

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was Monday, August 17, 2026, at 5:55 p.m. at Glasgow Square. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Peters, Councillors Joe MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, Fraser, 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; Nick Hirtle, NGP Deputy Chief; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; and Frank DeMont, Solicitor (virtually through MS Teams). Absent from the meeting were staff members, Ryan Leil, NGP Chief; and 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

MEMOS FOR INFORMATION – NEW GLASGOW POLICE CHIEF

Council reviewed the following memo's submitted by New Glasgow Police Chief Leil:

- i. Participation in St. Francis Xavier University Research Project – Community Based Mental Health Care in Rural Nova Scotia
- ii. Police-Reported Crime in Canada 2025 – National Trends and Implications for Nova Scotia
- iii. National Wastewater Drug Surveillance – May 2026 Report

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

Councillor Dorrington commented on the trends, noting the decline in hate crimes and requested that race and ethnicity data be included. She inquired whether additional data is available to better understand these factors, noting that religion can sometimes be associated with ethnicity.

Deputy Chief Hirtle advised that the requested data can be sought, so he will request and get back to Council with the information.

Motion carried.

**MEMO FOR INFORMATION – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – CLIMATE-
HEALTH-EQUITY DECISION MAKING TOOLKIT**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Community Development outlining a framework to help Council and Senior Leadership assess projects, programs, and policies beyond their own lived experienced and consider the broader community impacts from both a climate and equity perspective.

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

Motion carried.

**MEMO FOR INFORMATION – ACTIVE LIVING MANAGER – NS WALKS AUDIT WITH NERC
YOUTH GROUP**

Council reviewed a memo from the Active Living Manager highlighting the results of the walking audit conducted along routes near the North End Recreation Centre, including High Street, Cottage Street, Brookside Avenue, Acadia Street, Shelburne Street, Highland Drive and Dover Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Peters commented that the Active Living Manager did an incredible job with the youth.

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

Motion carried.

**MEMO FOR INFORMATION – DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES & CORPORATE
COMMUNICATIONS – RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE AND PUBLIC INTERACTION CAMPAIGN
UPDATE**

Council reviewed a memo from the Director of Human Resources & Corporate Communications providing an update on the implementation of the Town of New Glasgow's Respectful Workplace and Public Interaction Campaign.

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

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – OUT OF ATLANTIC
CANADA TRAVEL**

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering recommending that Council approve the Water Utility Forester/GIS Analyst attend the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in Quebec City from October 13-16, 2026, and the Esri Canada 2026 User Conference in Toronto from October 21-22, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRAFFIC STUDY – CHESTNUT STREET/PARKVIEW DRIVE/ABERCROMBIE ROAD UPDATE

Council reviewed an updated memo from New Glasgow Police Chief Leil outlining the results of the traffic data collection and analysis, following a request from Councillor Jessica MacDonald. The analysis found no evidence of systemic speeding or operating speeds warranting targeted traffic enforcement or additional traffic control measures at this time.

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

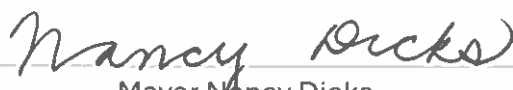
Motion carried.

IN-CAMERA

The meeting was concluded at 6:10 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 7:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nancy Dicks", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Nancy Dicks

Approved September 21, 2026