

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 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 (via zoom)
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Susan Cashin
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Sean O’Connor, CAO
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Kelsey Reece, Director of Emergency Management
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk
Media

REGRETS

Councillor Hudson MacLeod

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA **26-07-30972**

- 7. e) Approval of Financial Statements
- 7. f) Approval of Management Letter

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING **26-07-30973**

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff
SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026 Public Hearing as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION **26-07-30974**

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026 Regular Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

SECOND READING – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BY-LAW

26-07-30975

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: **THAT** at the Council meeting held on June 17, 2026, Council did give Notice of Intent and approve first reading of the new Regional Emergency Management Organization By-law in conjunction with the Town of Mulgrave and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's and recommended second reading to be held on July 15th, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with the necessary advertisements and scheduling of the 2nd reading of the By-law at least 14 days past the date of first reading.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize staff to begin proceedings to repeal the current Emergency Management By-law.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT & RECOMMENDATION – HARBOURVIEW VFD LOAN GUARANTEE 26-07-30969

MOVED: Councillor Susan Cashin

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, subject to the approval of Municipal Affairs that: the Municipality guarantees a loan for a term of 15 years or less in an amount up to \$550,000 for the Harbourview Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a new 1250 GPM Pumper/Tanker at a purchase price of \$878,799 plus HST from Safety Source Fire;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality of the District of Guysborough supplies an interest rate subsidy to 5%.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE – GUYSBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2025 AGM UPDATE

Warden Long stated that the documents were included in the meeting package as an informational item for Council.

CORRESPONDENCE – CANSO BMO ATM ISSUE

Warden Long stated that the correspondence received from Greg Morrow's office was included in the meeting package for the information of Council.

RECCOMENDATION – 2025/26 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

26-07-30970

MOVED: Councillor Susan Cashin

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT** as recommended by the Audit Committee the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the 2025/2026 Non-Consolidated and Consolidated Financial Statements as well as the Canso-Hazel Hill Water Utility Financial Statements as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RECCOMENDATION – MANAGEMENT LETTER

26-07-30971

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: **THAT** as recommended by the Audit Committee the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the 2025/2026 Non-Consolidated and Consolidated Financial Statements as well as the Canso-Hazel Hill Water Utility Financial Statements as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECCOMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Councillor Decoff reported that he met with Ms. Tanya Williams regarding contract signing. He stated that he attended the regional meeting in Kemptown, where they discussed issues with non-reusable materials such as some fabrics and tires. Councillor Decoff stated that discussions continue on circular materials and depots.

GALA

Councillor Armsworthy stated that they are slowing down for summer vacation.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

LIBRARY BOARD

No report.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

Councillor Armsworthy stated that the Board continues to work on policy updates.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

No report.

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

No report.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

No report.

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH

No report.

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Warden Long stated that the GDBP purchased the Church next door to the Municipal Building and that Mrs. Cunningham Avery is working on funding applications for the property renovations.

GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE

No report.

COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOC.

Councillor Cashin stated that the Board did not meet, but she did attend an online session on Nova Scotia’s homelessness which provided her with opportunity to speak on issues in the Municipality.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

Councillor Hanhams stated that he attended the Halfway Cove Community Centre open house, which was well attended. He stated that the community group thanks Council for their funding contributions to the project.

CLOSED SESSION **26-07-30972**

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond
SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin
MOTION: **THAT** Council proceed into closed session.
MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff **26-07-30973**
SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond
MOTION: **THAT** Council return to open session.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond **26-07-30974**
SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin
MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Nova East Wind Option Agreement as discussed in Closed Session.
MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- September 2nd @ 4:30pm – Committee of the Whole
- September 16th @ 4:30pm – Regular Monthly Council

ADJOURNMENT **26-07-30975**

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond
MOTION: **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of July 15, 2026 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (5:20pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE