

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025 @ 4:30 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Warden Paul Long called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

ATTENANCE

Warden Paul Long
Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Susan Cashin
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO (via Zoom)
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Christina Bowie, Manager of Special Initiatives & Communications
Members of the Public

REGRETS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-04-30812

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 19 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL

25-04-30813

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 Regular Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 26 2025 SPECIAL COUNCIL

25-04-30814

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025 Special Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE – FCM, 12 MONTH NOTICE TO MUNICIPALITIES

Warden Paul Long reviewed the correspondence included in the meeting package.

This is an information item.

BRIEFING NOTE – CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATOR

25-04-30815

Warden Paul Long reviewed the Briefing Note regarding the appointment of a Code of Conduct Investigator.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough appoint and list Mr. Rick Dunlop, Partner at Stewart McKelvey, to act as the Code of Conduct Investigator for MODG following the process and arrangements as laid out in the letter of consideration dated April 11, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

GFL

25-04-30816

Councillor Dave Hanhams reported on a complaint that he received from someone in the Canso area who was at the Landfill and was not allowed to dump his dump trailer at the cell noting that he had to sort it at the front end of the site. Councillor Hanhams wondered if they could send a letter or have a meeting to find out what the concerns or issues might be about dumping at the cell for larger commercial loads, etc.

Warden Paul Long suggested inviting them to come into a meeting with Council as well.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a letter to GFL regarding residents dumping large loads at the Cell and inviting them to attend a future meeting to discuss this matter.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECCOMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION – NOTICE TO AMEND POLICY F-6, TAX EXEMPTION AND RELIEF POLICY

25-04-30817

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** the Committee of the Whole did give notice of motion to amend Policy F-6, Section 1 of the Tax Exemption and Relief Policy on April 2, 2025 to include the suggested changes wherein the term “Low Income Tax Exemption” will be replaced with “Municipal Property Tax Exemption”;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT Policy F-6, Section 1 of the Tax Exemption and Relief Policy be amended by replacing the term “Low Income Tax Exemption” with “Municipal Property Tax Exemption

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – NORTH RIVERSIDE AREA STREET LIGHTING

25-04-30818

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize Staff to proceed with installation of streetlights in the community of North Riverside in accordance with the Municipal Street Lighting Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

ERSWM

Councillor Neil DeCoff reported that the next meeting is April 24th.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

Councillor Dave Hanhams reported that the next meeting is scheduled for tonight.

GALA

Councillor Fin Armsworthy reported that there hasn't been any meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

Councillor Neil DeCoff stated that he was unable to attend the last meeting. Councillor DeCoff noted that he was advised that they approved 9 applications for grants under the Green Fund and noted that 2 more applications were received after the meeting. Councillor DeCoff also noted that 3 new Board Members were also added recently.

LIBRARY BOARD

Councillor Susan Cashin stated that the meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche reported that they are working on something to benefit the seniors, which is a Mental Health for Seniors program. Deputy Warden Peitzsche also reported that collective bargaining is taking place, and the financials are all on target.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Councillor Susan Cashin reported that she attended a meeting on Monday noting that they are still trying to recruit members. Councillor Cashin also reported that there are lots of things going on in the County and MODG for our residents.

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche reported that they held a joint meeting on April 11th at the Queensport Fire Hall with the Guysborough Area Stakeholder Working Group. They are looking to hold some clinics, and they are sharing people and resources. The Guysborough Housing for Healthcare units are filled, and they are working on the Canso Housing project. Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated it shows the cooperation among these groups have come a long way.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

This was discussed previously.

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH

Councillor Mary Desmond stated the next meeting is scheduled for April 28th.

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Warden Paul Long noted that there haven't been any meetings.

GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE

Councillor Dave Hanhams reported that he was unable to attend the last meeting which was held on March 31st. He was advised that Greg Morrow, MLA did attend that meeting and discussed cell service, tariffs and other topics.

Warden Paul Long reported that the Executive discussed their role and how to move forward for the future. Warden Long stated that the Board of Trade are trying to work more closely with the GDBP.

COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOC.

Councillor Susan Cashin provided a brief report from the meeting she attended yesterday. She noted that there was lots of discussion on the Boylston Apartment Building. Councillor Cashin reported that there is an online housing survey that is being circulated noting that she will send it to Council. Councillor Cashin noted that they also discussed the funding request and MODG's grant policy as well as the policy dealing with waiving policy.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

CLOSED SESSION

INTO CLOSED SESSION

25-04-30819

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL

PERSONNEL

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

25-04-30820

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough return to open session.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, May 7th @ 4:30pm – Committee of the Whole

ADJOURNMENT

25-04-30821

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of April 16, 2025 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (6:13 pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE

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