

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021 @ 3:45 P.M.  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL VIA ZOOM  
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Pitts called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

**ATTENANCE**

**21-05-29949**

Warden Pitts  
Deputy Warden Peitzsche  
Councillor Long  
Councillor Desmond  
Councillor Decoff  
Councillor Hanhams  
Councillor McLaren  
Councillor Armsworthy

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Barry Carroll, CAO  
Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk  
Gary Cleary, Director of Waste Management (Zoom)  
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer (Zoom)  
Angie Tavares Recreation Director (Zoom)  
Danita Imlay, Director of Finance (Zoom)  
Gordon MacDonald, Director of Economic Development (Zoom)  
Shawn Andrews, Director of Fire, IT & Emergency Services/Deputy CAO (Zoom)  
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works (Zoom)  
Media

**INTO TO CLOSED SESSION**

**21-05-29950**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long  
**SECONDED:** Councillor McLaren  
**MOTION:** THAT Council proceed into Closed Session.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**LEGAL**

**CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

**OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**21-05-29951**

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff  
**MOTION:** THAT Council proceed into Open Session.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO RECESS**

**21-05-29952**

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Long  
**MOTION:** THAT Council proceed into a short recess.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**21-05-29953**

**Additions:** 7. a) Legal  
7. b) Contract Negotiations  
10. k) NSFM Spring Workshop

- 9. q) Removal of Boiler in Drum Head
- 9. r) Flyers

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT Council approve the Agenda with the noted additions.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL 21-05-29954**

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Long

**MOTION:** THAT Council approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**AMENDMENT TO EXPROPRIATION OF HART PROPERTY FOR SABLE WIND PROJECT 21-05-29955**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor McLaren

**MOTION:** THAT the Warden and CAO be authorized to proceed with the abandonment of the expropriation of the property identified as PID 35124312 (former Hart Property) and proceed with a "Declaration of Amendment" to expropriate a small portion of the same lot, that portion being 635.768 square meters.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**PROPOSAL ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW WASTE AGREEMENT 21-05-29956**

**MOVED:** Councillor Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Long

**MOTION:** THAT Staff be authorized to proceed with confidential negotiations on the legal agreements as discussed in Closed Session on May 19, 2021 with the final agreements to be approved by motion of Council.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DEPT OF JUSTICE- RCMP COSTS 2021/2022**

Mr. Carroll stated that the RCMP costs have risen again for the 2021/2022 year by 4.92% and are now \$1,369,039. He stated that they are a bit higher than predicted in the budgeting process.

**BILL 47 RESPONSE FROM MINISTER**

For information purposes.

**12 MONTH NOTICE, NSFM**

For Information purposes.

**MAY 2021, LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH 21-05-29957**

**MOVED:** Councillor Hanhams

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a blacklegged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*: and

**WHEREAS** blacklegged 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 2021 as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month”.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- RFP LAND USE PLANNING REVIEW**

**21-05-29958**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Long

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the proposal from WSP Canada Inc. to complete the Land Use Planning Review for the price of \$45,597.50 (HST included).

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND- OGDEN  
SUBDIVISION**

**21-05-29959**

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the sale of property PID 35039809 located in Ogden for the price of \$4,150 plus all expenses included in the sale such as HST on the sale price, advertising, migration, legal, etc.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- REQUEST FOR LAND USE AGREEMENT TO  
ACCESS MODG LANDS FOR MULTI-USE TRAIL**

**21-05-29960**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor McLaren

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the request from Mr. Craig Jamieson, President of the Chedabucto Trails group and grant them permission to construct, maintain and use a recreation all-terrain vehicle and off-road motorcycle trail across Municipal Properties identified as PID 35026327, 35028091, 35080290 & 35027903 in the general location as indicated on the map provided;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the CAO and or the Warden be authorized to sign the “Land Use Occupiers Permission” form as provided.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT- WHITEHEAD  
CANAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

**21-05-29961**

**MOVED:** Councillor Hanhams

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Peitzsche

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize the CAO to sign an Agreement of Purchase & Sale between Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of the Province of Nova Scotia (Purchase) transferring a portion of PID 35215789, identified as Parcel E and consisting of 292 m<sup>2</sup> in size at Whitehead to the Province as part of the Whitehead Canal Bridge Replacement Project for market value with the purchaser paying all expenses involved in the sale;

**AND FURTHER THAT** written confirmation be received regarding a provision for ease of access for parking from the DOT road right of way to the remaining MODG lands.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- UPDATE ON THE IRVING LOT & LIMITED  
ESA FINAL REPORT**

Report attached as well as a Briefing Note for information purposes.

**BRIEFING NOTE- RFP BANKING SERVICES 21-05-29962**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize staff to proceed with a Request for Proposals for the provision of Banking and Investment Services for the Municipality.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- NOTICE OF INTENT- ASSET MANAGEMENT 21-05-29963  
POLICY H-26**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Notice of Intent to adopt the Asset Management Policy H-26, as presented;

**AND THAT** it be referred for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council on June 16, 2021.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- AMENDMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY I-2 21-05-29964**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Notice of Intent to adopt the amended Investment Policy I-2, as presented;

**AND THAT** it be referred for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council on June 16, 2021.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MEMO- CANSO & AREA ARENA LEASE AGREEMENT 21-05-29965**

Mrs. Tavares stated that there is now a moving forward plan for MODG to assume full responsibility for the Canso & Area Arena and the Commission were supportive of the decision.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**MOTION:** THAT the Lease Agreement between the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and the Canso and Area Arena Commission will not be extended and further to that, the Municipality of the District of Guysborough's Recreation and Public Works Departments will assume the responsibility of managing and operating the Canso and Area Arena.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PRESS RELEASE FROM CANSO & AREA ARENA COMMISSION**

A press release that was drafted by the Canso & Area Arena Commission is attached for information purposes.

**BRIEFING NOTE- RFP, PUBLIC WORKS 4X4 TRUCK 21-05-29966**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor McLaren

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough award the purchase of a new Municipal truck to MacDonald Chrysler LTD for the tendered amount of \$49,481.13 plus HST.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- SALSAMAN PARK MARINA PROJECT**

**21-05-29967**

Mr. Avery stated that just before the meeting he had received notification that the Letter of Authority for the water lease has been issued which will allow the full project to get underway which was great news.

**MOVED:** Councillor McLaren

**SECONDED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough award the tender for the Salsman Marina Project to Balodis Incorporated for the tendered amount of \$527,474 plus HST;

**AND THAT** an additional amount of \$200,000 from the gas tax (pending municipal and provincial approval) be provided for this project in order to complete all work necessary.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BOILER IN DRUM HEAD**

**21-05-29968**

Councillor McLaren stated that there is a petition in his District to keep the boiler off of ship that is stranded off of Drum Head which has been so for many years and the community does not want it removed.

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT Council refer the matter to Staff for review and that Councillor McLaren submit the petition to Staff.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FLYER CONCERNS**

Councillor McLaren stated that the flyer issue is still on going in his District. Mr. Carroll stated that the Clerk has already arranged for them to attend the June Council meeting.

**COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

No meeting.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

**21-05-29969**

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that the last EMO meeting was held on April 21, 2021 and it was a great meeting. She stated that NSPI sent a delegation of 4 to attend the meeting to address concerns in our Municipality. She stated that they noted how important the close relationship is with EMO NS especially during outages. She stated that upgrades past and upcoming infrastructure upgrades were discussed as well as outages and pole replacements.

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that COVID was also discussed as well as the updating of the EMO Plan and it is the hopes that a full exercise will be held in the Fall.

Councillor Decoff wished to report that he had a follow up call from one of the members of the delegation which he greatly appreciated.

**MOVED:** Councillor Decoff  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond  
**MOTION:** THAT the Council approve the EMO Report as presented.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION**

No report.

#### **WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON**

No report however Mr. Cleary added that the tentative meeting date to review applications for the Green Fund is on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **LIBRARY BOARD**

**21-05-29970**

Councillor Desmond reported that the Board met on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. She stated that a new personnel committee was formed and there are still many controversial issues facing the Board. She stated that there will be another meeting next week to discuss the funding model and many unanswered questions. She stated that the District of St. Mary's have launched a formal complaint against the recent cuts to library services in their area.

Councillor Desmond stated that the Board decided to donate books to the stranded ship that was anchored off of Mulgrave due to COVID to the passengers on board, that work has been carried out on policies and bylaws.

Mr. Carroll reiterated the feelings of Council and Staff at MODG stating that the cuts to the Canso and Guysborough Library as well as the closure of the Mulgrave Library are completely unacceptable and unfair. He stated that allocation of additional funds to the head office which were received from both the Province as well as contributions from Municipal units is also unjust.

Councillor Armsworthy asked if any further action could be taken by Council and Mr. Carroll stated that when restrictions are listed an invitation can be sent to the CEO and Board Chair to attend a future meeting.

Councillor Armsworthy wished to thank Councillor Desmond for her great work on the Board.

**MOVED:** Councillor Long  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Armsworthy  
**MOTION:** THAT Council approve the Library Board report as presented and that an invitation be extended to the Eastern Counties Regional Library Board CEO and Chair to attend a future meeting to discuss the funding arrangements as well as the expenditures of the Drysdale Endowment.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CANSO ARENA BOARD**

**21-05-29971**

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that the Board met on May 7<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Two Commission members as well as Mr. Carroll & Mrs. Tavares were also on the call. She stated that the Commission was very positive on MODG assuming the operations of the Arena and it takes a lot of pressure off of the volunteer board.

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond  
**MOTION:** THAT Council approve the Canso & Area Arena Board Report.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

Councillor Long stated that there hasn't been a meeting due to the NS Health employees being reallocated to assist with COVID-19.

Further to that, Councillor Desmond stated that the reception the Upper Big Tracadie Seniors Group received from neighboring communities both inside and out of the Municipality has been amazing. She stated that activity bags were distributed to seniors in other communities who are unable to leave their homes due to COVID. She stated that they were so appreciative. She also noted that they are getting more requests for them and are going to discuss with NSHA if they can get some additional funding for this project.

Councillor Long stated that the Board will send a request to each Councillor as well asking for District Based Grant Funds to go toward to project.

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

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated the same, NSHA have been unavailable due to COVID assistance.

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

No report.

Councillor Long added that a Daycare meeting will be held tomorrow on Zoom.

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

#### **TRANSIT GROUP**

Councillor Desmond stated that the Transit group met earlier this week and formed their Board of Directors and they also have established an office space. She stated that they are planning to meet with Council on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **NSFM SPRING CONFERENCE**

**21-05-29972**

Councillor Long stated that he attended the NSFM Spring Conference virtually and it was a great learning experience and Bill Carr was the guest speaker. He noted that he appreciates how are Staff are looking after each other and their Departments. Succession planning on a community level was discussed as well and what could be done to entice more small business owners to the area.

He said much discussion was held regarding what could be done on a regional level to have all three Councils working together to share and understand what issues are important and stated that he had spoken with Mr. Carroll about this and Mr. Carroll agreed that it was a great idea and it will be organized once restrictions are lifted and it can be held at the CLC.

**MOVED:** Councillor Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hanhams

**MOTION:** THAT Council approve the NSFM Spring Conference update.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **COVID UPDATE**

Mr. Carroll stated that they system that is in place with two teams working two days in the office and two days from home is working very well and we will have to wait to see what the future restrictions bring to determine how much longer we will keep using this method.

Warden Pitts commended the CAO for the job well done as well as the members of Senior Staff and all other Staff for their commitment to keeping the operations opened.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Wednesday, June 16, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.-TBD

**ADJOURNMENT**

**21-05-29973**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Peitzsche

**MOTION:** THAT the Regular Council Meeting of May 19, 2021 stand adjourned.

**MOTION CARREIED** (5:51) p.m.

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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**DATE**