

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 @ 4:30 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Long called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ATTENANCE

Warden Paul Long
Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Susan Cashin
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Sean O'Connor, CAO
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Christina Bowie, Manager of Special Initiatives & Communications
Media (via zoom)

REGRETS

Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Neil DeCoff

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

26-01-30885

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL

26-01-30886

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the December 3, 2025 Regular Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2025 SPECIAL COUNCIL

26-01-30887

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond
SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025 Special Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER OF SUPPORT – ALTERNATE ROUTE, ST. MARTHA’S REGIONAL HOSPITAL

26-01-30888

Warden Paul Long reviewed a request he received from Mayor Sean Cameron, Town of Antigonish who is lobbying for an alternate route to the St. Martha’s Regional Hospital.

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough write a letter of support for the establishment of an alternate route to the St. Martha’s Regional Hospital.

MOTION CARRIED

MARITIME LAUNCH SERVICES

26-01-30889

Councillor Fin Armsworthy stated that he wanted to put this item on the Agenda to update Council on some changes to the Community Liaison Committee and to acknowledge the hiring of Melissa Quinn.

BANK OF MONTREAL, CANSO

26-01-30890

Councillor Fin Armsworthy stated that he put this item on the Agenda to express his frustration with the closure of the BMO in Canso. Councillor Armsworthy stated that they should be asked to come back to Council to discuss this matter again.

Warden Paul Long stated that Council agrees with Councillor Armsworthy; however, he feels that at the present time they will not likely send a representative to speak with Council again. Warden Long noted that perhaps with the development of the MLS Project, there may be an opportunity to revisit this in the future.

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a letter of concern to BMO over issues with the ATM machine.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION – REZONING, 193 MAIN STREET, CANSO

26-01-30891

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 instruct Municipal Staff to schedule a Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act to consider a request from William Bond for rezoning of property located at 193 Main Street in Canso (identified as PID #35025931) from Residential R-1 to Commercial C-1;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Hearing be scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 4:15 pm in the Council Chambers of the Guysborough Municipal Building.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDTION – CANSO FITNESS CENTRE, PROGRESS CLAIM #7 26-01-30892

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize progress claim #7 in the amount \$337,510.71 plus HST to Iron Maple Constructors Inc.

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

Next meeting is scheduled for January 21st, 2026.

GALA

No report available.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

Warden Paul Long commented on a recent decision by GFL to no longer accept passenger tires at the Waste Management Facility.

Mr. Shawn Andrews noted that Mr. Glen Avery is working on a solution through the waste collection program to deal with passenger tires and more information will be provided on this at a later date.

LIBRARY BOARD

No report available.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche noted that they held a Teams Meeting yesterday and they are currently reviewing and updating all of the Board policies.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

No report.

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

No report.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Councillor Mary Desmond noted that Dr. Stephanie Garner is planning to hold a start-up clinic to see African NS patients at the end of February in the community with the hopes of holding clinics twice a month.

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH

No report.

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Warden Long reported that they met last night noting that Ashley Cunningham-Avery is working on her Strategic Planning Presentation to Council. Warden Long noted that there is

some conversation happening between Black Duck Cove and the Province in relation to the MLS Project and the Beaches Project is also ongoing. Warden Long reported that they have also been discussing the trails networks across the Municipality and the opportunities they present from a tourism perspective. Discussions are also ongoing regarding the Wayfinding Signage Program and the Tourism Rest-Stop Project.

GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE

No report.

COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOC.

Councillor Susan Cashin reported that the Association has a new Board Member. Councillor Cashin noted that they discussed the Remedy Report and the Homeward Bound Project at the meeting and reviewed information from their discussions. Councillor Cashin stated that there is an opening at the Apartment Complex in Boylston and noted that they are reviewing options in terms of expanding the Complex in Boylston or building in another location such as Cutler's Brook Estates Subdivision. She also noted they are considering other locations for housing such as Canso and Mulgrave.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

INTO CLOSED SESSION

26-01-30893

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

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

MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

26-01-30894

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough return to open session.

MOTION CARRIED

MARITIME LAUNCH – EXERCISE OF OPTION

26-01-30895

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Maritime Launch Exercise of Option in accordance with the terms of the Option Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- February 4th @ 4:30 pm Committee of the Whole
- February 11th @ 1:00 pm Annual ANS Meeting
- February 18th @ 4:15 pm Special Council (Public Hearing)
- February 18th @ 4:30 pm Regular Monthly Council

ADJOURNMENT

26-01-30896

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams
MOTION: **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2026 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (5:07 pm)

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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