

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 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; and Frank DeMont, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Councillor Fraser and 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 with the addition of 9 (b) Memo – New Street Names.

Motion carried.

MATTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF

RECOMMENDATION VIA EVOTE – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS – CONTRACT AWARD INFLOW/INFILTRATION STUDY

Council reviewed the memo for the evote recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works that Council approve the award of

TNG26-PW-009 Town of New Glasgow Inflow/Infiltration Study to Dillon Consulting Limited for an estimated cost of \$346,819.92 HST included [\$315,970 Net HST].

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation be formally approved as presented by the evote results.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS – WATER UTILITY TRANSMISSION MAIN POLICY

Council reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works that Council adopt the new Water Utility Transmission Main Policy.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the adoption of the Water Utility Transmission Main Policy be approved.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS – NEW MUNICIPAL SERVICES FORM/PROCESS

Council reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works that Council adopt the new Municipal Services Form and the revised Working within the Right of Way forms.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved and the new form/process be adopted.

Councillor Jessica MacDonald referred to Part 5 of the New Municipal Services Form/Process which states; Part 5 (B) These requirements have been applied to all Residential customers with 5 or more units, and all commercial, institutional and industrial customers. The responsibility will be on the owners to pay all costs

associated with the design and installation of the necessary stormwater offsetting to ensure the development of the land does not increase combined sewer overflows within the Town which is a requirement under the Canadian Council of Minister of the Environment Guidelines. Councillor Jessica MacDonald further stated that she has been in contact with a developer who has experienced delays because of this requirement and inquired whether this process is expected to result in delays for development projects or whether a pathway can be established to avoid such delays.

The Director of Engineering and Public Works advised that delays have not been caused by the Town's review process, but rather by developers not submitting the correct information or required documentation initially. He does not foresee long turnaround times as a result of the new process. He further noted that the balancing and offsetting requirements are new regulations that the Town is required to comply with.

Councillor Dorrington asked if all the information will be available online for developers.

The Director of Engineering and Public Works advised that a public media release would be issued to inform the public and developers.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES – UPDATED

MUNICIPAL FEES SCHEDULE

Council reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Director of Corporate Services that Council approve the Updated Municipal User Fee Schedule (Appendix A to the Municipal User Fees Policy).

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Updated Municipal User Fee Schedule (Appendix A to the Municipal User Fees Policy) be approved.

Motion carried.

**MEMO FOR INFORMATION – NEW GLASGOW POLICE CHIEF – PROVINCIAL
POLICING STANDARDS AND ACCESS TO CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE
SERVICES**

Council reviewed the memo submitted by New Glasgow Police Chief Leil regarding the Provincial Policing Standards and Access to Critical Incident Response Services.

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

Councillor McKenna expressed concerns regarding the RCMP leading the Critical Incident Command, noting that members responding to a critical incident should be familiar with the area.

Inspector Bannerman advised that, the RCMP would assume leadership of the Critical Incident Command and coordinate the overall response. He noted that local patrol members would be among the first to respond and would provide initial assistance and local knowledge until the command structure is established.

Mayor Dicks inquired if there is a Memorandum of Understanding with the RCMP

Inspector Bannerman stated that there is a Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted but has not yet been signed, with December 31, 2026, identified as the tentative date for signing.

Councillor Dorrington inquired if there is a recovery cost charged to the municipality for the use of the Critical Incident Command.

Inspector Bannerman advised there is no recovery cost to the municipality.

Motion carried.

MEMOS FOR INFORMATION – NEW GLASGOW POLICE CHIEF

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

- i. Nova Scotia Drug Toxicity trends and Community Safety Implications
- ii. National Wastewater Drug Surveillance – June 2026 Report

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

Deputy Mayor Peters commented on the results of the monthly water sampling noting the report identified 24 new psychoactive substances in the water. She inquired whether the presence of these substances was reflected in police occurrences.

Inspector Bannerman advised that the volume of calls relate to Quality of Life, Mental Health, Housing and Addictions.

Councillor Dorrington inquired whether the identification of 24 new psychoactive substances in the water was indicative of an increase in the availability of drugs in the community or an increase in the number of drug dealers.

Inspector Bannerman advised that any drugs that are available will be sold.

Councillor Jessica MacDonald requested that an overview be provided with next month's report outlining the significance of the information contained in these reports.

Mayor Dicks commented on the findings in the reports over the last four months and that this is not just happening in our community but all across the province.

The CAO commented that the statistics are not just for the Town of New Glasgow but are representative of the East River Environmental Control Centre and that takes in

the wastewater from the Towns of New Glasgow, Stellarton, Trenton, and Westville and parts of the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

Deputy Mayor Peters, noted that, while drug and crime related incidents are decreasing across the country and in other provinces, they are increasing in Nova Scotia. She also noted that Nova Scotia has reported high rates of human trafficking and inquired whether there may be a connection between these issues.

Inspector Bannerman advised that there may be a connection; however, there is no data to substantiate.

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – TRAVEL
OUTSIDE OF ATLANTIC CANADA**

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Director of Community Development recommending that Council approve the Environment and Sustainability Lead attend the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in Quebec City on October 13-16, 2026.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved as presented and the outside of Atlantic Canada travel be authorized.

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION – PROGRAM, CULTURE AND EVENTS MANAGER – TRAVEL
OUTSIDE OF ATLANTIC CANADA**

Council reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Program, Culture and Events Manager recommending that Council approve the Program, Culture and Events Manager attend Mundial in Montreal on November 17-22, 2026.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved as presented and the outside of Atlantic Canada travel be authorized.

Motion carried.

MEMO FOR INFORMATION – ACTIVE LIVING MANAGER – 2026 SUMMER PROGRAM

Council reviewed the memo from the Active Living Manager highlighting the activities held during the 2026 Summer Program.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FOLLOW-UP ON QUESTION REGARDING HATE CRIME DATA

Council reviewed an email response from the New Glasgow Deputy Police Chief stating that further statistical information can be obtained through Stats Canada.

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMO – YOUTH APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Council reviewed a memo from the Environment and Sustainability Lead to approve the youth representative appointment for the Community Climate Change Committee of Council as presented:

Youth Representative Community Climate Change Committee – Jillian Mummery

It was regularly moved and seconded that Jillian Mummery be appointed as the Youth Representative on the Community Climate Change Committee.

Motion carried.

MEMO – PICTOU COUNTY SHARED SERVICES AUTHORITY UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the regular monthly meeting update which took place on Monday, September 14, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – MAYORS AND WARDEN COMMITTEE UPDATE

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the regular monthly meeting update which took place on Monday, September 14, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – PICTOU ANTIGONISH REGIONAL LIBRARY (PARL) YEAR END

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the year end financial statements, April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, and the annual report for the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMO – CENTRAL HIGHLANDS ASSOCIATION OF THE DISABLED (CHAD)

TRANSIT ANNUAL REPORT

Council reviewed a memo from the CAO regarding the Central Highlands Association of the Disabled (CHAD) Transit Report, noting the 30th Anniversary of the service, at its Annual General Meeting held on June 18, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

MEMO – NEW STREET NAMES

Council reviewed a memo from the Civil Engineering Technologist, Civic Address Coordinator regarding the Proposed Street Name list – Future and Current Developments.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the memo be approved with the following names: Simpson Street (public), Ellen's Way (private), and Abide Lane (private).

Motion carried.

IN-CAMERA

The meeting was concluded at 7:00 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 8:10 p.m.



Mayor Nancy Dicks
Approved October 19, 2026