy Dicks
Approved October 19, 2026