

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 @ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

ATTENANCE

Warden Vernon Pitts
Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Paul Long
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk
Media (via zoom)

REGRETS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-11-30482

Addition: Request for Rezoning – Brian & Kristen Sangster

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: THAT Council approve the agenda with the above noted addition.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL, PUBLIC HEARING

23-11-30483

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023 Special Council, Public Hearing as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2023 REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL

23-11-30484

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023 Regular Monthly Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

NSFM FALL CONFERENCE DEBRIEF

Mr. Carroll reported that he included a NSFM Conference Debrief in the meeting package for Councils information. He stated that also included was a report from Deputy Warden Peitzsche regarding the Policing Session she attended.

Warden Pitts congratulated Councillor Armsworthy on his 25 year Long Service Award and Councillor MacLeod on his 10 year Long Service Award.

SENIORS HOUSING UNITS – LITTLE DOVER

23-11-30485

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that she would like Council to invite local representatives from the NS Provincial Housing Agency in, to update Council on the Agency's plans for the recently announced funding. She stated that she would specifically like to see funds spent at the Little Dover Seniors Housing Units, as they are in need of maintenance and additional units.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT** Council invite local representatives from the Nova Scotia Provincial Housing Agency in to meet with Council at a future meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – APPLICATION SUBMISSION MUNICIPAL CAPITAL GROWTH PROGRAM

23-11-30486

Mr. Avery briefly reviewed the briefing note as it was included in the meeting package. He stated that the application deadline is fast approaching and that if approved there are various projects outlined in the briefing note that would benefit.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough support the submission of an application for funding consideration by the Public Works Department under the Municipal Capital Growth Program (MCGP) before the deadline of December 13th, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – REQUEST FOR REZONING BRIAN & KRISTEN SANGSTER

23-11-30487

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough passed a motion instructing Municipal Staff to schedule a Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for the purpose of considering the rezoning of a parcel of land in Whitehead from Coastal Community CC-1 to Commercial General C-1;

AND WHEREAS the land to be rezoned is identified as PID 35080720 in Whitehead, Guysborough County;

AND WHEREAS a Public Hearing was called for Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 at 4:15 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 33 Pleasant Street, Guysborough in accordance with the MGA;

AND WHEREAS the Public was informed of the Public Hearing through advertisements in local papers in accordance with the MGA;

AND WHEREAS there were no written objections and no oral presentations with respect to this rezoning;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the request to rezone property identified as PID #35080720 in Whitehead, Guysborough County, from Coastal Community CC-1 to Commercial General C-1 to allow the property owner to keep a shipping container for the purpose of a fish bait freezer building.

MOTION CARRIED

NAY: Councillor Mary Desmond

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION – PROGRESS CLAIM #5, GUYSBOROUGH SIDEWALK EXT.

23-11-30488

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment in the amount of \$732,647.23 including HST to S. W. Weeks Construction Ltd. as recommended by Strait Engineering.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – MUNICIPAL SHOP EXPANSION RE TENDER 23-11-30489

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 the award of the concrete foundation and associated work for the Municipal Shop Expansion tender to Francis J. Boyle Construction Ltd. of Afton, Nova Scotia in the amount of \$143,000.00 plus HST;

AND THAT the remaining funds be used to complete the project.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – WAYFINDING SIGNAGE 23-11-30490

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize the award of the Wayfinding Signage RFP to Fathom Studio at an amount of \$53,993.00 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

NAY: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

ERSWM 23-11-30491

Councillor Decoff reported that the Board met yesterday. He reported that the new truck is due to arrive soon. Councillor Decoff stated that the Board emphasized their appreciation for the Public Works Department giving them winter tires. He stated that the EPR Update is scheduled for November which will include CAO's and Public Works Directors. Councillor Decoff reported that Eastern Regions Budget was presented and approved.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the ERSWM monthly report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17th at 6pm.

GALA

Next meeting is scheduled for next week.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

23-11-30492

Councillor Decoff reported that they met last week, which included a site tour of the new cell. He reported that water testing has been completed and there were no issues. Councillor Decoff reported that it was a bad year for leachate and that GFL are currently working with Port Hawkesbury to resolve a small trucking issue. He stated that there were two additional Green Fund grants given out, the Sunnyville Community Hall and the Chedabucto Curling Club. Councillor Decoff reported that there is an estimated \$1,000 remaining in the fund to be awarded.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Waste Management Liaison Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD

Next meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

23-11-30493

Councillor Armsworthy reported that the board met last week. He reported that they have new members and that operations are going well.

MOVED: Councillor Neil Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Home Support Board Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

23-11-30494

Councillor Long reported that the Board met last night but he was unable to attend.

Councillor Desmond stated that she was in attendance. She reported that the Provincial Conference is being held this weekend and there are three board members attending. Councillor Desmond reported that there is an online survey for the 5-Year Community Health Plan, which she encouraged everybody to complete. Councillor Desmond reported that there was an issue raised at the Board meeting, that there is no paper towel or hand soap in the male washrooms at the Guysborough School.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Community Health Board report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

23-11-30495

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: THAT Council send a letter to the Guysborough school expressing concerns with the lack of paper towel and hand soap in some washrooms.

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

No report.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

23-11-30496

Councillor Long reported that the Working Group has not met since last report. He stated that the NS Health App is now active online and that they are continuing to look at alternate signage options for the ER closures.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the Guysborough Area Stakeholder Working Group Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH

23-11-30497

Councillor Decoff reported that they did not have a quorum at the last meeting. He reported that the same issues were discussed such as vehicle maintenance costs. He reported that the drivers have new vests to better identify themselves.

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

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

23-11-30498

Councillor Long reported that the Boards next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. He reported that the second annual Beer Fest was a large success, bringing in a profit of over \$10,000. Councillor Long reported that the Career Fair held at the high school last week for St. Mary's, Canso and Guysborough high school students was also a success.

Councilors around the table asked questions regarding the Career Fair and it was the consensus of Council that Economic Development staff investigate NSCC training opportunities as they may relate to proposed development in our Municipality.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

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

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, November 29th, 2023 @ 1:30 pm – MITI
- Wednesday, November 29th, 2023 @ 2:30 pm – Audit Committee Meeting / 5 Year Budget
- Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 @ 1:30 pm – COW
- Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 @ 3:00 pm – Regular Monthly Council

ADJOURNMENT

23-11-30499

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond
MOTION: **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of November 18, 2023 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (5:15pm)

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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