

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 @ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

ATTENANCE

Warden Vernon Pitts
Councillor Paul Long
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Debbie Torrey, Development Officer
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk
Media (via zoom)

REGRETS

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Barry Carroll, CAO

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24-05-30618

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL

24-05-30619

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond
SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

BRIEFING NOTE – COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY READINESS PROGRAM RFP

24-05-30620

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

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long
SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff
MOTION: **THAT** Committee of the Whole recommend to the Council for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that the Request for Proposals for the Community Opportunity Readiness Program be awarded to ATN Strategies at the tendered price of \$170,160 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – PROGRESS CLAIM #1, POLARON SOLAR PV PROJECT

24-05-30621

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

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize progress payment for claim #1 in the amount of \$122,579.17 including HST to Polaron Energy Corp. as recommended by Strait Engineering.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – RESOLUTION, CHEDABUCTO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

24-05-30622

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

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: WHEREAS the Chedabucto Volunteer Fire Department is registered with the Municipality of the District of Guysborough;

AND WHEREAS the Chedabucto Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) for the purpose of pumper apparatus/vehicle;

AND WHEREAS the Chedabucto Volunteer Fire Department has requested a municipality to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the District of Guysborough does hereby approve the borrowing by the Chedabucto Volunteer Fire Department of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) for the purpose set out above;

AND FURTHER THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

AND FURTHER THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE – FINANCIAL MEASURES ACT

Mr. Andrews stated that this item has been included in the meeting package as an informational item for Council, listing the amendments as approved in the Financial Measures Act.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION – RELOCATION OF THE SAILORS REST BUILDING

24-05-30623

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 direct staff to proceed with the relocation of the Sailor's Rest building to the Canso Waterfront.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – TRUCK RFP

24-05-30624

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough award the purchase of a new Municipal truck to Canso Ford Sales Ltd. for the tendered amount of the \$52,382.00 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – MUNICIPAL LANDSCAPING SERVICES RFP 24-05-30625

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 authorize staff to award the RFP for professional landscaping services for the Municipality to Glenkeen Property Maintenance for the amount of \$53,820.00 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTY IN CUTLERS BROOK ESTATES 24-05-30626

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION: THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize Staff to schedule a Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act to consider a request for rezoning from Atlantic Edge Properties of property assessed to the Municipality of the District of Guysborough located in Sunnyville (identified as PID #35001155) from Mixed Use Rural Residential MRR-1 to Residential Multiple Unit R-2 to allow the construction of several multi-unit residential buildings;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Hearing be scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th, 2024 at 4:15 pm in the Council Chambers of the Guysborough Municipal Building.

MOTION CARRIED

ERSWM

Next meeting is May 30th.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

Next meeting is June 19th.

GALA

No report.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

Councillor Decoff reported that the Committee is meeting on June 19th and that they are accepting Green Fund applications, which will be reviewed at the June meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD

No report.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

No report.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Councillor Long reported that the Board's meeting was cancelled this month and rescheduled for June. He stated that he would like to recognize Mrs. Catherine Hartling for her commitment and excellent work with the Community Health Board.

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

No report.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP 24-05-30627

Councillor Long reported that the Working Group has invited NSHA to a meet with Council in June. He reported that he attended an information session on the new virtual care platform, which he briefly outlined for the information of Council.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH 24-05-30628

Councillor Decoff reported that the ridership is steadily increasing for the Association. He reported that they received additional funding from the province, which will enable salaries to be increased. Councillor Decoff stated that interviews are underway for the dispatcher position.

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's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Next meeting is May 23rd.

GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE

No report.

COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOCIATION

No report.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

Councillor Desmond stated that she would like Council to send their condolences to Mrs. Catherine Hartling for the loss of her son. She stated that Mrs. Hartling sits on a variety of boards in our Municipality and is an intricate member and volunteer in our community.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond **24-05-30629**

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send their condolences to Mrs. Catherine Hartling.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, June 5th @ TBD – Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, June 12th @ 1:30pm – NSHA (Tentative)
- Wednesday, June 12th @ 3:00pm – Recreation Master Plan
- Wednesday, June 19th @ 3:30pm – Department of Public Works & Infrastructure
- Wednesday, June 19th @ 4:15pm – Special Council, Public Hearing
- Wednesday, June 19th @ 4:30pm – Regular Monthly Council
- Wednesday, June 19th @ 6:00pm – EMO (Municipal Building)
- Wednesday, July 3rd @ 3:00pm – PHP Wind
- Wednesday, July 3rd @ 4:30pm – Committee of the Whole

ADJOURNMENT

24-05-30630

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Regular Council Meeting of May 15, 2024 stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (5:04p.m.)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE