

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023 @ 4:30 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL**  
**GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

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

**ATTENANCE**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO  
Kate Jamieson, Acting Municipal Clerk  
RCMP Members  
Media  
Rob Carter

**REGRETS**

Warden Vernon Pitts  
Councillor Dave Hanhams  
Councillor Hudson MacLeod  
Barry Carroll, CAO

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**23-06-30397**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff  
**MOTION:** THAT Council approve the agenda as presented.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL**

**23-06-30398**

**MOVED:** Councillor Paul Long  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond  
**MOTION:** THAT Council approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**DELEGATIONS**

Corporal Mike Wilson and Acting District Commander Marc Michon gave an in depth review of the current RCMP staff within all three local detachments; Guysborough, Canso and Sherbrooke stating that all three detachments are fully staffed. Corp. Wilson stated the statistics from last fiscal year, April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023 had not changed by much. Corp. Wilson advised that a new member just graduating will be posted in Canso in July. The members stated that they were open for suggestions and any input. They are willing to do more presentations and education especially in schools regarding drugs and impairment and with the elderly on fraud. Plans are to do mock collision at the schools next spring. Councillors around the table asked a variety of questions and a discussion was held and keeping an open line of communication with Council. It was confirmed to start back with the quarterly meetings. Deputy Warden Peitzsche thanked them for attending.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL READING – GUYSBOROUGH WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BYLAW** **23-06-30399**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** Council did, on May 17, 2023 give Notice of Intent to amend the Guysborough Wastewater Management District Bylaw #10;

**AND WHEREAS** notice was placed in the Guysborough Journal on May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> stating the date and time of the meeting at which Council proposed to consider it and the place where the proposed bylaw may be inspected;

**BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of the Repeal of the Guysborough Wastewater Management District Bylaw #10 and adoption of the amended Guysborough Wastewater Management District Bylaw in accordance with the MGA.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL READING – LITTLE DOVER WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BYLAW** **23-06-30400**

**MOVED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** Council did, on May 17, 2023 give Notice of Intent to amend the Little Dover Wastewater Management District Bylaw #13;

**AND WHEREAS** notice was placed in the Guysborough Journal on May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> stating the date and time of the meeting at which Council proposed to consider it and the place where the proposed bylaw may be inspected;

**BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed with 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of the Repeal of the Little Dover Wastewater Management District Bylaw #13 and adoption of the amended Little Dover Wastewater Management District Bylaw in accordance with the MGA.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL READING – DISTRICT OF GUYSBOROUGH BUILDING BYLAW** **23-06-30401**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** Council did, on May 17, 2023 give Notice of Intent to amend the Municipality of the District of Guysborough Building Bylaw #1;

**AND WHEREAS** notice was placed in the Guysborough Journal on May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> stating the date and time of the meeting at which Council proposed to consider it and the place where the proposed bylaw may be inspected;

**BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed with 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of the Repeal of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough Building Bylaw #1 and adoption of

the amended Municipality of the District of Guysborough Building Bylaw in accordance with the MGA.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL READING – GUYSBOROUGH SIDEWALK BYLAW 23-06-30402**

**MOVED:** Councillor Paul Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** Council did, on May 17, 2023 give Notice of Intent to amend the Guysborough Sidewalk Bylaw #20;

**AND WHEREAS** notice was placed in the Guysborough Journal on May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> stating the date and time of the meeting at which Council proposed to consider it and the place where the proposed bylaw may be inspected;

**BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed with 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of the Repeal of the Guysborough Sidewalk Bylaw #20 and adoption of the amended Guysborough Sidewalk Bylaw in accordance with the MGA.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION – HEALTHCARE WORKER AND EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION CONCERT 23-06-30403**

