

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 @ 3:00 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL**  
**GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Vernon Pitts called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

**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**

Barry Carroll, CAO  
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO  
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk  
Media (via zoom)

**REGRETS**

Councillor Dave Hanhams

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**23-12-30500**

**9.a) iii Recommendation – Isaacs Harbour Medical Centre**

**MOVED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the agenda with the above noted addition.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL, PUBLIC HEARING**

**23-12-30501**

**MOVED:** Councillor Hudson MacLeod

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 Special Council, Public Hearing as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023 REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL**

**23-12-30502**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 Regular Monthly Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**DELEGATIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

## COMMITTEES & BOARDS

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

#### RECOMMENDATION – PROGRESS CLAIM #6 GUYSBOROUGH SIDEWALK EXT. 23-12-30503

**MOVED:** Councillor Paul Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment in the amount of \$583,521.93 including HST to S. W. Weeks Construction Ltd. as recommended by Strait Engineering.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### RECOMMENDATION – EPR FOR PPP PROGRAM 23-12-30504

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough opt in to the new EPR (Extended Producers Responsibility) for PPP (Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-like products) program.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### RECOMMENDATION – PROGRESS CLAIM #1 FRANCIS J. BOYLE CONSTRUCTION LTD. 23-12-30505

**MOVED:** Councillor Paul Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**MOTION:** THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment in the amount of \$141,570.00 including HST to Francis J. Boyle Construction Ltd.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### RECOMMENDATION – UK DELEGATION 23-12-30506

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hudson MacLeod

**MOTION:** THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve a budget of approximately \$40,000.00 to lead a NS delegation to the UK to explore and research opportunities and best practices associated with Offshore Wind Development; that MODG will also cover the travel expenses for a delegate from the GCIFA; and other associated meeting and ground transportation expenses for the group; to be funded from the Innovative Communities Business Development Funding and MODG's economic development budget.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### RECOMMENDATION – ISAACS HARBOUR MEDICAL CENTRE 23-12-30507

**MOVED:** Councillor Hudson MacLeod

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize the demolition of the Isaac's Harbour Medical Centre;

**AND THAT** the existing fitness equipment to either be provided to a community group or to be sold off to residents of MODG.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ERSWM**

**23-12-30508**

Councillor Decoff reported that the Board met yesterday and that the new truck has arrived and is currently being decaled. He reported that ERSWM has been invited once again to the 2024 Pictou County Solid Waste Home Show in April.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the ERSWM monthly report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE**

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**GALA**

No Report.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON**

No Report.

**LIBRARY BOARD**

**23-12-30509**

Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that the Board met in November. She reported that Eastern Region Libraries are stocked with hygiene products that are free. Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that the Financial Report was presented, which Board members around the table were pleased with. She stated that the Report will be left at the Office if any Council wish to see it. Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**HOME SUPPORT BOARD**

No report.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

**23-12-30510**

Councillor Long reported that the Board has not met. He reported that he was unable to attend the Provincial Community Health Board Conference at the last minute but that Councillor Desmond attended.

(Councillor Armsworthy arrived 3:22pm)

Councillor Desmond stated that the Conference went very well with great attendance. She reported that she spoke at the Conference on Equity and Inclusion, and has been asked to speak again in January to NSHA staff. Councillor Desmond reported that there was great questions asked regarding the Guysborough Community Health Board and the designed seat. Councillor Desmond reminded Council that the 5 Year Health Plan is underway and that the survey is still active online.

**MOVED:** Deputy warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hudson MacLeod

**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**

Next meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

**23-12-30511**

Councillor Long reported that NSHA is working on creating an asset map across Eastern NS and Cape Breton. He reported that there are nurse openings at the Hospital and that Dr. Iby just completed her exam for the Emergency Room. Councillor Long reported that there is a Doctor visiting this weekend from the UK. He stated that ER closures continue to be a concern and that NSHA is working on Virtual ER Care and new closure signage.

**MOVED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**MOTION:** THAT Council approve the Guysborough Area Stakeholder Working Group Report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH**

**23-12-30512**

Councillor Decoff reported that the Board met, and that they discussed the new electric vehicle that will be based in Mulgrave. He reported that they are working on some policy issues, including customers traveling on the bus with their pets. Councillor Decoff reported that employees will be receiving new work phones and that the next meeting will be held in the New Year.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**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**

**23-12-30513**

Councillor Long reported that the Board has not met since his last report and that Doug Griffiths final report has not yet been received. He stated that he attended a session from Engage NS regarding the Quality of Life survey. Councillor Long reported that Engage NS will be looking for a staff person from each Municipality to work with them on financing and increasing participation.

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**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 Desmond reported that she attended the Goose Harbour Wind Farm Meeting. She stated that Mr. Doug Halfpenny and Mr. Robert Myatt have been named co-chairs on the committee and that the terms of reference have been created. Councillor Desmond reported that resident concerns were voiced and will be brought forward. She stated that they will meet monthly but may move to quarterly in the future.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche **23-12-30514**  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff  
**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough works to have all information shared with residents on various platforms across our Municipality regarding current development projects.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Long reported that he attended an affordable housing meeting yesterday, and that the Guysborough Affordable Housing Group are moving forward with setting up a Society. He stated that the next scheduled meeting is on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond **23-12-30515**  
**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche  
**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Affordable Housing report as presented.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 @ 4:30 pm – COW
- Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 1:00 pm – EMO
- Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 3:30 pm – Quarterly Department of PW
- Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 4:30 pm – Regular Monthly Council

**ADJOURNMENT** **23-12-30516**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche  
**MOTION:** **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of December 6, 2023 stand adjourned.  
**MOTION CARRIED** (3:40pm)

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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**DATE**