

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 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 Neil DeCoff  
Councillor Dave Hanhams  
Councillor Susan Cashin  
Councillor Hudson MacLeod  
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sean O'Connor, CAO  
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO  
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works  
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk  
Natasha Farrell, RCMP  
Cindy MacKinnon  
Ann Marie Bagnal  
Ian Ball  
Catherine Hartling, RCMP Advisory Member  
Lois Ann Dort, RCMP, Advisory Member  
Jeremy Martell, Municipal Advisor  
Media

**REGRETS**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**26-06-30957**

- 7. i) Briefing Note – Request for Rezoning
- 7.j) PVSC Correspondence

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil DeCoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the agenda as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 20, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION**

**26-06-30958**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026 Regular Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

## DELEGATIONS

### RCMP

Srg. Natasha Farrell presented Council with a verbal briefing of the quarterly report as it was included in the meeting package. She provided Council with a verbal briefing on recent staffing updates.

(Councillor Desmond arrived 4:43pm)

### DEANS

Mrs. Cindy MacKinnon and Mrs. Ann Marie Bagnal provided Council with a presentation on recent initiatives that DEANS has been involved in, including their marketing efforts and updated community mapping. Mrs. Bagnal provided Council with a verbal explanation on the recent beach funding.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### BRIEFING NOTE – LAND USE PLANNING REVIEW

26-06-30959

Mrs. Torrey reviewed the briefing note as it was included in the meeting package.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize staff to sign a contract with WSP for professional planning services at a total cost of \$74,000 plus HST which includes \$50,000 plus HST for the Land Use Planning Review as well as \$24,000 plus HST for the coastal planning portion of that review under the Coastal Planning Support Program.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### LITTLE DOVER POST OFFICE

26-06-30960

Warden Long reviewed the correspondence received as it was included in the meeting package.

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that she has been in contact with Canada Post representatives and has expressing her priority of keeping the post office staffed and open for residents.

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECECONDED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send correspondence to Canada Post stating their concerns regarding the potential closure of the Little Dover Post Office.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### BRIEFING NOTE – SHORT TERM DROUGHT OPTIONS

26-06-30961

Mr. Andrews reviewed the briefing note as it was included in the meeting package, providing Council with potential options for Councils discretion.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECECONDED:** Councillor Hudson MacLeod

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize staff to implement a bottled water voucher program, similar to the program implemented in 25/26, if required, based on real and identified drought conditions and markers, as used in last years determination, for fiscal year 26/27;

**AND THAT** it will be understood that funding for this program would be entirely that of MODG, unless a Provincial Program is initiated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE – REMO SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**26-06-30962**

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

**MOVED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**SECECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize the appropriate signing authorities for the Municipality, to enlist MODG into the Regional Emergency Management Organization Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Mulgrave and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORT & RECOMMENDATION – COMMUNITY WELL FUNDING**

**26-06-30963**

Mr. Andrews reviewed the report and recommendation as it was included in the meeting package for the information of Council.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECECONDED:** Councillor Neil DeCoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize staff to submit a pre-screening application to the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund to seek funding to develop community wells to have a sustainable drinking water option for residents during drought conditions in the future;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize staff to submit, if successful in the pre-screening process, an application to the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund to seek funding to develop community wells to have a sustainable drinking water option for residents during drought conditions in the future in an amount of \$700,000.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF INTENT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BY-LAW**

**26-06-30964**

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

**MOVED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**SECECONDED:** Councillor Susan Cashin

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough hereby give Notice of Intent and have had 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 FURTHER THAT** Council authorize staff to proceed with the necessary advertisements and scheduling of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. document.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE REMO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS 26-06-30965**

Mr. O'Connor provided Council with the request for committee members for the REMO Advisory Committee.

**MOVED:** Councillor Neil DeCoff

**SECECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough appoint Warden Paul Long and Councillor Dave Hanhams as executive REMO Advisory Committee Members.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY**

Mrs. Bowie stated that this request has been received from the Early Years Committee. She stated that the request is for funding to provide the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to our residents.

Councillor Desmond stated that this request concerns her due to the recent rural library closures in Nova Scotia.

**BRIEFING NOTE – REQUEST FOR REZONING 26-06-30966**

Mrs. Torrey presented Council with the available options for Council's decision on the request for rezoning.

**MOVED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**SECECONDED:** Councillor Neil DeCoff

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough passed a motion instructing Municipal Staff to schedule a Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for the purpose of considering the rezoning of a parcel of land in Canso from Marine Industrial I-5 to Commercial C-1;

**AND WHEREAS** the land to be rezoned is identified as PID 35026954 in Canso, Guysborough County;

**AND WHEREAS** a Public Hearing was called for Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:15 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 33 Pleasant Street, Guysborough in accordance with the MGA;

**AND WHEREAS** the Public was informed of the Public Hearing through advertisements on the Municipal Website and in a local paper in accordance with the MGA;

**AND WHEREAS** there were no written objections and no oral presentations with respect to this rezoning;

**BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the request to rezone property identified as PID #35026954 in Canso, Guysborough County, from Marine Industrial I-5 to Commercial C-1 to allow for licensed liquor establishments and other commercial type uses on this property.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **PVSC CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Hanhams asked if there was an update on the correspondence sent to PVSC, he questioned if a response has been received.

## **COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

### **RECCOMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

#### **RECOMMENDTION – POLICY AMENDMENT, POLICY A-2**

**26-06-30967**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Susan Cashin

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough adopt amended Policy A-2, Adoption or Amendment of By-Laws.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

No meeting.

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **GALA**

Councillor Armsworthy stated they held a meeting today which he was unable to attend. He stated that they continue to work on policy implementation and review.

#### **WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **LIBRARY BOARD**

Councillor Cashin reported that the Board met. She stated that they discussed the draft budget, the upcoming audit, funding and facility renovations. She reported that five small town library branches will be closing in Nova Scotia at the end of July.

#### **HOME SUPPORT BOARD**

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that a meeting was held but she unable to attend. She provided Council with the highlights from the meeting, as she received them.

#### **COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

Councillor Cashin stated that the board met and the MLA Greg Morrow and MLA Michelle Thompson were in attendance. She stated that they discussed recent job vacancies in

Guysborough and food insecurity and local food banks. Councillor Cashin reported that they also discussed long-term care facilities in our County.

Councillor Desmond stated that they held their Wellness Grant Funding Ceremony in Erinville and that the Board has had a great year. She stated that they are losing two students who are leaving for university and that they are welcoming new members.

**CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

No report.

**GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

Next meeting is June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH**

Councillor Desmond reported that the board met. She stated that they are holding their AGM in June. Councillor Desmond reported that they did have an incident regarding a patient not being picked up, which has prompted response forms to be put in their vehicles. She stated that they have distributed 50 request for funding letters, which they have not received great response to date.

**GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**

Warden Long stated that the partnership held their AGM.

**GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE**

No report.

**COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOC.**

Councillor Cashin stated that they held their AGM on June 9<sup>th</sup>. She stated that their next meeting is June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD**

**CLOSED SESSION** **26-06-30968**

**MOVED:**        Councillor Neil Decoff  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Hudson MacLeod  
**MOTION:**     **THAT** Council proceed into closed session.  
                 **MOTION CARRIED**

**LEGAL**

**MOVED:**        Councillor Mary Desmond **26-06-30969**  
**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche  
**MOTION:**     **THAT** Council return to open session.  
                 **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:**        Councillor Hudson MacLeod **26-06-30970**  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy  
**MOTION:**     **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Amendment to the Nova Sustainable Fuels Option Agreement as discussed in Closed Session.  
                 **MOTION CARRIED**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm – Committee of the Whole
- July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm – Regular Monthly Council

**ADJOURNMENT**

**26-06-30971**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche  
**MOTION:** **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of June 17, 2026 stand adjourned.  
**MOTION CARRIED** (6:50 pm)

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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**DATE**