**MOVED:** Councillor Paul Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough sponsor the Allan Doyle Concert as a thank you to Healthcare Workers and First Responders through the purchase of 200 tickets at a cost of \$10,000 plus HST, with funds to come from the Municipality's promotions budget.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION – POLICE ADVISORY BOARD 23-06-30404**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neill Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough petition the Minister responsible for the Police Act of Nova Scotia, Under Section 57, Part (8) that within the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, an existing system of governance is already established that we feel is equal to or better than the governance that could be provided by the establishment of a Police Advisory Board;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Municipality seek approval from the Minister of Justice and Attorney General to use the Council Committee of the Whole System to meet with the RCMP on a quarterly basis.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION – WRITE OFF OF INTEREST, AAN 00380466 23-06-30405**

**MOVED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize staff to write off interest in the amount of \$15,915.89 on AAN 00380466.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION - PROGRESS CLAIM #1, BD CLIFTON CONTRACTING 23-06-30406**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment in the amount of \$258,750.00 including HST to BD Clifton Contracting Ltd. as recommended by Strait Engineering.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION – REQUEST FOR FUNDING CANSO CURLING CLUB 23-06-30407**

**MOVED:** Councillor Paul Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**MOTION:** THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough instruct that 50% of the funding requested be provided to the Canso Curling Club to a maximum of \$88,823.40 of which \$12,500 has already been committed in the budget process.

**AND FURTHER THAT** an additional \$76,323.40 be provided from Operating Reserves, subject to the appropriate claims being made.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ERSWM**

Councillor Neil DeCoff reported that the next meeting will be June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report

**GALA**

Councillor Fin Armsworthy advised closed for the summer.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON**

**23-06-30408**

Councillor Neil DeCoff provided a report for the information of Council. Committee set some guidelines to use for the Green Fund applications. The total amount to be dispersed was \$20,000. The committee put a cap of \$3000.00 for any one application. They set a formula for funding projects that met the criteria. Funding 100% of proposals under \$500; 75% for proposals under \$1000; and 50% for those between \$1000 and \$2000 etc. All applicants' receiver approval for some amount. The Liaison Committee recommended that CFL approve about \$13,000 in grants at this time, leaving some funds available for fall projects.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Waste Management Liaison Committee Report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIBRARY BOARD**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Deferred to next meeting

**HOME SUPPORT BOARD**

Councillor Fin Armsworthy reported that there is a meeting next week.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

**23-06-30409**

Councillor Paul Long provided an update from the Community Health Board for the information of Council. Eight Wellness Grants were awarded totaling approximately \$12,500.00 to various

community groups around the county. These grants allow for interest groups to promote wellness activities and services to a wide range of citizens. The Board is also actively looking for new members to sit on the CHB. There is a need to have people from all areas of the county in order to better reflect the needs of all areas. Welcomed Councillor Desmond back on board. Councillor Desmond noted that she had spoken with the Premier on the Wellness Funds and looking forward to hearing back regarding the funds.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Community Health Board report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

Nothing to report.

#### **GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

**23-06-30410**

Councillor Paul Long noted the next community meeting will be July 10 at the CLC.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Guysborough Area Stakeholder Working Group report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH**

**23-06-30411**

Councillor DeCoff provided a brief report from the Transit Association of Guysborough for the information of Council. The June 15<sup>th</sup> AGM was postponed. Julie Fox is taking over the Executive Director position. They are in process of looking for another vehicle. The June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be on funding for transit. The Board is always looking for members.

**MOVED:** Councillor Paul Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Transit Association of Guysborough report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**

**23-06-30412**

Councillor Long provided a report from the GDBP for the information of Council as a meeting was held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. They met with Doug Griffiths and Heather Thomson. Discussion on how to better our communities. What is working and to get communities more involved. Both kiosks in each waterfront, Guysborough and Canso, are booked for the summer.

**MOVED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Guysborough District Business Partnership report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **SIGNAL GOLD**

Nothing to report.

#### **ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm – Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 4:30 pm – Regular Monthly Council

**ADJOURNMENT**

**23-06-30413**

**MOVED:** Councillor Paul Long  
**MOTION:** THAT the Regular Council Meeting of June 21, 2023 stand adjourned.  
**MOTION CARRIED** (5:35 p.m.)

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**DEPUTY WARDEN**

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**DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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