

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 @ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Warden Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

ATTENANCE

Warden Vernon Pitts
Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Paul Long
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Dave Hanhams (via zoom)
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Danita Imlay, Director of Finance
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk
Mike Wilson, RCMP
Media (via zoom)

REGRETS

Councillor Hudson MacLeod

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24-04-30597

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond
MOTION: THAT Council approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL

24-04-30598

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long
MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

Corp. Mike Wilson briefly reviewed his report as it was included in the meeting package. He reported that the candidate has been selected for the Sergeant position at the Guysborough detachment and is expected to arrive in the next few weeks. Corp. Wilson reported on various staffing updates in our local departments, stating that he is transferring to the Halifax Headquarters.

Corp. Wilson stated that the quarterly report looks different than previous reports and that the report identifies crime trends, comparing quarters. He reported that the report is similar to last

quarter with no major changes. Corp. Wilson clarified that this report identifies a low crime rate and that they have one of the lowest call volumes at our local detachments.

Corp. Wilson stated that the annual performance plan is underway, which identifies local priorities. He stated that traditionally the priorities identified are road safety and community involvement and encouraged Council to bring any priorities forward they may have.

Various Councillors around the table made comment to Corp. Wilson and the excellent officers at our local detachments.

NEW BUSINESS

BRIEFING NOTE – WORLD HYDROGEN SUMMIT & EXHIBITION 24-04-30599

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer and Business Development Officer for the Municipality attend the World Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition on behalf of the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – AWARD OF WATER SITE ACCESS, LARRY'S RIVER 24-04-30600

Mr. Andrews reviewed the briefing note as it was included in the meeting package.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough award the Firefighting Water Supply Access Project to Bayview Excavators for a provided price not to exceed \$14,650, plus HST, as approved in the budget for 23/24.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – MEETING WITH NS HOUSING TRUST

Mr. Andrews reviewed Mrs. Torrey's briefing note as it was included in the meeting package

BRIEFING NOTE – NEW COLLECTION TRUCK 24-04-30601

Mr. Avery reviewed his briefing note as it was included in the meeting package.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough purchase a new Waste Collection truck from Big Truck Rentals from the lease to own program in the amount of the \$469,500.00 plus HST.

AND THAT the additional amount of \$44,500.00 be funded from the Municipal Equipment Reserve fund.

MOTION CARRIED

COST SHARED PROGRAM 2024/25

Mr. Carroll stated that this letter was included in the meeting package as an informational item. He stated that this is two years in a row that MODG was denied funding and that it will be placed on the meeting agenda with MLA. Greg Morrow.

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

EVERWIND FUELS COMPANY – AGREEMENT

24-04-30602

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Agreement between MODG and Everwind NS Phase II, LP, a li and Everwind NS Phase II GP LTD. as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EVERWIND FUELS COMPANY – IMPACT STUDY

24-04-30603

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION: THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the EverWind Wind Phase 2 – Wind Farm 1, 2, 3 & 4 Project Impact Study in accordance with Section 14.6.3 (b) of the Guysborough Municipal Land Use Bylaw;

AND FURTHER THAT the setback be established at 1.5 x the turbine height from a property line and at least 1,000 m from a non-participating dwelling;

AND FURTHER THAT the turbine height shall mean the distance from the base of the turbine to the farthest tip of a rotor blade in a vertical position.

MOTION CARRIED

ERSWM

24-04-30604

Councillor Decoff reported that the board met. He stated that Divert NS presents an award annually to somebody who practices environmental excellence and that the Fanning Librarian has been nominated this year. Councillor Decoff reported that the diversion credits have been released and that the committee has allocated \$750 for green bins. He reported that the next meeting has been scheduled for April 23rd, 2024.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

Meeting tonight at 6pm.

GALA

24-04-30605

Councillor Armsworthy reported that they held a meeting yesterday. He stated that there are no staff changes and that there are three courses finishing up this week.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Guysborough Adult Learning Association's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

24-04-30606

Councillor Decoff reported that the next meeting is scheduled for May 8th and that he will ask at the meeting about rumored changes to the reuse center.

Councillor Desmond stated that she had a complaint from a resident regarding a racial slur from a GFL employee and that she will bring the complaint forward to the Chair of the Liaison Committee.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Waste Management Liaison's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD

24-04-30607

Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that they are looking at building improvements for increased accessibility in the local libraries. She stated that they are working on an Unexpected Closure Policy, and that the next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Library Board's Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

Meeting scheduled for next week.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

24-04-30608

Councillor Long reported that the Board met on April 8th. He stated that they have a Youth Health Fair scheduled for the Fall. Councillor Long reported that Ms. Michelle Ward resigned from Kid's First and that the Guysborough Daycare Centre has been operational since March 18th. He stated that Wellness Funding is available now, with applications due by May 6th. Councillor Long reported that the Community Care Program is underway at Fanning Education Centre/Canso Academy, but there are no updates to report from Guysborough or St. Mary's schools. He stated that the Board continues to look for additional membership and that they will be hosting their meetings in various communities to encourage membership from underrepresented communities. Councillor Long reported that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Community Health Board's Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

24-04-30609

Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that the Working Group met. She reported that they are planning a Community Event this Spring to showcase services offered at the Canso Hospital. Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that Mrs. Tavares has been invited to the event to represent the Recreational Programming offered. She stated that the Hospital Foundation has provided funding for the purchase of a new ice machine and orthodontic equipment. Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that they have new staff being hired at the Hospital and that they are looking for nursing staff for the foot clinic. She reported that there are renovations planned for the building and that

virtual care services will soon be available. Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that two nurses from the Canso Hospital are currently participating in the Nurse Practitioner Program.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Canso Area Stakeholder Working Group's Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

24-04-30610

Councillor Long reported that the Working Group met a couple of weeks ago. He reported that Emergency Room closures continue to be a concern, including effects of closures at Richmond or Canso. Councillor Long reported that virtual care should relieve some of the concerns with closures but it does not replace a doctor. He reported that signage also continues to be a concern and that NSHA has been invited to come meet with Council.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Guysborough Area Stakeholder Working Group's Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH

24-04-30611

Councillor Decoff reported that the three drivers on staff are working full-time hours and that the Association are conducting interviews for a dispatcher. He stated that ridership is steadily increasing, with increases seen in student riders and dialysis patients. Councillor Decoff reported that the next meeting is scheduled for April 25th.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Transit Association of Guysborough's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

24-04-30612

Councillor Long reported that the Partnership met yesterday. He reported that they are advertising for a new board member. Councillor Long reported that Mrs. Cunningham Avery continues to work with the Department of Labour, Skills & Immigration and that she has been invited to attend several upcoming events surrounding tourism. He reported that they received positive news regarding the Irving lot in Canso and that the kiosks will be up and running in both Canso and Guysborough this summer. Councillor Long stated that visitguysborough.ca has been significantly updated and that Mr. Carroll attended the GDBP meeting yesterday to update board members on possible upcoming opportunities in MODG.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Guysborough District Business Partnership's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE

24-04-30613

Councillor Hanhams stated that the board met two weeks ago but he was unable to attend. He stated that they reviewed recent survey results, which were intended to help provide advice on the future direction of the Board of Trade.

Councillor Long reported that he was asked to sit on the Board, representing the Guysborough Waterfront Society.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Guysborough and Area Board of Trade's Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOC. 24-04-30614

Councillor Desmond reported that the Association met yesterday but she was unable to attend. She stated that she reviewed the minutes this morning but is unable to determine if items are confidential, therefore she will investigate and provide a report at the next Council meeting.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Community First Guysborough County Housing Association's Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

CLOSED SESSION 24-04-30615

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

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

MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION 24-04-30616

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

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, April 17th @ 6:00 pm – EMO @ Municipal Building
- Wednesday, May 1st @ 4:30 pm – Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, May 15th @ 4:30 pm – Regular Monthly Council

ADJOURNMENT 24-04-30617

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Regular Council Meeting of April 17, 2024 stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (6:25 p.m.)

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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