

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 @ 3:00 PM
REGULAR COUNCIL- TELECONFERENCE CALL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Vernon Pitts called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

20-04-29654

Warden Vernon Pitts
Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly (via teleconference)
Councillor Miles MacDonald (via teleconference)
Councillor Neil DeCoff (via teleconference)
Councillor Dave Hanhams (via teleconference)
Councillor Janet Peitzsche (via teleconference)
Councillor Rickey McLaren (via teleconference)
Councillor Fin Armsworthy (via teleconference)

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Gary Cleary, Deputy CAO (via teleconference)
Danita Imlay, Director of Finance
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works
Shawn Andrews, Director of Fire, Emergency & IT
Angie Tavares, Director of Recreation (via teleconference)
Gordon MacDonald, Director of Economic Development (via teleconference)
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor (via teleconference)
Kate Jamieson, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Media (via teleconference)

REGRETS

Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20-04-29655

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald
MOTION; **THAT** Council approve the Agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MARCH 16, 2020 **20-04-29656**

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald
SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
MOTION; **THAT** Council approve the minutes of March 16, 2020 Regular council Meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

CORONAVIS – MUNICIPAL UPDATE/OPERATIONS

20-04-29657

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly
SECONDED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** Council for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough implement the following updated guidelines, as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic, based on the recommendation of the CAO and Director of Fire and Emergency Services:

THAT all Municipal Buildings be closed to the public through to the end of May 2020; subject to further closures of 2-week blocks going forward, to be decided on by the CAO in consultation with the Warden, or until such time as Council makes a further determination.

THAT all future Committee of the Whole meetings be suspended indefinitely and Council meetings be scheduled on an 'as-need' basis, with a minimum of one per month, to be decided on by the Warden in consultation with the CAO/Municipal Clerk; and that all meetings be held via conference call with minutes being posted on the website on the following day in draft form.

THAT all staff continue to work on the 'Two days on, Two days off' system, with associated rules as laid out to staff through to the end of May, 2020; subject to further closures of 2-week blocks going forward, to be decided on by the CAO in consultation with the Warden, or until such time as Council makes a further determination.

THAT the Waste Management Facility continue to be closed on Saturday's, until further notice; that the monthly bulk waste collection continue to be postponed until further notice; that the Spring bulk container program be cancelled and a Fall container program be considered; with Council to review at a future meeting as required.

THAT all MODG outdoor recreation parks, playgrounds, sport facilities, and trails remain closed until further notice; with Council to review at a future meeting as necessary.

THAT any special events that would be normally be scheduled and organized by the Municipality of the District of Guysborough be cancelled through to the end of June; and Council will further review this at a future meeting.

THAT if Community Groups commence planning for special events, that they will be reminded of the provincial restrictions in place, and that no funding, including District Based Grants, will be provided to said groups for special events by MODG until such time as all provincial restrictions are removed.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION-PROVINCIAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Mr. Carroll reviewed a copy of the Direction of the Minister under a declared Provincial State of Emergency which was issued by Honorable Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing effective at 2 pm on March 22, 2020 stating discontinue holding meetings in person, instead only virtual meetings may be held by video or telephone. Virtual meetings must be recorded and the minutes posted on public website within 24 hours of meeting. This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by the Minister earlier.

FCM RESOLUTION UPDATE

Mr. Carroll reviewed an email dated March 16, 2020 received from FCM regarding tax credit for medical personnel in rural communities. At the latest board meeting in March 2020, the FCM Board of Directors considered the resolution and determined that it will need to be referred back to staff for further analysis. Resolutions referred back to staff are usually addressed at the next Board meeting, scheduled for September 2020.

BRIEFING NOTE: 50/50 COST SHARE – PAVING – PHASE I & PHASE II

20-04-29658

Mr. Glen Avery referred to the Briefing Notes which were included in the meeting packages.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accepts the quote from the DOTIR for \$405,000 for the paving of both Tompkinsville Road and a portion of Green Street with Council's share being \$202,500, \$100,000 of which has been budgeted in 2020/2021 budget, with the remainder coming from the Operating Reserves.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE: CUTLER BROOK ESTATES SUBDIVISION

20-04-29659

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough list the remaining 8 lots in the Cutler's Brook Estate Subdivision with real estate based on our current agreement with those agencies and that for the 6 months of listing, the purchase price is to include the HST.

MOTION CARRIED

NOTICE LAPSE OPTION AGREEMENT BEAR PAW PIPELINE CORP. INC.

Mr. Carroll reviewed a letter received from Bear Paw Pipeline Inc. (BPPC) dated March 12, 2020 providing notice that they intend to allow the Option Agreement between the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and BPPC dated April 24, 2017 to lapse in accordance with Clause 1 of the Agreement.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD:

Warden Vernon Pitts noted no meeting was held but that both facilities are doing very well under the situation. He commented on the excellent job by all staff.

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:

No meeting

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

Councillor Finlay Armsworthy stated that a teleconference meeting will take place tonight at 6 pm. Mr. Shawn Andrews has been keeping everyone updated.

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION:

No meeting

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE:

Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly noted that due to the COVID-19 there has been no meeting. Deputy Warden Pelly and Mr. Gary Cleary agreed to arrange a teleconference meeting due the Green Fund which is due end of April and approval for end of May. They have received seven applications.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD:

Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly stated that they have not held any meetings since her last report but they have sent instructions to all workers and families regarding the COVID-19. They have discontinued house cleaning as they have no staff for these services at the time.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Councillor Miles MacDonald stated one teleconference was held to make plans for the shut down due to the COVID-19. Next schedule for April 16th. Staff are doing an excellent job via internet. Councillor MacDonald congratulated staff of the MODG for reacting to this pandemic early and wishing Council and family's well wishes.

CANSO ARENA:

Councillor Janet Peitzsche reported that the Arena is now closed. Councillor Peitzsche requested Mr. Carroll and Ms. Tavares have a discussion and look at encouraging the Arena Board to have a meeting via conference call, in particular to discuss finances given the cancellation of Stanfest and possibly other events.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD:

Councillor Neil DeCoff stated there has not been a meeting due to the situation but a teleconference is planned for April 22nd. Councillor DeCoff would like to thank MODG staff to their reaction during this pandemic and extend well wishes to all Council and their families.

STAKE HOLDERS COMMITTEE:

20-04-29660

Councillor Janet Peitzsche stated that teleconference meeting was held on April 6, 2020. Councillor Peitzsche provided an update on the nursing and doctor recruitment. Mr. Carroll provided a brief review on the recruitment funding provided by MODG.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Stakeholders Committee report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD:

Councillor Rickey McLaren inquired if any updates on the future of the Municipal Elections for October. Mr. Carroll noted that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and NS Federation of Municipalities are working together to make a plan and expecting to hear in the next few weeks.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- April 15th @ 6:00 pm EMO (Conference Call)

ADJOURNMENT:

20-04-29661

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT the April 15, 2020 Regular/Budget Council meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (3:54 p.m.)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE