

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:29 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Peters, Councillors, Joe MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, Fraser, Dorrington, and McKenna (Via MS Teams). 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; Kaila Reid, Planner; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was staff member Derek Eisan, Director of I.T.

**AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

**MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

**MEMO – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development highlighting the success of the recent Pathways to Progress event and identifying actionable opportunities to advance the development of the initiatives outlined within the memo. The Department of Community Development will work collaboratively with Council, Senior Leadership, and community partners to implement the key strategic priorities and initiatives that emerged from the event.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be received and placed on file.

Councillor McKenna commended the Director of Community Development on a successful event. Councillor McKenna inquired if the Town is committed to the actionable opportunities that were identified.

The Director of Community Development advised that the recommendations will be forwarded to the Inclusive Communities Committee for review. Several recommendations will require community engagement and collaboration with community partners. The Committee will determine which opportunities should be pursued by the Town and which may be better suited for consideration by other committees.

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS –  
APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW CIVIC ADDRESS COORDINATOR**

Council reviewed a recommendation from the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works recommending the appointment of Adam Langille as the Civic Address Coordinator with the Town of New Glasgow.

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

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS –  
CAPITAL PATCHING AWARD**

Council reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works that Council approve the award of TNG26-PW-005 Capital Patching for paved street patching and arterial approaches to the low bidder, Webster Brothers Paving & Concrete Ltd., for an

estimated unit price tender cost of \$231,342 plus HST [\$240,271.32 Net HST] for total estimated quantities.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Webster Brothers Paving & Concrete Ltd., be awarded TNG26-PW-005 Capital Patching for paved street patching and arterial approaches.

Motion carried.

### **MEMO – DOWNTOWN NIGHT MARKETS – MACGILLIVRAY**

Council reviewed a memo from CAO Lisa MacDonald outlining a request from MacGillivray Properties to host three night markets, including temporary signing installation, during the summer months on the Town owned lot on Provost Street.

It was regularly moved and seconded that permission be granted to MacGillivray Properties to host three night markets during the summer months in the Town owned lot on Provost Street for June 20, July 18, and August 15 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm.

Motion carried.

### **MEMO WITH RECOMMENDATION – DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – 125 PROVOST STREET**

#### **FAÇADE APPLICATION**

Council reviewed a recommendation from the Development Officer for the Town of New Glasgow that Council approve an application to undertake exterior renovations at 125 Provost Street. The façade renovations and signage do not undermine those specific features pertinent to the building's architectural relevance.

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

Motion carried.

**MEMO – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS – ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES  
TO TOWN HALL**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Engineering and Public Works providing an update on the approved accessibility upgrades at Town Hall. Upgrades include the front entrance, interior circulation, stairway, second floor washrooms, and Council Chambers.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MEMO INDEPENDENT ENERGY SYSTEM OPERATOR (IESO) UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the IESO presentation to the Councils of Pictou County which took place on May 6, 2026.

Mayor Dicks noted that Councillors Fraser and Dorrington were in attendance at this meeting.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMO – MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the special meeting update regarding the new fire services legislation which took place on April 12, 2026.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be received and placed on file.

Councillor McKenna noted reports arising from the forest fires in British Columbia and Alberta indicating that municipal firefighters may not be adequately trained to respond to wildland fires.

Councillor McKenna inquired whether this issue had been discussed and whether concerns regarding wildfire training for municipal firefighters had been addressed.

CAO Lisa MacDonald advised that there is currently a gap in wildfire training; however, upcoming provincial standards will require firefighters to obtain Level 1 certification and noted that requirements are being introduced for a Class 3 licence, along with additional training focused on wildfire response.

Chief White advised that wildfire firefighting requires specialized training, techniques, and operational practices that differ from those used in structural firefighting. He noted that the training is currently being offered to rural fire departments and will subsequently be made available to municipal fire departments.

Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CUPE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT APRIL 1, 2026, TO MARCH 31, 2029**

Council reviewed the Draft CUPE Local 281 Tentative Collective Agreement dated April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the draft CUPE Local 281 Tentative Collective Agreement dated April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

### **LETTER TO MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE – SHARPS DISPOSAL**

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of Digby addressed to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding the disposal of sharps (needles) and the need for a

provincially regulated sharps disposal program to manage all sharps from all sources throughout Nova Scotia.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

### **LETTER FROM MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 12 MONTH NOTICE**

Council reviewed a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs providing the required 12 months' notice of a provincial administrative action that may increase municipal expenditures including emergency management, police standards and FOIPOP. Effective June 1, 2027, recoverable costs charged to municipalities for adjustments to catch basins, manholes, and water valves during construction projects will increase. The cost of manhole and catch basin adjustments will rise from \$600 to \$1200, while water valve adjustments will increase from \$300 to \$600.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

### **LETTER FROM MINISTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – FIRE SERVICES**

#### **MODERNIZATION**

Council reviewed a letter from the Minister of Emergency Management providing advance notice of changes under the newly established Act to Provide Support for Fire Protection Services that may result in decreased municipal revenues or increased municipal expenditures during the 2027–2028 fiscal year.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

**LETTER FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELBURNE – NS POWER RATE FREEZE**

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne requesting a five-year freeze on power rates and exploration of public ownership of Nova Scotia Power.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

**LETTER FROM THE TOWN OF LOCKEPORT – POWER RATE FREEZE**

Council reviewed a letter from the Town of Lockeport advocating for a five-year freeze on power rates and exploration of public ownership of Nova Scotia Power.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

**LETTER FROM MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ST. MARY'S – END POVERTY SUPPORT**

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's expressing support for the concerns raised by the Antigonish Coalition to End Poverty (ACEP) regarding the need to increase social assistance and disability support rates in Nova Scotia.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

**REQUEST FROM PICTOU COUNTY FIREFIT CHAMPIONSHIPS – AUGUST 2026**

Council reviewed a request for funding from the Pictou County Firefit Championships organizing committee for their upcoming event being held in New Glasgow on August 29 and 30, 2026.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request be received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

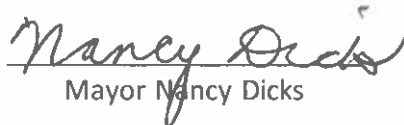
### **IN-CAMERA**

The meeting concluded at 6:44 p.m. at which time Council moved to an in-camera session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Mayor Nancy Dicks

June 15, 2026

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