

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

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ATTENANCE

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Paul Long
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

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

REGRETS

Warden Vernon Pitts
Councillor Hudson MacLeod

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24-01-30522

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT Council approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2023 REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL

24-01-30523

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of the December 6, 2023 Regular Monthly Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL 24-01-30524

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 Special Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

RCMP

24-01-30525

Cpl. Mike Wilson reviewed his quarterly report as it was included in the meeting package. He stated that in comparison to last year, the data is extremely similar. Cpl. Wilson reported that he included a more specific breakdown of the motor vehicle infractions in his report that was not previously included. He stated that it was a quiet holiday season in Guysborough County in comparison to other detachments.

Cpl. Wilson reported that RCMP HR will be recruiting a new District Commander in Guysborough beginning January 24th for a 28-day period. He stated that he expects the position to be filled within a couple of months, depending on whether relocation is necessary. Cpl. Wilson reported that it is the detachment's hope that the new member will live in Guysborough, but it is not required. He stated that the RCMP owns enough housing for each member to live in the area, and that when officers are on-call they must be within 40km of the detachment office.

Cpl. Wilson reported that all officers will be outfitted with a body worn camera in 2024/25. He stated that the RCMP are working on the collection of data for the African Nova Scotian apology, and that recently there was a survey sent out to all staff which is now being reviewed. Cpl. Wilson reported that there has been a significant amount of financial loss in our Municipality with fraud schemes and that it is extremely difficult to investigate as an RCMP officer. Therefore, such sessions as the one being held in Canso on this matter could be helpful to residents.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the RCMP's quarterly report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EDDY POINT MARINE PARK – SHAUNNA SCOTT

24-01-30526

Mrs. Shauna Scott reviewed her presentation as it was included in the meeting package for the information of Council. She stated that they are requesting Council's help in completing their Marine Park upgrades and reviewed the significant upgrades to date.

Councillor Decoff thanked Mrs. Scott and the other volunteers for the time and money they have invested into the Eddy Point Marine Park.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough refer the Eddy Point Marine Park funding request to Budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

RESPONSE RE: POLICE ADVISORY BOARD GOVERNANCE

24-01-30527

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

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the position of the Department of Justice enforcing the Municipality's governance framework relating to Police Services and await the appointment of a Ministerial Appointee to this framework;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to advertise for members of the public, for a 3-year term, to attend Committee of the Whole Meetings quarterly with the RCMP;

AND FURTHER THAT an annual stipend to be paid in the amount of \$500 for each selected member of the public for their participation.

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO & AREA LOCAL BALLFIELD ASSOCIATION

24-01-30528

Mr. Carroll stated that the letter was included in the meeting package for the consideration of Council.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough refer the Canso & Area Local Ballfield's funding request to budget;

AND FURTHER THAT Council send a letter of support for the Associations' application to the Province of Nova Scotia's Recreation Facility Development Grant.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION – ISAACS HARBOUR MEDICAL CENTRE

24-01-30529

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT as recommended by Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approves the sale of the Isaac's Harbour Medical Centre building and property (PID# 35093095) to Donata Real Estate Development Ltd. for a bid price of \$21,000 plus HST and legal fees.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – CLAIM #7, WEEKS CONSTRUCTION – SIDEWALK EXPANSION

24-01-30530

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT as recommended by Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment in the amount of \$350,746.88 including HST to S.W. Weeks Construction Ltd.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – CLAIM #3, FLAGSHIP – COMMERCIAL CABLE

24-01-30531

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT as recommended by Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment in the amount of \$79,857.00 including HST to Flagship Construction Ltd.

MOTION CARRIED

ERSWM

Next meeting is scheduled for January 23rd, 2024.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

24-01-30532

Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that the Committee met earlier today with a very informative delegation from the Town of Shelburne and Municipality of Barrington.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

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

MOTION CARRIED

GALA

Next meeting is scheduled for January 23rd, 2024.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

24-01-30533

Councillor Decoff reported that the Committee will be meeting twice a year, on May 8th and October 23rd, 2024. He stated that as discussed and accepted by the Committee, the Green Fund applications are now available for 2024.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

LIBRARY BOARD

Next meeting scheduled for January 18th, 2024.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

24-01-30534

Councillor Armsworthy reported that things are running smoothly and that the Board is rolling out some new programming.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Next meeting scheduled for January 24th, 2024.

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Next meeting scheduled for January 18th, 2024.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

24-01-30535

Councillor Long reported that the Working Group has not met. He reported that the closure signage continues to be an issue. Councillor Long reported that closures continue to be a concern and that he believes they are making progress on hiring a new Administrator.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

Next meeting is scheduled for January 25th, 2024.

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP **24-01-30536**

Councillor Long reported that the Board met yesterday and that they discussed the final report from 13 Way's. He stated that there will be a meeting held later in January, encouraging residents who are interested in volunteering to begin some of the initiatives as outlined in the report.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

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

CLOSED SESSION **24-01-30537**

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT Council proceed into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION **24-01-30538**

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION: THAT Council return to open session.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

24-01-30539

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorizes the withdrawal from Capital Reserves of \$1,346,160 to satisfy all obligations as outlined in closed session.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 @ 1:30 pm – Closed Meetings Re: Development
- Wednesday, February 8-9th, 2024 – Strategic Planning, Truro
- Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 @ 3:00 pm – Special Council, ANS Meeting
- Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 @ 3:00 – Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 @ 4:30 – Regular Monthly Council

ADJOURNMENT

24-01-30540

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Regular Council Meeting of January 18, 2024 stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (6:13pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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