

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 @ 4:30 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Warden Long called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ATTENANCE

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

Sean O’Connor, CAO
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk
Media (via zoom)

REGRETS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA 26-05-30956

8. d) Dangerous & Unsightly By-Law

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the agenda as amended.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION 26-05-30957

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff
SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

BRIEFING NOTE – RFP AWARD 4X4 PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK 26-05-30958

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond
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 \$64,807.33 plus HST;

AND THAT the additional amount of \$4,807.33 be funded from the Canso Hazel Hill Depreciation Fund.
MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – ½ TON TRUCK, REMO

26-05-30959

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin
MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough recommend on behalf of the Guysborough County REMO purchase the half ton truck to be awarded to Bruce Fleet Solutions for a total quoted price of \$ 53,325.50 plus HST.
MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – UTV’S WITH FIRE SKIDS, EMERGENCY SERVICES

26-05-30960

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff
MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough recommend the purchase the above referenced units be awarded to K&D Pratt for a quoted price of \$114,356.25 plus HST & \$12,600 plus HST for radios to be supplied by others for a total price of \$126,956.75 plus HST.
MOTION CARRIED

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY BY-LAW

Councillor Cashin stated that she has been receiving calls from residents regarding dangerous and unsightly properties, therefore she is looking for some clarification on which policies or by-laws the Municipality follows. She asked for further clarification regarding how properties are reported for investigation.

Mr. Avery briefly reviewed the dangerous and unsightly property by-law procedure, following a complaint received from a resident.

Councillors around the table made comment and a discussion was held.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECCOMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDTION – REQUEST FOR REZONING, WATER STREET CANSO

26-05-30961

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
MOTION: **THAT** as recommended to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, Municipal Staff are instructed to schedule a Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act to consider a request from Brandi Mills for rezoning of property located on Water Street, Canso and identified as PID #35026954 from Marine Industrial I-5 to Commercial C-1;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Hearing be scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 4:15 pm in the Council Chambers of the Guysborough Municipal Building.
MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The next meeting is May 28, 2026.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

Meeting at 6pm.

GALA

Next meeting date TBD.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor Decoff stated that the Committee met and that green fund applications for liter pickup are available. He reported that they discussed the landfill expansion. Councillor Decoff gave Council a verbal report on the volume of waste collected to date in 2026. He reported that compost is now available.

LIBRARY BOARD

Next meeting is tomorrow.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

No report.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Councillor Cashin reported that the Board met to review the wellness grant fund applications. She stated that they received 14 applications and that 10 met the funding qualifications. Councillor Cashin stated that they awarded \$12,429, funding six projects. She stated that they are holding a ceremony in Erinville and that she will forward an invite with the specifics to Council.

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that they held a meeting and that the Eastern Memorial Hospital is planning a 50 Year Anniversary celebration. She reported that they continue to fill vacant nursing positions and that the maintenance coordinator is retiring. Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that virtual urgent care is being utilized and that they have a nurse practitioner and physician in the doctors office. She reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Next meeting is June 29th.

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH

Next meeting is May 28th.

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Next meeting is May 26th.

GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE

No report available.

COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOC.

Councillor Cashin reported that they met last night and that the AGM is scheduled for June 9th at 5:30pm at the Boylston Community Centre. Councillor Cashin reported that the Boylston apartment building is full and that they are investigating property enhancement funding. She stated that the accelerated program is coming to an end, which was attended by four members of the Association weekly.

Councillor Armsworthy stated that the Canso Seaside Manor has a current waitlist and that it would be beneficial if they could work with the Housing Association for potential funding.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- May 20th @ 6:00pm – EMO
- June 3rd @ 4:30pm – Committee of the Whole
- June 17th @ 4:30pm – Regular Monthly Council

ADJOURNMENT

26-05-30962

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of May 20, 2026 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (5:20 pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE