

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 @ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Warden Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:58 p.m.

ATTENANCE

Warden Vernon Pitts
Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Paul Long
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor
Media

REGRETS

Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Barry Carroll, CAO

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-05-30369

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL

23-05-30370

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION – LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

23-05-30371

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long
MOTION: **WHEREAS** Lyme Disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a black-legged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia Burgdorferi*;

AND WHEREAS black-legged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick-borne diseases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Warden Vernon Pitts, on behalf of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month”.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION – THREE YEAR COST SHARE AGREEMENT FOR SUBDIVISION STREETS **23-05-30372**

Mr. Shawn Andrews stated the information was included in the package, noting that this is a routine agreement that must be signed every 3 years.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough recommend that the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Cost Share Agreement No. 2023-011.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NOTICE OF INTENT/FIRST READING – GUYSBOROUGH WASTEWATER AMANGEMENT DISTRICT BYLAW **23-05-30373**

MOVED: Councillor Janet

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** on May 17, 2023 the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that they amend the Guysborough Wastewater Management District Bylaw #10;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed with First 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

NOTICE OF INTENT/FIRST READING – LITTLE DOVER WASTEWATER AMANGEMENT DISTRICT BYLAW **23-05-30374**

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** on May 17, 2023 the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that they amend the Little Dover Wastewater Management District Bylaw #13;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed with First 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

NOTICE OF INTENT/FIRST READING – DISTRICT OF GUYSBOROUGH BUILDING BYLAW **23-05-30375**

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long
MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** on May 17, 2023 the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that they amend the Municipality of the District of Guysborough Building Bylaw #1;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed with First 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

NOTICE OF INTENT/FIRST READING – GUYSBOROUGH SIDEWALK BYLAW **23-05-30376**

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** on May 17, 2023 the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that they amend the Guysborough Sidewalk Bylaw #20;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed with First 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 – CANSO SEASONAL RENTAL KIOSKS **23-05-30377**

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff
MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough express their support for the GDBP to pursue small businesses to take advantage of the Seasonal Rental Kiosks located in Canso, therefore it is recommended that proposals, arrangements and conditions also be coordinated through the GDBP.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – SOLID WASTE FACILITY TRANSFER EXPENSES **23-03-30378**

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
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 allocate costs associated with the transfer of the Solid Waste Management Facility for 2022/2023 from the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$282,596.71.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – AWARD OF COMMERCIAL CABLE PROJECT **23-05-30379**

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the tendered amount of \$215,700 plus HST from Flagship Construction Ltd. for the Hazel Hill Commercial Cable Building Project.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – RFP, NEW 4X4 PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK 23-05-30380

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough award the purchase of a new municipal truck to MacDonald Chrysler Ltd. for the tendered amount of \$52,919.70 plus HST;

AND FURTHER THAT the additional amount of \$5,187.58 come from General Revenue.

MOTION CARRIED

ERSWM 23-05-30381

Councillor Neil DeCoff provided a brief report for the information of Council.

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

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

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE 23-05-30382

Nothing to report.

GALA 23-05-30383

Councillor Fin Armsworthy provided a brief report for the information of Council.

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

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

MOTION CARRIED

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

Councillor Neil DeCoff reported that their meeting was rescheduled to June 13th and is not aware of the applications under the Green Fund at this point.

LIBRARY BOARD 23-05-30384

UPDATE – LIBRARY HOURS

Mr. Shawn Andrews reported that information on the Library hours is included in the package as an information item.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

This item will be referred to the Council meeting in June for a decision on a Board appointment.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD 23-05-30385

Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD 23-05-30386

Councillor Paul Long provided an update from the Community Health Board for the information of Council.

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough instruct Municipal Staff to send a letter of thanks to Dorothy Bennett for her work on maintaining and promoting the Community Health Board.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

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

23-05-30387

Nothing to report.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

23-05-30388

Councillor Paul Long stated that there is a community meeting coming up on the “State of Health Care” noting that the working group has not met since his last report.

Council continued to discuss ER closures, lack of family doctors, the process for professionals to come to Nova Scotia to practice, etc.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

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

23-05-30389

Councillor DeCoff provided a brief report from the Transit Association of Guysborough on purchase of a new vehicle, training that is taking place, signing of a contract with the Province for funding, updating of the Driver’s Manual and the ridership. Councillor DeCoff stated that an announcement on Federal funding has been delayed as a result of the strike.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

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

23-05-30390

Councillor Long provided a report from the GDBP noting Glen Avery provided a report at the meeting yesterday on what is going on in the Municipality, particularly with the Public Works Department. He also noted they had a presentation from the Department of Tourism as well. A Student has also been hired for the summer.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

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

23-05-30391

Nothing to report.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

CLOSED SESSION

INTO CLOSED SESSION

23-05-30392

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff
MOTION: **THAT** Council proceed into Closed Session.
MOTION CARRIED (5:28 pm)

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

23-03-30393

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Neil
MOTION: **THAT** Council return to open session.
MOTION CARRIED (5:52 pm)

LAND MATTER

23-05-30394

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff
MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** the Municipality of the District of Guysborough entered into an Agreement with ExxonMobil Canada Properties to acquire PID 35125244, which Agreement was executed and accepted by ExxonMobil Properties on September 13, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the said ExxonMobil Properties has migrated and the said properties;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of the District of Guysborough has completed its due diligence in this matter and is prepared to proceed with the purchase of the said property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the District of Guysborough purchase PID 35125244 from ExxonMobil Canada Properties at the price and on the terms contained in the Agreement between the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and ExxonMobil Canada Properties last dated the 13th day of September 2020;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Warden and CAO are authorized to complete all documents on behalf of the Municipality to finalize the purchase of the said lands, in conjunction with the Municipal Solicitor.

MOTION CARRIED

LAND MATTER

23-05-30395

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long
MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize Staff to proceed with the proposed plan regarding lands within MODG as discussed in Closed Session.
MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, June 7th @ 3:30pm – Dept. of Public Works
- Wednesday, June 7th @ 4:30 pm – Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, June 21, 2023 @ 4:30 pm – Regular Monthly Council

ADJOURNMENT

23-05-30396

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: THAT the Regular Council Meeting of May 17, 2023 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (5:53 p.m.)

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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