

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 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 Neil DeCoff
Councillor Dave Hanhams (via zoom)
Councillor Susan Cashin
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO (via zoom)
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Angie Tavares, Director of Recreation
Sean O'Connor, Director of Economic & Community Development
Christina Bowie, Manager of Special Initiatives & Communications
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk
Media (via zoom)
Members of the Public

REGRETS

Danita Imlay, Director of Finance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-06-94980

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Committee of Whole approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2025

25-06-94981

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole approve the minutes of May 7, 2025 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

DEANS

Mrs. Cindy MacKinnon and Mrs. Ann Marie Bagnal presented Committee with a brief presentation covering Coastal Nova Scotia's destination marketing, digital marketing including their Eastern Shore brochure, Visitor Service Centres and Did You Know e-newsletter. Mrs. MacKinnon briefly reviewed strategic partnerships including Events NS, Ambassador Program, Discover Days and Guysborough County Tourism Association. She reported that local business owner Mrs. Ann Marie Bagnal, was awarded the 2025 Ambassador Award at Coastal Nova Scotia's annual Gala Awards Dinner. She briefly reviewed the financial snapshot, including revenue and expense for the information of Committee.

Warden Long thanked Mrs. MacKinnon for her presentation to Council, echoing the importance of promoting tourism in our areas.

SONJA CRAWFORD

Mr. Andy Thompson introduced himself and Ms. Sonja Crawford, stating that they have been working together for several years with the Historic Tracadie United Baptist Church.

Ms. Sonja Crawford stated that the Baptist Church requires major renovations and upgrades, which she would like to request funding from Council to complete. She stated that she will be forwarding a more detailed information package to Council following today's presentation.

Warden Long thanked Mrs. Crawford for her presentation and stated that staff and Council will further investigate the request after receiving the information package.

REPORTS

WARDEN'S REPORT

25-06-94982

Warden Long stated that his report was included in the meeting package. He stated that he recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference in Ottawa, with fellow Councillors which he included in his written report for the information of Committee members.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

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

MOTION CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

25-06-94983

Mr. Carroll stated that his report was included in the meeting package for the information of Committee. He thanked Mrs. Torrey for all her work in amending the grant policies that are later in the agenda and stated that he is happy to answer any questions that Committee may have.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

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

MOTION CARRIED

DEPUTY CAO REPORT

25-06-94984

Mr. Andrews briefly reviewed his report which was included in the meeting package and welcomed any questions from Council. He highlighted the EMO newsletter, stating that the next mailout will focus on heat advisory safety. He briefly reviewed his attendance at the recent FCM conference in Ottawa.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

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

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

25-06-94985

Warden Long stated that Mrs. Imlay's monthly report was included in the meeting package and that the CAO or Deputy CAO may answer any questions that Committee may have.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

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

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – 3 YEAR OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS CANSO/HH WATER UTILITY

25-06-94986

Mr. Carroll stated that the briefing note has been included in the meeting package for Committee.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the 3-Year Operating Budget for the Canso-Hazel Hill Water Utility 2025/2026-2027/2028 and the 3-Year Capital Budget for the Canso-Hazel Hill Water Utility 2025/2026-2027/2028.

MOTION CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

25-06-94987

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: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

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

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – REPEAL OF POLICY G-12, ADOPTION OF POLICIES G-12A, G-12B, G-12C

25-06-94988

Mrs. Torrey reviewed the attached briefing note as it was included in the meeting package. She reviewed each of the policies and accompanied grant applications in detail for the information of Committee.

Various Councillors around the table made comment on the presented policies, ultimately deciding to table the motion to allow for further investigation and discussion on the policy amendments.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough table the presented motion until further discussion may be had.

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT

25-06-94989

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 briefly updated Committee on the Commercial Cable project.

MOVED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

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

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO AND AREA FITNESS CENTRE

25-06-94990

Mr. Avery briefly reviewed the report included in the package for the information of Committee.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a letter to the Strait Center for Education expressing gratitude for their cooperation with the Fanning Fitness Centre over the years.

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION REPORT

25-06-94991

Mrs. Tavares reported that her report was included in the meeting package for the information of Committee. She briefly updated Committee on summer student hiring and the opening of the community pools.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

25-06-94992

Mrs. Tavares stated that the Master Plan was included in the meeting package as a guiding document, as it was presented to Council at Strategic Planning.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough to adopt the 2025 – 2035 MODG Live and Play Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT 25-06-94993

Mr. O'Connor stated that his report was included in the meeting package and proceeded to briefly review this report for the information of Council.

Mr. O'Connor congratulated Mr. Carroll on receiving the Honorary Life Member award at the recent national CAMA conference, an award that recognizes an individual's commitment to advancing the objectives of CAMA and the contributions they've made to both the association and the municipal profession across Canada.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

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

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – EDIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

25-06-94994

Mrs. Bowie reviewed the briefing note as it was included in the meeting package for the information of Committee.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the EDIA Committee Members; Nancy O'Regan, Riley Bennett, Bonnie Jean Stacey.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

LANDFILL OPERATIONS

Warden Long stated that he has spoken to GFL representatives regarding recent resident concerns. He reported that he will organize a site tour for Council with GFL representatives so that Council may get an educated understanding of daily operations.

CADA

Informational item.

RCMP BILLING LETTER

Mr. Carroll stated that the letter has been included for the information of Committee, highlighting the increase of 6.67% this year and as a reminder that 50% of tax revenue is paying for the RCMP's billing.

INTO CLOSED SESSION

25-06-94995

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL

PERSONNEL

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

25-06-94996

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the additional expenditure of \$170,000 for the Canso and Area Arena tender awarded to Iron Maple for a total contract value of \$2,073,000;

AND THAT the funds be taken from the operating reserves.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Wednesday, June 18th @ 3:00pm – NS Remedy Act
- Wednesday, June 18th @ 4:30pm – Regular Monthly Council
- Wednesday, July 2nd @ 4:30pm – COW

ADJOURNMENT

25-06-94997

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** the June 4, 2025 Committee of the Whole stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (6:32 pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE