

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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 Dave Hanhams
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk
Media

REGRETS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-02-30300

8.a Status of Sunken Boat Tickle Wharf

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL **23-02-30301**

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL **23-02-30302**

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long
SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 Special Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

STATUS OF SUNKEN BOAT TICKLE WHARF

Mr. Carroll reported that he did receive an update that the boat is owned by individuals that do not have the financial means to remove the boat themselves. He stated that a tender will be issued to have the boat removed and that it is expected to be dealt with, within the next month.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION – SALARY REVIEW

23-02-30303

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that Gerald Walsh Associates be contracted to carry out a full salary review of all Staff (with the exception of the CAO) and Elected Officials at a cost of \$24,500.00 plus HST.
MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – STUDENT SALARIES

23-02-30304

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that the recommendation of Gerald Walsh Associates on the adjustments to student wages be accepted, and that at an annual additional cost of approximately \$25,000, and that the following wages would be implemented:

- Public Works Student Labourer \$13.35 to \$15.50
- Recreation PACY Spare \$13.60 to \$15.50
- Recreation PACY Leader \$13.60 to \$15.50
- Recreation PACY Supervisor \$14.75 to \$16.50
- Recreation Before and After School Program Leader \$14.75 to \$16.50
- Recreation African NS Community Event Coordinator \$13.35 to \$16.00
- Recreation Day Camp Leader \$13.35 to \$15.50
- Recreation Day Camp Supervisor \$14.35 to \$16.50
- Recreation Special Events Coordinator \$13.35 to \$16.00
- Recreation Assistant Lifeguard \$13.50 to \$16.00
- Recreation Lifeguard \$14.00 to \$17.00
- Recreation Co-Head Lifeguard \$14.50 to \$18.00

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – FINANCIAL GUIDANCE STRATEGY

23-02-30305

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that the Financial Guidance Strategy for the period 2023-2028 be adopted and implemented as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – 2023-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

23-02-30306

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT LIBRARY BOARD

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

23-02-30307

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that Council appoint Councillor Hudson MacLeod as Council's representative on the Library Board.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT TAG

23-02-30308

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that Council appoint Councillor Neil Decoff as Council's representative on the Transit Association of Guysborough's Board.

MOTION CARRIED

ERSWM

Councillor Decoff reported that the Committee has not met, but there is a meeting scheduled for February 23rd.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

Meeting tonight at 6pm.

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

23-02-30309

Councillor Armsworthy reported that he did not attend the last meeting, but was given a briefing. He stated that the committee has a new chair, Ms. Heather Manuel. Councillor Armsworthy stated that the Association is busy planning and hosting events.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

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

MOTION CARRIED

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

Councillor Decoff stated that plans are completed for Cell #6, with construction planned to begin early Spring. He stated that GFL indicates they will be looking at beginning design work for Cell #7 in the near future. Councillor Decoff reported that GFL is currently working on a pilot project with Bio-solids to get a grade A compost product. He reported that they continue to receive organics from CBRM and that the tip fees have increased. Councillor Decoff stated that they will be looking to hire another laborer and students in the summer. He reported that Mr. Bruce Avery will be away on leave and that Mr. Shane Cook has been hired as site supervisor in his absence.

Councillor Decoff stated that Green Fund application forms are now available and encouraged Councilors to spread the word in their districts.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams **23-02-30310**
SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond
MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Waste Management Liaison report as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff **23-02-30311**
SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Committee's appointment of Mrs. Nancy O'Regan as the chair of the Waste Management Liaison Committee.
MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD

Councillor MacLeod reported that he has met with Ms. Laura Emery and will complete a two-hour orientation. He stated that the Board meets on February 28th.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD **23-02-30312**

Councillor Long reported that the board met February 8th virtually. He stated that they will be hosting an event on February 21st at 7pm at the CLC. Councillor Long stated that they will be recognizing the successful funding applicants for their wellness fund at this event. He reported that wellness fund applications will be open again in the Spring. Councillor Long encouraged all Council and staff to attend if they are available.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams
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

MEMBER RECRUITMENT **23-02-30313**

Councillor Long stated that the Community Health Board is in desperate need of new members. He stated that they currently have four active members, but require at least nine for the Board to remain. Councillor Long stated that if the Board does not recruit additional members, they will be forced to merge with Antigonish.

Councillor Decoff asked if the policy has been changed to allow employees of Nova Scotia Health to join the Board.

Councillor Desmond stated that she has worked for many years to try and get this policy changed, but they will not allow it.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff
SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams
MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a letter to the Minister of Health expressing their displeasure with the provincial policy regarding Nova Scotia Health Authority employees not being eligible to join a Community Health Board;

AND FURTHER THAT Council ask for an explanation for why this policy stands.
MOTION CARRIED

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

23-02-30314

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that things are stable at the moment. She stated that ER Closures have not been an issue recently and that they have a good nursing staff. Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that Eastern Memorial are constantly working to recruit new nurses and are getting new nurses coming out of school.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

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

23-02-30315

Councillor Long reported that the Working Group has not met. He stated that the ER is being continuously closed due to nurse shortage. He stated that of the four physicians at the hospital, only two of them are ER certified.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

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

Nothing to report.

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

23-02-30316

Councillor Long reported that the Doug Griffiths event was very successful with an excellent attendance. He stated that the Partnership is receiving a lot of positive feedback following the event. Councillor Long stated that Mashup Labs is now accepting proposals and that they have 15 open spots.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

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 stated that the Afrocentric Care session held in Lincolnville had a great attendance. She stated that there was a skit performed, which was such a success that they will be performing it a second time to have it filmed. Councillor Desmond reported that they will be hosting another information session on March 4th.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, March 1st @ 1:30 pm – Pre-Budget Session
- Wednesday, March 1st @ 4:30 pm – Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, March 15th @ 4:30 – Regular Monthly Council

ADJOURNMENT

23-02-30317

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of February 15, 2023 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (5:10 p.m.)

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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