

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025 @ 4:30 P.M.  
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Paul Long called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Barry Carroll, CAO  
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO  
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer  
Danita Imlay, Director of Finance  
Steven McAuley, Manager of Finance  
Angie Tavares, Director of Recreation  
Christina Bowie, Manager of Special Initiatives & Communications  
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works  
Ashley Cunningham Avery, Executive Director GDBP  
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk  
Media (via zoom)

**REGRETS**

Councillor Neil DeCoff  
Sean O'Connor, Director of Economic & Community Development

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**25-07-94998**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT the Committee of Whole approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2025**

**25-07-94999**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Susan Cashin

**MOTION:** THAT Committee of the Whole approve the minutes of June 4, 2025 as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche **25-07-95000**  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams  
**MOTION:** **THAT** tabled motion 25-06-94988 be placed back on the floor for discussion.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **BRIEFING NOTE – GRANT POLICIES** **25-07-95001**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Demond  
**MOTION:** **THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that they provide Year 1 funding of a 4-year funding commitment following adoption of *Policy G-12C General Government Grant Program* to Community First - Guysborough County Housing Association and the Transit Association of Guysborough;

**AND FURTHER THAT** those funds be taken from the Operating Reserve for the 2025/2026 fiscal year as follows:

- Community First Guysborough County Housing Association: \$20,000
- Transit Association of Guysborough: \$20,000

**MOTION CARRIED**

NAY: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

**MOVED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams **25-07-95002**  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Susan Cashin  
**MOTION:** **THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that they give Notice of Motion to repeal Policy G-12 Community & Recreation Grants Policy;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council also give Notice of Motion to adopt the following:

- Policy G-12A Community Recreation Grant Program
- Policy G-12B Community Recreation Capital Grant Program
- Policy G-12C General Government Grant Program as amended

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **DELEGATIONS**

## **REPORTS**

## **WARDEN'S REPORT** **25-07-95003**

Warden Long stated that his report was included in the meeting package. He highlighted the various opportunities over the last month to discuss potential development in our Municipality.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hudson MacLeod

**MOTION:** THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Warden's Report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**25-07-95004**

Mr. Carroll stated that his report was included in the meeting package for the information of Committee. He provided Committee with an update on the current value of investments. Mr. Carroll stated that there is a letter from the Minister attached to his report, for the information of Committee. He reported that RCMP billing may be a concern for MODG. Mr. Carroll stated that the CAO recruitment session is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**MOTION:** THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **DEPUTY CAO REPORT**

**25-07-95005**

Mr. Andrews briefly reviewed his report which was included in the meeting package and welcomed any questions from Council. He briefly reviewed the contents of his report for the information of Committee. Mr. Andrews stated that as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, there has been access granted for ATV use on portions of Prince Street and Church Street in Guysborough.

**MOVED:** Councillor Susan Cashin

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Deputy CAO's Report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT**

**25-07-95006**

Mrs. Imlay stated that she has been working on the audit, preparing for July 16<sup>th</sup>. She introduced Mr. Steven McAuley who has been hired as the Manager of Finance, replacing Mrs. Anne Nagel who is retiring in December.

Mr. McAuley briefly introduced himself to Committee, reviewing his professional background.

**MOVED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**SECONDED:** Councillor Susan Cashin

**MOTION:** THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Director of Finance Report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

**25-07-95007**

Mrs. Torrey stated that her report has been included in the meeting package and that she is happy to answer any questions Committee may have.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**MOTION:** THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Development Officer's Report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT**

**25-07-95008**

Mr. Avery stated that his report was included in the meeting package and that he is happy to answer any questions Committee may have. He stated that they are working to set up a date for the community engagement session for the Little Dover Water Rate Study. Mr. Avery stated that the Sailors Rest building renovation has been completed and that they have two vacant kiosks at the Canso Waterfront this summer.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**MOTION:** THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Director of Public Works' Report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BREIFING NOTE – RFP NEW COMPACT TRACK LOADER**

**25-07-95009**

Mr. Avery briefly reviewed the briefing note as it was included in the meeting package for the information of Committee.

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**MOTION:** THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough to award the purchase of a new compact track loader to Atlantic Coastal Equipment for the tendered amount of \$84,495.00 plus HST.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DIRECTOR OF RECREATION REPORT**

**25-07-95010**

Mrs. Tavares stated that her report was included in the meeting package for the information of Committee. She reported that the summer students have begun work and that they have a training session tomorrow at the CLC. Mrs. Tavares thanked Public Works staff for getting the pools open for the session and provided Committee with a brief update on pool staffing.

**MOVED:** Councillor Susan Cashin

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**MOTION:** THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Director of Recreation Report as presented.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Warden Long reported that Mr. O'Connor is on holidays therefore there is no report.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GDBP**

**25-07-95011**

Mrs. Cunningham Avery stated that her report was included in the meeting package for the information of Committee. She stated that they had their Audit and AGM last week and provided Committee with a briefing on the contents of her report. Mrs. Cunningham Avery stated that they had a great turn out at the festival on the weekend, raising approximately \$600 for GOALS.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**MOTION:** THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Director of Economic & Community Development's Report.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE**

**25-07-95012**

Warden Long stated that it was the consensus of Council following the joint session with St. Mary's and Mulgrave to support this initiative.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a letter to the Prime Minister, Ministers and Premier of Nova Scotia, calling on the Government of Canada to implement a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income, ensuring everyone has sufficient income to meet their needs, which would go a long way towards eradicating poverty and homelessness, alleviating the pressure on municipalities to use their limited resources to fill gaps in our failing social safety net.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **SUPERPORT NOMINATION**

**25-07-95013**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough nominate Mr. Chris MacDonald of North Riverside Welding to represent the Municipality

for a three-year term to serve on the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Board of Directors.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond **25-07-95014**

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send correspondence to the Superport Days organizing committee, suggesting that they acknowledge our African Nova Scotian residents at their conference.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INTO CLOSED SESSION** **25-07-95015**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**MOTION:** **THAT** Committee of the Whole proceed into closed session.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **LEGAL**

**OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** **25-07-95016**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** Committee of the Whole return to open session.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche **25-07-95017**

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** Committee of the Whole authorize staff to forward a copy of the RFP for the Canso Taxation Review Study to each of the 24/25 Registered Municipal Advisors with a closing date of August 28, 2025 for submissions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm – Closed Personnel
- Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm – Nova Stable Fuels Ltd. (Formally Simply Blue)
- Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm – Audit Committee
- Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm – Regular Monthly Council
- Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm – EMO
- Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:30pm – Economic Development Session
- Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:30pm – Committee of the Whole

**ADJOURNMENT** **25-07-95019**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche  
**MOTION:** **THAT** the July 2, 2025 Committee of the Whole stand adjourned.  
**MOTION CARRIED** (6:32 pm)

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**WARDEN**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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**DATE**