

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023 @ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Warden Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ATTENANCE

Warden Vernon Pitts
Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Paul Long
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk
Media

REGRETS

Barry Carroll, CAO
Councillor Dave Hanhams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-04-30351

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL

23-04-30352

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL

23-04-30353

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the March 29, 2023 Special Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

COST SHARED PROGRAM FOR PAVING OF J CLASS STREETS 2023-24 23-04-30354

Mr. Andrews stated that the letter included in the meeting package indicates that there will be no funding awarded to the Municipality for the 2023-2024 Cost Shared Paving Program.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough write a letter to the Minister requesting the Municipalities funding request be re-evaluated for 2023-2024;

AND FURTHER THAT MLA Greg Morrow be copied on the correspondence.

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGAMENT PLAN

23-04-30355

Mr. Andrews stated that the final document for the Municipal Asset Management Plan has been included in the meeting package, and that a motion of Council is required to adopt the plan.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough adopt the Asset Management Plan as presented by Dillon Consulting Ltd. on April 5, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ERSWM

23-04-30356

Councillor DeCoff stated that Ms. Tanya Williams is working on getting funding released from Divert Nova Scotia. He stated that Ms. Williams and Mr. O'Handley have just received new laptops and are working on a truck tender to upgrade the compliance truck. Councillor DeCoff reported that the Committee currently does not have representation from Mulgrave, therefore they are working to have a Councillor from Mulgrave sit on the Committee.

Councillor DeCoff reported that Mr. Kevin O'Handley has conducted a total of eleven inspections at the Waste Facility. He reported that Mr. O'Handley also conducted an inspection at St. FX University, which came out at 76% compliance. Councillor DeCoff stated that the next meeting will be held April 26th.

MOVED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

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

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

23-04-30357

Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that the last EMO Meeting was held in February. She stated that tree clearing is ongoing throughout our Municipality for the Fibre Op Internet services. Deputy Warden reported that Mr. Andrews has been meeting with MLS and Signal Gold regarding fire services at their sites. She stated that the Committee is working to have Bell representatives in to discuss lack of cell coverage in our Municipality with Council.

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Emergency Management Office Committee report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

Next meeting is May 9th, to review green fund applications.

LIBRARY BOARD

23-04-30358

Councillor MacLeod reported that he took place in a four-hour orientation, which provided him with an oversight of the organization. He reported that they are currently working on budget preparations, which will be presented at the next meeting on April 27th.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Library Board report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

23-04-30359

Councillor Armsworthy stated that they are working to recruit board members and that they are having trouble getting a quorum due to lack of member attendance. He reported that they continue to offer services that are going well across our Municipality.

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Home Support Board report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Councillor Long reported that the Board met on April 12th, and that they have recruited new board members. He reported that the application process to join the Board is strenuous, which is a concern of the Board that will be brought forward to the Province. Councillor Long reported that the Wellness Grant Fund applications are due May 1st, and that they have not received many applications to date. He stated that the Board will meet in early May to review the applications. Councillor Long stated that the Board member, Ms. Hannah Kamogawa is the recipient of the Schulich Leader Scholarship of \$100,000.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

23-04-30360

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send Ms. Hannah Kamogawa a letter of congratulations on her award of the Schulich Leader Scholarship.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

23-04-30361

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Community Health Board report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that the Working Group held a virtual meeting last week. She stated that the nursing staff at Eastern Memorial is not an issue, but they are continuously having long ER closures due to no physician. Deputy Warden Peitzsche commended the nurses for working without a physician in the hospital, and gave recognition to Dr. Felderhof for her dedication to the community.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche **23-04-30362**

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a certificate of congratulations to Dr. Catherine Felderhof on her retirement.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long **23-04-30363**

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP **23-04-30364**

Councillor Long stated that issues at the Guysborough Hospital are ongoing. He reported that extended ER closures are a major concern. Councillor Long reported that Nova Scotia Health is looking at alternatives to simply posting a closure at the hospital. He reported that he met with Nova Scotia Health Authority representatives regarding housing for healthcare working in Guysborough and Canso.

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

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

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH **23-04-30365**

Councillor DeCoff stated that the Association is looking to engage further with MODG and the Town of Mulgrave. He stated that they are on year two of three of the pilot project, therefore they are working to focus on what is next for them. Councillor DeCoff reported that the Association is working to expand their communication and marketing, as well as possibly extend their serviced areas. Councillor DeCoff stated that currently TAG does not have a partnership with any of our schoolboards but that maybe this is a possibility. He stated that TAG does not have enough drivers, encouraged Council to share the job opportunity with their residents. Councillor DeCoff stated that they are investigating alternate vehicles and looking to add a bigger vehicle to their fleet. He stated that the Transit Association in Cheticamp and Musquodoboit are both receiving funding from their municipalities, and that TAG will likely be coming to Council in the coming months with a similar request.

Councillor Desmond stated that the Upper Big Tracadie Seniors Action Club funded TAG's marketing and bought ride passes for their residents but the service is not being utilized by the African Nova Scotia communities.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

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

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

23-04-30366

Councillor Long stated that the Board met yesterday. He stated that they had presentations from both Ms. Daphanie Pellerin (CBDC) and Stanfest representatives. Councillor Long reported that the MashUp Labs program has already proven to be a success, with lots of positive feedback from business owners who are partaking. He stated that the MODG Community Fair is taking place at the CLC on May 30th, in partnership with the Community Health Board, NS Works, MODG and GDBP. Councillor Long reported that the Board's annual budget meeting will be in the next month or two.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

Councillor MacLeod reported that Signal Gold is hosting an Open House in Goldboro on April 27th from 2:00pm - 4:30pm and 6:00 – 8:00pm. Councillor MacLeod asked that Signal Gold be added to the list of Committees and Boards going forward.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

23-04-30367

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Signal Gold report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, April 19th @ 6:00 pm – EMO
- Wednesday, May 17th @ 3:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, May 17th @ 4:30pm – Regular Monthly Council
- Wednesday, June 7th @ 3:30pm – Dept. of Public Works & Infrastructure

ADJOURNMENT

23-04-30368

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of April 19, 2023 stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (5:40 p.m.)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE